

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 19, 2018

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mary K. O'Connor, Alderpersons Jennifer Kuhr, Brian Holmquist, Chad Speight (via telephone), Doug Wood, Andrew Kitslaar, and Nancy Moore

Also Present: City Administrator April Little, City Attorney William Cole, City Planner/Economic Development Director Sonja Kruesel, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve the Minutes of the February 5, 2018 City Council meeting, was carried.

APPEARANCES

There were no Appearances.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Application for a 2018 Temporary Operator License:
 - a. Michael W. O'Brien, Lake Monona 20k

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Works Director Stephany reported the following five items were reviewed by the Public Works Committee and approval was recommended. Comparable prices requested for the sweeper were included in the meeting packet. Alder Wood thanks Public Works Director Stephany for this information and is confident the City is getting a reasonable price. However, he does want bids that generate more than one response.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to approve Resolution 18-2-2239 Approving a Bid for the Purchase of a Street Sweeper, was carried.

A motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to approve Ordinance No. 1-18-695 Establishing Parking Limits on Roselawn Avenue, was carried.

Public Works Director Stephany reported the City Attorney reviewed and provided comment on the brush collection Ordinance amendment, adding that removal is required within 48 hours after the scheduled collection. Alder Wood stated the pile size needs to be advertised and questioned whether there would be leeway in the spring. Public Works Director Stephany responded the stacks won't be measured and if reasonable will be collected. Notice will be given in the newsletter and on the website and radio. The small space for announcements on water bills can also be utilized.

Alder Holmquist questioned whether the 48 hours is in line with the property maintenance Ordinance and stated that it conflicts with the 14 days allowed for putting brush at the curb. Alder Kuhr responded construction materials must be removed within 10 days. City Attorney Cole stated there needed to be a subjective measure allowing time to notice and remove the brush. Alder Moore stated if the City is not prepared to enforce this timeframe, it shouldn't be so specific. Alder Kitslaar stated residents put brush out for a full week before the scheduled pick-up. Mayor O'Connor stated the Code Enforcement Officer will continue to monitor this. Public Works Director Stephany reported the first step would be to work with the property owner, not issue a citation. Alder Kuhr reported the Public Works Committee discussed the possibility of using hang tags for piles that are too big, like those used for trash collection. Public Works Director Stephany reported the contractor would do that. Alder Speight reported the Committee was concerned that the City can't afford to provide unlimited brush pick-up. Flexibility will be allowed at first, but requirements need to be fairly firm.

Alder Wood stated 48 hours is too short due to circumstances like weather and suggests 7 days. He would like this program studied to see if it works or not. Heavily wooded lots will have more brush. Alder Kuhr responded the Committee considered that and concluded the City can't foot that bill; at the same time residents need to take care of their yards. The contractor could do additional pick-ups for a fee, payable by the property owner. Public Works Director Stephany reported the cost is \$10 for up to 500 pounds at the landfill or the property owner could hire someone else to do the job.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to amend Section 1 E.(5) of Ordinance No. 2-18-696 Amending Chapter 381-6 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Brush Collection as follows: "Any excess brush shall be removed from the terrace...within ~~48 hours~~ 7 days after the scheduled collection.", was carried.

Alder Holmquist questioned the pile dimensions and whether a single piece or larger pieces would be acceptable. Public Works Director Stephany responded that however the resident wants to create the pile is acceptable; the contractor will allow a little larger stack, within reason.

A motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Speight to approve Ordinance No. 2-18-696 Amending Chapter 381-6 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Brush Collection as amended, was carried.

A motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Speight to approve Resolution 18-2-2241 Approving a Proposal from Barnes, Inc. for Brush Collection Services, was carried.

A motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to approve Resolution 18-2-2242 Amending the 2018 Operating Budget to Fund the 2018 Curbside Brush Collection Program, was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist to suspend the rules and take action on the Application for 2017/2018 Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License for La Rosita

Mexican Buffet LLC, d/b/a La Rosita Mexican Buffet, 6001 Monona Drive, Monona, Wisconsin, 53716, was carried.

Alder Wood reported they applied for a full liquor license but the License Review Committee asked them to come back, along with another applicant, Mr Brews Tap House, with more information in the form of the Committee's list of factors to be considered before approval. Because they have no license at all, approval for beer only was sought as an interim measure. It was explained that two licenses are now available within the quota but one is being held for the Yahara Commons development.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Moore to approve Application for 2017/2018 Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License for La Rosita Mexican Buffet LLC, d/b/a La Rosita Mexican Buffet, 6001 Monona Drive, Monona, Wisconsin, 53716, was carried.

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Holmquist to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 18-2243 Establishing a Long-Range Facilities Advisory Committee, was carried.

Mayor O'Connor reported funds were approved to update the Bray Study and the goal was to establish a committee to evaluate current facilities, the Community Center and City Hall, to make long term plans to upgrade or build new. Members are on the Agenda for approval tonight. Alder Kitslaar questioned whether there is a broad array of members, not just firefighters as were on the Public Safety building committee. Mayor O'Connor affirmed this; a more general background was desired.

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve Resolution 18-2243 Establishing a Long-Range Facilities Advisory Committee, was carried.

A motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Wood to Convene in Closed Session under Wisconsin Statute section 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (Galway Development Agreement Amendment – Riverfront Development). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist to suspend the rules and take action on Matters Arising from Closed Session, Galway Development Agreement Amendment – Riverfront Development, was carried.

Alder Wood stated a special meeting is an option if any member needs more time to consider this action.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Kuhr to approve the Galway Development Agreement Amendment – Riverfront Development, was carried.

REPORTS

Alder Wood reported the License Review Committee review of two applications for full liquor licenses is still in process. The Landmarks Committee met after the Plan Commissions made Ordinance change suggestions. These will be reviewed again by the Plan Commission in late March. A Senate bill was proposed last Tuesday that requires property owner approval of landmark designation. It did get a hearing but he's not sure if it was moved on. If it passes, it would change what is being proposed by the Committees.

Alder Kuhr thanks members for allowing her “special guests” (her two young daughters) to attend.

City Clerk Andrusz reported the polling places are ready for tomorrow’s Spring Primary. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mayor O’Connor reported she will be absent from the next meeting and Council President Wood will serve as chair. She asks members to notify Director of Administrative Services Leah Kimmell of any committee appointments by early March.

APPOINTMENTS

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

1. To the Long-Range Facilities Advisory Committee (effective immediately):
 - a. Alder Brian Holmquist
 - b. Alder Nancy Moore
 - c. Dan Eklof
 - d. Robb Kahl
 - e. Josh Peterson
 - f. Kathy Thomas
 - g. Diane Wipperfurth

Alder Kitslaar stated it was helpful to hear Mayor O’Connor’s explanation of the Committee’s configuration. Mayor O’Connor stated there is a person from each department and included those with history and expertise in the City and related skills. This is the first step; they will not design facilities but will be looking at needs.

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

2. Mari Anne Lichtfeld, Election Inspector, January 1, 2018–December 31, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Moore to adjourn, was carried. (8:04 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk