

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 7, 2022

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

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

Also Present: City Administrator Bryan Gadow, Police Chief Brian Chaney Austin, Fire Chief Jeremy McMullen, Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, City Planner Doug Plowman, Jayson Chung, Josh Straka with Strand Associates, Bert and Jeff Slinde with Slinde Realty Company, and City Clerk Alene Houser

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Grupe, to approve the Minutes of the January 18, 2022 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES

Jayson Chung provided an update and background on the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee. Exploring race, equity and inclusivity are such broad topics which will take more time to develop. Their goal is to let the Council know what they think are the most important steps to take first.

PUBLIC HEARING and CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Public Hearing or Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**G.1.a Consideration of Ordinance 1-22-746 Amending Section 335-8 of the Code of Ordinances Prohibiting Noise Disturbing the Peace**

Alder Wood explained that the License Review Committee discussed this Ordinance change at their last meeting. The Committees main function is to review licenses and permits. A large number of Amplified Device requests are from liquor license holders. Discussion followed about adding a provision requiring notification of residential neighbors within 200 feet to allow for community input. Administrator Gadow will also update to include gender neutral language.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Moore, to approve Ordinance 1-22-746 Amending Section 335-8 of the Code of Ordinances Prohibiting Noise Disturbing the Peace.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Thomas, to amend Ordinance 1-22-746 Amending Section 335-8 of the Code of Ordinances Prohibiting Noise Disturbing the Peace to substitute License Review Committee for Public Safety Committee and the Parks & Recreation Director or their designee are authorized to issue permits for use of amplifying devices in City parks.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Thomas, to table Ordinance 1-22-746 Amending Section 335-8 of the Code of Ordinances Prohibiting Noise Disturbing the Peace. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

**G.2.a. Consideration of Ordinance 2-22-749 Approval of a Rezoning Request and Map Amendment from Retail Business District (Monona Municipal Code of Ordinances Sec. 480-28) to Community Design District (Monona Municipal Code of Ordinance Sec. 480-30) at 112-208 Owen Road as Requested by Slinde Realty Company**

Planner Plowman explained this rezoning request is for multiple parcels totaling just over 4 acres on Owen Road. Request is to rezone to Community Design District from Retail Business District for a future mixed use development. This request was unanimously approved by Plan Commission. Discussion followed about potential traffic issues this development could bring.

**G.2.b. Consideration of Resolution 22-2-2538 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Canine Policy 4.006**

Police Chief Chaney Austin explained the department went from a single purpose K-9 to a patrol or dual purpose K-9. The policy needs to be updated to reflect the capabilities of the new team. Training for the K-9, their handler, and everyone in the department is ongoing. A patrol dog has the ability to defend and protect others along with the ability to search for and apprehend suspects safely. Part of the K-9's training is stopping on command which makes it one of few things an officer can stop after it's deployed.

**G.2.c. Consideration of Resolution 22-2-2541 Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Firefighters Local 311 Correcting Annual Hours Worked**

Fire Chief McMullen explained the wage table in Article 31 was incorrectly calculated at 2,756 hours instead of 2,752 hours. This calculation error resulted in a base pay reduction of 4 cents per hour. Back pay of approximately \$140 per employee is covered in the budget.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Moore, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-2-2541 Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Firefighters Local 311 Correcting Annual Hours Worked. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Moore, to approve Resolution 22-2-2541 Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Firefighters Local 311 Correcting Annual Hours Worked. Motion carried.

**G.2.d. Consideration of Ordinance 2-22-748 Amending Chapter 321 of the Code of Ordinances Regulating the Commercial Use of Parks and Requiring a Permit**

Director Anderson explained that businesses promoting private events in city parks has been increasing since the beginning of the pandemic. These events are using park green space instead of the traditional shelter or field. This type of use could interfere with maintenance and interrupt normal park use.

**G.2.e. Consideration of Resolution 22-2-2540 Authorizing Beer Sales by Parks and Recreation Staff During 2022 Special Events**

Director Anderson explained this is an annual request to sell beer at parks which is allowed by State Statute. Having up to 35 events preapproved for the 2022 season allows for flexibility with rescheduling events due to rain and adding new events that come up throughout the year.

### **G.2.f Update on South Winnequah Road Project – 60% Design**

Director Stephany explained that final design will proceed after tonight and is planned to be advertised in the March 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Herald Independent with a March 24<sup>th</sup> bid opening. Mr. Straka provided an overall picture of the project. There are three different typical sections of roadway, all have a driving lane of 10 feet and a bike lane varying between four and six feet. Trees will be relocated instead of being removed whenever possible. Discussion followed regarding terrace grading.

## **REPORTS**

### **1. Updates/Discussion on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Efforts**

Alder Goforth provided information about the Vibrant Hydrants project which was approved by the Public Works Committee. Multifaceted collaboration honoring those we lost on 911 and with underrepresented artists. Murals will be painted on 10-15 hydrants and is set to roll out the weekend of September 11.

Alder Grupe reported she will be starting the course a Black History for a New Day this week.

### **2. Update/Discussion on Sustainability Efforts.**

Alder Goforth provided information on the Wisconsin Salt Wise program and salt use in Monona. Currently, the City is working to become a Municipal Champion. Any business can become certified through these free classes.

### **3. Committee Reports.**

Fire Chief McMullen announced the Fire Department will be putting out their annual report in April. The department was selected for a National Lights and Sirens program. This program is looking for ways to be smarter about lights and siren usage on calls, not looking to stop using them all together.

Police Chief Chaney Austin thanked all of the agencies that helped with a serious situation at One City Schools last week. School officials and students did a wonderful job. Community Response Team (CRT) is a new program that was started within the Police Department. This team will problem solve and work with the community to figure out how best to solve complaints when needed. Listening session on February 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding results from the Dane County Traffic Survey, past and ongoing initiatives and potential future plans. Will be recorded for future viewing.

Director Anderson encouraged all elected officials and residents of Monona to sign up for the Be Active Wisconsin Fitness Campaign. This can be done on the website or in person at the Community Center.

Alder Moore announced the Sustainability Committee will meet on February 16<sup>th</sup>. On February 25<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to dusk there will be Snow Snake Games at San Damiano. Snow Snake is a traditional game played by tribesman and a way for tribes to connect with each other. More details on the city website.

Alder Wood announced the Parks Committee meets February 8<sup>th</sup> and will be discussing the Parks and Open Space plan and Special Events Ordinance. Recently attended the Madison Beltline Study Policy

Advisory Committee which is putting together different options going from Parmenter Street in Middleton to I39. Work on the flex lane continues and is scheduled to be done this summer.

Alder Grupe announced the Transit Committee meets on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Alder Thomas announced the Community Media will meet this Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Alder Goforth announced the next Landmarks meeting will be March 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30.

Administrator Gadow provided an update on the feasibility study for the new Public Safety Building. FGM Architects has meet with both police and fire staff to begin their report which should be finalized by the end of April.

Mayor O'Connor announced the opening of Floor and Décor was today.

#### APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Grupe, to adjourn. Motion carried (9:05 p.m.).

Alene Houser  
City Clerk