

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
August 1, 2016

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Council President Speight at 7:32 p.m.

Present: Council President Chad Speight and Alderpersons Jim Busse, Doug Wood, Mary O'Connor, and Brian Holmquist

Excused: Mayor Robert Miller and Alderperson Andrew Kitslaar

Also Present: City Administrator April Little, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, City Planner/Economic Development Director Sonja Reichertz, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Clerk Andrusz noted a correction by Alder Kitslaar in his report that the Library parking lot will be re-done. Alder O'Connor noted a correction in her report that the Transit Commission will discuss contract proposals for the 5-year bus service.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve the Minutes of the July 18, 2016 City Council meeting as amended, was carried.

APPEARANCES

The following individuals appeared before the Council and spoke in favor parking changes:

Allen Blanch, 4510 Wallace Avenue  
Michele O'Neill, 4508 Wallace Avenue

Council President Speight distributed chocolates to those present in honor of his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

PUBLIC HEARING

There is no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Busse to approve the following, was carried:

1. New Applications for 2016/2017 Operator Licenses:
  - a. Cathy J. Howland, Licali's Lakeside Liquor
  - b. Kenneth M. Ackerman, Speedway – Monona Drive
  - c. Margaret A. Bell, Speedway – Monona Drive
  - d. Tabathia P. Farland, Speedway – Monona Drive
  - e. Holly J. Lowry, Speedway – Monona Drive
  - f. Linda J. Sumlin, Speedway – Monona Drive

- g. Ann P. Roberts, Speedway – Royal Avenue
  - h. Scott M. Alvarado, Walgreens
  - i. Galen B. Slaght, Walgreens
2. Renewal Applications for 2016/2017 Operator Licenses:
- a. Scott T. Bennett, Breakwater
  - b. Brad A. Nesbit, Silver Eagle Bar & Grill
  - c. Stephen D. Martin, Speedway – Royal Avenue
  - d. Mark C. Rehberg, Waypoint Public House
3. Renewal Applications for 2016/2018 Operator Licenses:
- a. Jerry A. Hicks, PDQ Food Store
  - b. Rachel L. Zimmer, Silver Eagle & Tully's II
  - c. Joseph R. Devitt, Waypoint Public House
  - d. Carolyn E. Phelps, Waypoint Public House
4. 2016 Temporary Operator License Applications:
- a. Abigail E. King, Toyota Best Dam Bike Tour
  - b. Cheyenne K. Minton, Toyota Best Dam Bike Tour

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Works Director Stephany reported High School Principal Paul Brost contacted him with information on student parking. None of the almost 200 student parking spaces go unoccupied; each costs \$110. The neighborhood won't allow modification of properties. There is no interest in cost sharing for a flashing beacon. He will attend the Public Works Committee meeting this Wednesday.

Alder O'Connor questioned how snow plowing and trash pick-up will be handled. Public Works Director Stephany responded the crew will clean up what they can and will come back to finish to the curb. He is considering contracting with the trash collection provider for a 6:00 a.m. start time, which will require an Ordinance amendment, or there will need to be a schedule change. The goal is to spread the parking among five streets. This will be revisited at the end of the school year. Council President Speight stated the restrictions are only to one block off of Monona Drive. He doesn't anticipate a decrease in parkers. City Administrator Little stated she may still coordinate a meeting with school officials as the Mayor would like to talk with them. The gates on East Coldspring Avenue are allowed based upon case law not statute; she may talk more with Madison about that.

A motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve Ordinance 7-16-680 Amending the Official Traffic Map of the City of Monona for Establishment of Alternate Side Parking, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker noted that last year the Council approved a PSC analysis to calculate a water rate increase. A 15% increase was approved by the PSC and tonight the Finance & Personnel Committee approved the PSC's first option, which is to use the same rate structure as is currently used. The second option offered is a conservation rate for commercial properties with large multi-family properties included. A report of the effect of the changes on each category of user was reviewed.

Alder Busse stated he is not comfortable making a decision without Public Works Committee review, and while he understands the timing issue, he would like that first in future so a decision could be based upon Committee recommendation. Alder Wood stated he does not want to wait five years for the next increase

as this is quite large all at once. Finance Director Houtakker stated the Council could, after 18 months of this increase, do a simplified rate case increase using a percentage. A full study could be done 18 months after that if needed.

Next steps after Council approval is the PSC would hold a teleconference public hearing. 90 days after that the new rate takes effect. Notices of the hearing are published and could be on the water bill, website, and radio station. Council President Speight stated Wednesday's Public Works Committee agenda could be amended to include this item. Finance Director Houtakker stated that after a certain date in September, the process would have to start over and a new study would have to be done, so it would have to be approved at the next Council meeting.

No action was taken on a motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve Resolution 16-7-2109 Accepting a Public Service Commission Water Rate Increase.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Holmquist to table Resolution 16-7-2109 Accepting a Public Service Commission Water Rate Increase until the next meeting, was carried. Alder Wood voted against the motion.

### NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder O'Connor to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 16-7-2110 Approval of Participation in a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Grant Titled "Wisconsin Assessment Money (WAM) – Contractor Services Award", was carried.

City Planner/Economic Development Director Reichertz reported she is not sure of the amount yet but it is between \$15,000 and \$30,000. Grant funds were leftover and are available to fund additional environmental investigation at the dry cleaner site in the Riverfront Development. Funds need to be used by the end of August. There is no match; the DNR does all the contracting and invoicing.

A motion by Alder O'Connor, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve Resolution 16-7-2110 Approval of Participation in a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Grant Titled "Wisconsin Assessment Money (WAM) – Contractor Services Award", was carried.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist to suspend the rules and take action on the 2016/2017 Beer Garden Permit Application for Breakwater Monona, LLC d/b/a Breakwater, 6308 Metropolitan Lane, was carried.

Alder Wood reported the applicants provided the License Review Committee with the additional information that was requested. There will be up to 70 patrons allowed on the top level and up to 72 total allowed on the lower two levels.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve the 2016/2017 Beer Garden Permit Application for Breakwater Monona, LLC d/b/a Breakwater, 6308 Metropolitan Lane, was carried.

City Administrator Little began Discussion of Recodification Section Recommendations. The results of the dogs in parks effort may modify the animal section. The City can no longer have an economic development grant to give back \$10,000 for Reserve Class B liquor licenses so that was removed. Sewer use may need changes based upon MMSD code changes. Council President Speight reported the hotel room tax and regulation of lodging may need revision. Air B&B's need regulation and now may be the

time to address this. City Administrator Little responded this may be a zoning issue and questioned whether the Plan Commission has discussed this. Alder Holmquist responded only habitable auxiliary buildings are addressed; the Public Safety Commission would address the number of non-related adults allowed per residence, which has been a concern of the Police Department. City Administrator Little will meet with the Public Safety Commission on this issue.

### REPORTS

Alder Holmquist reported the Public Safety Commission did not meet as the meeting was not posted. It is re-scheduled for August 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Alder Busse reported the Plan Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday to discuss recodification.

Alder O'Connor reported the Community Media Committee will meet on Thursday to review proposals for equipment replacement in the Library Municipal Room.

City Clerk Andrusz reported Federal Court Judge Peterson has found that some of Wisconsin's photo ID law is unconstitutional and wants changes in absentee voting, proof of residence, and the length of residency requirement. Changes will not affect the August 9 Partisan Primary but may be in place for the November 8 General Election.

City Administrator Little reported the recodification will be available for public review and will be approved as a whole as one document in one Ordinance.

### APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder O'Connor to adjourn, was carried. (8:17 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz  
City Clerk