

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 15, 2016

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:31 p.m.

Present: Mayor Robert Miller, Alderpersons Kathy Thomas, Jim Busse, Doug Wood, Mary O'Connor, and Brian Holmquist

Excused: Alderperson Chad Speight

Also Present: City Administrator April Little, Police Chief Walter Ostrenga, Operations Lieutenant Curt Wiegel, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder O'Connor, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve the Minutes from the February 1, 2016 City Council meeting, was carried.

APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Appearances or Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve the following, was carried:

1. Applications for 2015/2016 Operator Licenses:
  - a. Rachel L. Boldt, Mr Brews Taphouse
  - b. Allen T. Clark, Mr Brews Taphouse
  - c. Anthony M. Peters, Monona Mart
  
2. Applications for 2015/2017 Operator Licenses:
  - a. Benjamin G. Bittner, Shopko #32
  - b. Rachel M. Buck, Shopko #32
  - c. Susan L. Lines, Shopko #32
  - d. Donna K. Malin, Shopko #32
  - e. Lynn J. Shere , Shopko #32

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood to Convene in Closed Session under Wisconsin Statute section 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (Wisconsin Professional Police Association Contract). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Busse to remove from the table Consideration of Resolution 16-2-2077 Approving the Terms of Contract with Wisconsin Professional Police Association/Law Enforcement Employee Relations Division, was carried.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Busse to approve Resolution 16-2-2077 Approving the Terms of Contract with Wisconsin Professional Police Association/Law Enforcement Employee Relations Division with the provision that none of the Memorandums of Understanding are part of the contract. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

### NEW BUSINESS

Alder Wood recused himself from the following vote as his partner is employed by Shopko.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder O'Connor to suspend the rules and take action on the 2015/2016 Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License Application for Shopko Holding Company, LLC d/b/a Shopko Store #32, 2101 West Broadway, Monona, Wisconsin, 53713, was carried.

City Clerk Andrusz explained Shopko's plan to have two pallets, or one pallet and one wire shelving unit, from which to sell packages of bottles and cans of unrefrigerated beer. Shopko agreed to move the location of the product to nearer the loss prevention office at the License Review Committee's request. Products were going to be located near the front doors where they would be easy to shoplift. Products will be under observation by store staff throughout the day and moved to a locked area after salable hours. Alder Wood reported managers have a password to use at the cash registers for sales.

Alder Thomas stated that retail businesses are struggling and the City wants to help. However, she has observed alcohol products accessible in several stores after salable hours, which aren't enforced. Walmart, Copps, and others used to adhere to the law. She requests a reminder be sent and that the License Review Committee discuss this. Alder Wood reported Copps has shopping carts across the entrance so patrons have to pass the cash registers to reach any alcohol.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve the 2015/2016 Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License Application for Shopko Holding Company, LLC d/b/a Shopko Store #32, 2101 West Broadway, Monona, Wisconsin, 53713, was carried.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Thomas to suspend the rules and take action on the 2015/2016 "Class A" Liquor (Cider Only) Application for PDQ Food Stores, Inc., d/b/a PDQ Store #123, 105 East Broadway, Monona, Wisconsin, 53716, was carried.

Alder Wood stated per statute it is mandatory for municipalities to allow this license to a business that already holds a Class "A" fermented malt beverage license.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve the 2015/2016 "Class A" Liquor (Cider Only) Application for PDQ Food Stores, Inc., d/b/a PDQ Store #123, 105 East Broadway, Monona, Wisconsin, 53716, was carried.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Holmquist to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 16-2-2078 Purchase Approval of Two Police Vehicles, was carried.

Police Chief Ostrenga reported two older squad cars were graded by the mechanic as needing replacement as the maintenance costs were 37% to 38% of their value. One of the new vehicles will need a trailer

hitch to tow the speed trailer. \$10,000 will be needed for equipment. The vehicles need to be ordered by March 11.

A motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder Thomas to approve Resolution 16-2-2078 Purchase Approval of Two Police Vehicles. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Lieutenant Wiegel provided information on Resolution 16-2-2081 Approving a Contract with Schmidt's Auto, Inc. to Provide Towing and Impound Services. The current contract with Schmidt's has expired. Two bids were received. Schmidt's cost was lower and there has been a positive 10-year relationship with them.

Public Works Director Stephany provided information on Ordinance 2-16-675 Amending Section 6-1-4 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Sidewalk Assessments. The Public Works Committee discussed this in September and approved the change for the City to pay the full cost of new sidewalks. The City Administrator had the City Attorney review this. Currently replacement curb and gutter is paid for by the City; the cost of new is split 60% by residents and 40% by the City.

Alder Busse stated this was tabled at tonight's Finance & Personnel Committee meeting to get an explanation on why this work should be done at no cost to residents and how commercial properties will be addressed. Alder Thomas stated the Public Works Committee agreed it's not fair to make people who live on a school route to pay for a community benefit. The intent was to cover single-family residential properties only. Commercial properties and apartments get benefits from sidewalks and should pay for them, but this needs clarification. Sidewalks should be considered when street engineering is planned.

Alder Wood stated the City will have final word on where sidewalks will be placed. Section E needs explanation and review by the City Attorney. Sidewalks won't be built all over the City, but some make sense for City-wide benefit. Alder Thomas stated curb and gutter should be installed throughout the City, but sidewalks need strategic placement. Cost and tree loss are causes for concern. Alder O'Connor stated walkability has had a lot of discussion lately, and sidewalks are logical to include in road projects on busy streets. Alder Holmquist stated study should be done on other techniques besides more engineering.

Public Works Director Stephany reviewed the contract inclusions in Resolution 16-2-2079 Amending the Contract with Strand Associates for Bridge Road Reconstruction Design and Construction Administration Services.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 16-2-2080 Approving a Contractor Agreement with Accurate Appraisal, LLC for Assessment and Revaluation Services, was carried.

City Administrator Little reported that at the last meeting Jim Danielson presented to the Council and services were compared between his and another bidder. The contract under consideration was reviewed and approved by the Finance Director and City Attorney and agreed to by Mr. Danielson. The 4-year contract itemizes the services that will be provided at no charge, the walk-throughs of one-quarter of the City in each of the years, and the data update of property cards including building permits. There is a 30-day notice of termination clause. Mayor Miller thanks City Administrator Little for her work on this.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve Resolution 16-2-2080 Approving a Contractor Agreement with Accurate Appraisal, LLC for Assessment and Revaluation Services. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

## REPORTS

Alder Holmquist reported an Ordinance addressing penalties for the possession of marijuana will be on the next Public Safety Commission agenda. Under consideration is reduction of the fine to \$1.00 plus court costs with juvenile penalties remaining as is, which is consistent with Dane County and other municipalities. Mayor Miller requests that the City Attorney be present for these discussions.

Alder Busse reported there will be no Plan Commission meeting next Monday.

City Clerk Andrusz reminds listeners of the Spring Primary election tomorrow and that photo ID is now required to vote.

Mayor Miller requests City Administrator Little perform a salary review and prepare a compensation plan for non-represented staff. Mass transit and the 911 call center need study by an ad hoc committee for budget input. He is sad to announce the passing of former Monona resident Ted Rogers, the son-in-law of Harold and Helen Polzer, and extends his condolences to the family.

## APPOINTMENTS

A motion by Alder O'Connor, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve the following, was carried:

1. Linda McKamey, Election Inspector, January 1, 2016–December 31, 2017.
2. Kathleen Sticha, Chief Election Inspector, January 1, 2016–December 31, 2017.
3. Matthew Bittorf to the Community Media Committee (effective immediately – May 2018).
4. To the Sustainability Committee (effective immediately – May 2018):
  - a. Nina Catterall
  - b. Maureen Muldoon
  - c. Katherine Sommers

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Busse to adjourn, was carried. (8:31 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz  
City Clerk