

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVMEBER 7, 2016

A. Call to Order.

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:30 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Administrator April Little, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson, Director of Administrative Services Leah Kimmell, Police Chief Walter Ostrenga, Sally Buffat and Matt Heindel, Library, Fire Chief Scott Sullivan, Brenden Kornell, Brian Zwettler, Senior Center Director Diane Mikelbank, Peter McKeever and Paul Noeldner.

B. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Approval of Minutes from October 17, 2016. Alder Kitslaar noted one correction on page 3. Alder Speight made a motion to approve the corrected minutes; Seconded by Alder O'Connor. Motion carried.

D. Appearances.

Paul Noeldner and Peter McKeever: Asked the City Council to approve a budget amendment for Bird City expenses. There are 99 Wisconsin cities that have joined the program; Monona could be 100th. The program supports bird education and conservation for awareness. An amendment request will be put forward by Alder Wood, to add \$500 to the budget for the program. They would like to come back later with a resolution to apply for the program after gauging City committee support. They would also partner with other groups like Aldo Leopold. McKeever and Noeldner offered support for actually putting together the application.

Brendon Kornell: He has been a Monona firefighter for four years. He wanted to provide City Council with information on department staffing and data. The department has increased volunteers, but has occasional shortfalls. He feels strongly that we need to focus on getting the engine fully staffed. Ambulance calls have increased greatly in 2016. The department needs a daily staff minimum of two, but it actually staffs three people only 40 percent of the time, leading to a lot of uncovered time. Calls outside of business hours have equaled about 13 days where the station is uncovered. Kornell says they want to focus on a staffing goal of four. Response times are also negatively impacted by inadequate staffing.

Alder Speight: have things gotten better since adding two staff members? Kornell: Two out of three days will have three people on; minimum is two per day if people have vacation or are off. Alder Busse: how long does it take for volunteers to get there? Kornell: It is a range – national standards call for four people, four minutes to be on route. There are many variables. Some people will be on scene waiting for the engine. It can sometimes hit the 12-minute mark to arrive at the scene.

- E. Public Hearing - to Receive Public Input Regarding the Proposed 2017 Operating Budget. [See above].
- F. Consent Agenda.
 - 1. Approval of Applications for 2016/2017 Operator Licenses:
 - a. Elizabeth M. Spiker, Speedway – Monona Drive
 - 2. Approval of Applications for 2016/2018 Operator Licenses:
 - a. Patricia M. O'Brien Beck, Independent
 - b. Stephen R. Burke, Jr., Tully's II
 - c. Heather R. Gonwa, Walmart
 - d. Corey J. Jacobson, Walmart

Alder Wood made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Seconded by Alder Speight. Motion carried.

G. Council Action Items.

1. Unfinished Business.

- a. Consideration of Resolution 16-10-2127 Approval of 7-Year Agreement with Advanced Disposal for Automated Curbside Solid Waste and Recycle Collection (Public Works Committee). Dan Stephany: Public Works Committee recommended Advance Disposal for a seven year contract. No new information since previous presentation.

Alder Speight made a motion to approve Resolution 16-10-2127; Seconded by Alder Holmquist. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

2. New Business.

- a. Consideration of Resolution 16-11-2130 Approval to Fund a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) Option (Director of Administrative Services). Leah Kimmel: Hausmann Johnson helped the city get a negative renewal with Physicians Plus for health insurance in 2017 (-4 ½ percent). The city currently offers a point of service (POS) and HMO plan. The HMO has no deductible and a \$10 copay. POS allows service outside the network for a higher premium. With a high-deductible plan, which would be offered through Physicians Plus, premiums would be less and could save the City and employees money.

Kimmel offered illustrations of how the two current plans compare with a high deductible plan. How much would be actually saved by an employee will vary with usage. The plan is offered with a health savings account; unspent funds can be carried over. Finance and Personnel Committee tabled action; they wanted the resolution to clarify that the city's contribution toward a deductible would be reviewed annually. The 2017 budget draft is presented without anyone opting for the HDHP plan; any participants would bring down health insurance costs.

- b. Consideration of Resolution 16-11-2131 Adopting the 2017 Operating Budget and Establishing a Tax Levy (Mayor Miller). Two amendments requests have been received. As the City did not receive approval from the state for gypsy moth spraying, the \$10,000 payment would be removed. The second request is for a \$500 placeholder amount to participate in Bird City. Alder Kitslaar – need to correct gypsy moth budget line removal to \$11,000. Houtakker: final budget amendment requests are due the following Wednesday by 5 PM so they can be included in the City Council packet.
- c. Consideration of Resolution 16-11-2132 Approving a Five-Year Contract with First Student, Inc. for City Transit Services (Finance Director). Approved at Finance and Personnel, with one correction. Houtakker: service proposal was approved at a previous City Council meeting; this item is for a contract. Transit Commission wanted to add three things to the contract: 1) dispatch customer service must remain open until 6 PM (language correction is needed in the final draft); 2) Vehicles to be used are specifically identified in Exhibit B, as they were detailed in the proposal; i.e. what is proposed is what is being used; and 3) all vehicles must be equipped with bicycle racks.

Alder Busse made a motion to suspend and take out of order; Seconded by Alder O'Connor. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Alder Busse made a motion to approve the contract with corrections as noted; Seconded by Alder Holmquist. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

H. Reports of Committees, Commissions, Boards, Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney, and Department Managers.

Upcoming committee meetings were cancelled: Media, Transit, Parks and Plan Commission. Landmark Commission will be held the following week. Mayor Miller reminded everyone to vote. Little provided an update of election statistics to date.

I. Appointments - Judy Runk, Election Inspector, January 1, 2016–December 31, 2017. Alder O'Connor made a motion to approve the appointment; Seconded by Alder Speight. Motion carried.

J. Adjournment. A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to adjourn, was carried. (8:07 p.m.)

By April Little, City Administrator