

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 18, 2016

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:33 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Administrator April Little, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, Financial Consultant Jeff Belongia, Lindsay Wood Davis from the Community Media Committee, Administrative Services Director Leah Kimmell, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miller thanks Council President Thomas for her service as Acting Mayor in his absence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve the Minutes of the April 4, 2016 City Council meeting, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Mayor Miller presented Alder Thomas with a cake and read and presented a Proclamation Recognizing Alder Kathy Thomas on 34 Years of Service to the Citizens of Monona. There were applause and standing ovations throughout tonight's presentations.

State Senator Mark Miller and State Assemblyman Robb Kahl appeared before the Council and read and presented Alder Thomas with a Legislative Citation in honor of her service to the City of Monona. Assemblyman Kahl followed with additional remarks regarding working with Alder Thomas during his time as Mayor and as her neighbor.

The following individuals, all Monona residents, appeared before the Council and spoke in honor of Alder Thomas's inspiration, friendship, and service in many capacities in the City of Monona:

Former Mayor Dean Bowles	Mary Possin
Susan Fox	Dane County Supervisor Robin Schmidt
Former Mayor Richard Lichtfeld	Tom Stolper
Mari Anne Lichtfeld	Tim Turino
Susan Manning	Karen Turino
Bruce McConnell	

Each City Council and staff member made remarks in honor of Alder Thomas's contributions and impact on their work for the City. Mayor Miller read a letter of commendation and presented Alder Thomas with a 30-year pin from the Wisconsin League of Municipalities and read a Facebook post from former Alder Lisa Nelson. Mayor Miller made heartfelt remarks about Alder Thomas's friendship and contributions and presented her with an engraved crystal award from the City. Alder Thomas made remarks regarding all she has been given back by the community in her years of service, which she was honored to perform.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no 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. Shane R. Spoerle, Mr. Brews TapHouse
 - b. Crystal Bough, Speedway – Royal Avenue
 - c. Nelson J. Labansky, Speedway – Royal Avenue
2. Applications for 2015/2017 Operator Licenses:
 - a. Michael C Vesperat, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
 - b. Melani D. Nook, Tobacco Outlet Plus
3. Renewal Application for 2016/2017 Operator License:
 - a. Brittany C. Kukkari, Tobacco Outlet Plus
4. Renewal Applications for 2016/2018 Operator Licenses:
 - a. Rosa E. Landa-Lopez, Edo Garden Japanese Restaurant
 - b. Jennifer L. Dvorak, Snicks Sportsman's Bar
5. Temporary Operator License Application:
 - a. Meghan Blake-Horst, Library Board Fundraiser May 5, 2016

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 16-4-2095 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,890,000 Water System and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016B, of the City of Monona, Dane County, Wisconsin, and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker reported a Resolution at the last meeting approved the Financial Consultant to begin negotiations for this sale which combines a 2006 20-year note revenue bond and a sewer/water BAN refinancing. Mr. Belongia thanked Alder Thomas for all of her hard work and reported this sale saves \$242,640 in interest, well more than anticipated. Handouts detailing the sale, a summary sheet, and comparable prices were reviewed.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve Resolution 16-4-2095 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,890,000 Water System and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016B, of the City of Monona, Dane County, Wisconsin, and Providing

for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Miller congratulated Mr. Wood Davis on his election to the Wisconsin Broadcasters Hall of Fame. Mr. Wood Davis thanked Alder Thomas for her service to the City and provided information on Resolution 16-4-2096 Approving the Installation of a Neon Sign at City Hall for 98.7 WVMO. An old-style line neon sign has been designed by Neon Lab for the radio station. The proposed display would be on the inside of the City Hall front door. It would be lit all the time, is very low power, and requires no staff maintenance. It could be considered public art that accomplishes something – radio station promotion. WVMO competes with 36 other area stations. The goal is to have a direct tie-in with the City. The sign's color and design mirror the station's, which mirror the City's. The \$12,000 cost would be covered entirely by contributions. Alder O'Connor reported the Community Media Committee unanimously approved this.

Alder Busse stated the Plan Commission doesn't approve this type of project and expressed concern that all other uses of the building would be overshadowed; there is no signage for the building's other departments. Members agree they like the sign, but the placement should have further review. Alder Thomas stated advertising is not allowed, if that is the purpose of the sign. Alder Holmquist stated it implies the whole building is the radio station. Alder O'Connor stated people ask where the station is, so signage would be helpful. It is not a private business and the goal is to increase listeners. Alder Busse suggested placement on the exterior of the building where it will be seen by people other than those going to City Hall. Mr. Wood Davis projected a smaller version for comparison and questioned whether the hose tower would be considered. Alder Busse stated the height might be a detriment.

REPORTS

Administrative Services Director Leah Kimmell reported she and Finance Director Houtakker will be in a police arbitration hearing all day tomorrow.

Alder Wood reported the Library Board will hold a Public Hearing on the Internet policy changes. He was part of a group of City officials who toured the City/County Building dispatch center and the group will present recommendations to the Council. They were able to listen in on a call and it was very reassuring to hear the calm and professional handling of a stressful situation.

City Clerk Andrusz reported residents have received property assessment letters and should call the City's Assessor, Accurate Appraisal, if they have any questions. The public notice of Open Book and Board of Review has been published and is posted throughout the City and on the City's website.

City Administrator Little reported the Save Our Lakes breakfast is Tuesday and there is space available.

Alder Thomas reported she has turned in her mailbox key and has no committee meetings to attend. She invites all those present to the Lichtfeld's home for a gathering tonight.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Holmquist to adjourn, was carried. (9:01 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk