

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 3, 2020

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mary K. O'Connor, Alderpersons Andrew Kitslaar, Doug Wood, Jennifer Kuhr, Kathy Thomas, Molly Grupe, and Nancy Moore

Also Present: City Administrator Bryan Gadow, City Attorney William Cole, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, Police Chief Walter Ostrenga, Project Manager/GIS Specialist Brad Bruun, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Wood to approve the Minutes of the January 6, 2020 City Council meeting, was carried.

APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Appearances or Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to approve the following, was carried:

1. Approval of Applications for 2019/2020 Operator Licenses:
 - a. Ashon M. Briggs, Speedway – Monona Drive
 - b. Zachery C. Nesmith, Red Robin

2. Approval of Applications for 2019/2021 Operator Licenses:
 - a. Alexis N. Kokenzie, Breakwater
 - b. Karlee E. Siebery, Breakwater
 - c. Kyle J. Sasnowski, Walmart

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 20-2-2390 Purchase Approval of One (1) Police Vehicle, was carried.

Police Chief Ostrenga reported this is the second hybrid patrol vehicle. The state bid is the same price as the car purchased in 2019. It needs to be ordered as soon as possible because of how long it take to receive.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Kuhr to approve Resolution 20-2-2390 Purchase Approval of One (1) Police Vehicle. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Police Chief Ostrenga provided information on Ordinance 2-20-725 Amending Chapter 296 of the Code of Ordinances Relating to Massage and Bodywork Therapy, which he worked on with City Attorney Cole. There was a statute change that workers at establishments have to be state licensed. The maximum fine is \$1,000 which gives the judge leeway. City Clerk Andrusz reported establishments would get information on this change at license renewal time.

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Moore to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 20-2-2391 Providing for the Sale of \$5,730,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020A, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker reported this authorizes Financial Consultant Jeff Belongia to begin negotiations with bond holders; he will attend the next meeting with results. This is for the 2020 Capital Budget and for refinancing a balloon payment from a 2012 10-year borrowing which will result in cost savings.

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Kuhr to approve Resolution 20-2-2391 Providing for the Sale of \$5,730,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020A, was carried.

City Administrator Gadow provided information on Ordinance 2-20-727 Authorizing Meeting Attendance by Telephone. This codifies existing practice for out-of-town members to participate. Alder Moore stated the requirement is that participants using this option be able to hear and that can't be done with the current equipment. She questions whether a program, such as "Go To Meeting", should be considered. Alder Thomas stated she's had similar experience when calling in. City Attorney Cole agreed that this is legally required. He could expand the Ordinance's language to encompass more options than just telephone. City Administrator Gadow will research other technology.

On a roll call vote, all members agreed to Convene in Closed Session under Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(1)(e), Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (City Public Safety Facility Siting).

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

REPORTS

Alder Moore reported April 22 is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, which was started by Wisconsin Governor Gaylord Nelson. She attended a meeting at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center to plan weeklong events showcasing "Sustainability Monona", focusing on the City's efforts including a "Recycling Extravaganza".

Alder Kuhr reported the "Loud in the Library" fundraiser was a great celebration of Monona, with over 200 attendees, and raised \$10,000. The Norbertines are removing their demolition request for the historic building on the San Damiano property so it won't be discussed at the February 12 Landmarks Commission meeting.

City Clerk Andrusz reported In-Person Absentee voting is available in City Hall during normal business hours through February 14. She urges everyone to register to vote as soon as possible before the February 18 Spring Primary.

City Administrator Gadow reported there is PFAS in the firefighting foam and the Fire Department is working proactively, getting quotes to remove it from trucks, clean the trucks, and disposal. The estimate is approximately \$8,000. A different foam product will replace the PFAS.

Mayor O'Connor reported she and City Administrator Gadow attended an emergency management meeting at Dane County. Members should ask her if they have any questions about the committee appointment process. She thanks members and staff for their participation in the Administrator review.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Wood, to adjourn was carried. (8:28 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk