

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 7, 2018

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 Molly Grupe, Nancy Moore, Chad Speight, Doug Wood, and Jennifer Kuhr

Excused: Alderperson Andrew Kitslaar

Also Present: City Administrator April Little, City Attorney William Cole, City Planner/Economic Development Director Sonja Kruesel, CDA Chair Tom Stolper, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Library Director Ryan Claringbole, Ozzie and Jaye Clemmons from Mr Brews Taphouse Monona, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor O'Connor welcomes Alder Grupe to her first City Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Grupe to approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2018 City Council and April 17, 2018 Organizational meetings, was carried.

APPEARANCES

There were no Appearances.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Applications for 2017/2019 Operator Licenses:
 - a. Carl Riemer, Angelo's Restaurant
 - b. Anne E. Shapiro, Breakwater

2. Approval of Applications for Renewal 2018/2019 Operator Licenses:
 - a. Jane E. Baldwin, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - b. Christine M. Boreen, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - c. Alexander J. Burger, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - d. William T. Gingher, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - e. Lyra A. Gullickson, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - f. Marcia R. Ketchum, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - g. Anthony J. Mangi, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - h. Kelly J. Regge, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - i. Stephanie Statz, Ken's Meats & Deli

- j. Zachary D. Skees, The Pizza Oven
 - k. Rebecca M. Anderson, Treysta on the Water
 - l. Diane M. Attoe, Treysta on the Water
3. Approval of Applications for Renewal Applications for a 2018/2020 Operator Licenses:
 - a. Rosa E. Lander Lopez, Edo Garden Japanese Restaurant
 - b. Maryellen K. Springen, Monona Garden Family Restaurant
 - c. Jennifer L. Dvorak, Snicks Sportsman's Bar
 - d. Julianne Baglama, Tully's II
 4. Approval of Application for a 2018 Temporary Operator License:
 - a. Steven Franklin, Immaculate Heart of Mary
 - b. Michael C. Vesperat, Immaculate Heart of Mary

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alder Wood reported that since the last Council meeting David's Jamaican Restaurant has closed and has surrendered their license. They will move one block to a Madison address so there is now one more "Class B" Liquor license available, making a total of three with one being held for the Yahara Commons development. City Clerk Andrusz reported she was told that a restaurant is tentatively planned for the David's location that will most likely serve only beer and wine.

Alder Moore stated she would like the Council to "put to rest" the definition of a craft cocktail and the difference between a shot versus a neat drink. She is concerned about not having a license for future development but leans toward granting licenses to both applicants or to one to support a local small business. Alder Wood responded that while all are hard liquor his point was that this is the only, or one of the only businesses providing this type of cocktail so it is a new service to the community. The concern with La Rosita is they may not adequately use the license when someone else may need the license for their success. For example, David's Jamaican wasn't utilized enough to impact the success of their business.

Alder Moore questioned whether the discussion was around the type of liquor. If a business needs a license it will be shown by whether they remain open without one. Alder Kuhr stated neither Mr Brews nor La Rosita made a case that a liquor license significantly impacts their business in the same way a new business would be impacted. Other items should be laid on the table.

Alder Wood stated La Rosita was just granted a license to serve beer and he wants to see how that goes. The Council has complete discretion now but once the license is granted there are constitutional rights granted and an onerous process to revoke. Mr Brews owners are here tonight and made a much better case. Alder Speight stated Mr Brews has a history of responsible license use and no history of concerns. Mr Brews has proven themselves, La Rosita has not. He does not want to deny a license to a business if their business depends upon it but the Council needs to be consistent when issuing licenses to the Yahara Commons development. Mr Brews made it clear they were offering a diversity of business that goes along with their high-end craft beer.

Alder Moore stated that La Rosita sells beer in their grocery store. Alder Wood responded that is very different than serving drinks. Past history is important. The business moving to the Yahara Commons does have a track record at its current location and that will be taken into consideration.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Grupe to approve the Application for 2017/2018 "Class B" Liquor License for Mr Brews Tap House Monona LLC, d/b/a Mr Brews Tap House,

301 West Broadway, Suite B, Monona, Wisconsin, 53716. On a roll call vote, Alders Kuhr, Grupe, and Moore voted against the motion. The motion fails.

Alder Wood stated the biggest concern with La Rosita is their lack of experience serving alcohol. Once granted, a license is difficult to get back. They could re-apply at a later date.

A motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Speight to approve the Application for 2017/2018 "Class B" Liquor License for La Rosita Mexican Buffet LLC, d/b/a La Rosita Mexican Buffet, 6001 Monona Drive, Monona, Wisconsin, 53716, does not carry. Alder Moore voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor O'Connor moved the Closed Session to the end of the Agenda to accommodate those present.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 18-5-2263 Award of Bid for 2018 Street Resurfacing Project, was carried.

Public Works Director Stephany reported that on April 19 three bids were received for this project, with Wolf Paving, the low bid, approved by the Public Works Committee. The length in feet to be worked on for each of four streets was reported; Shore Acres Road, Roigan Terrace, Kristi Circle, and Greenwood Street. Other projects will use up the balance of the available funds. Alder Wood questioned whether the City will fall behind on street maintenance. Public Works Director Stephany responded he looked at the roads last year and determined they could wait a year.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Kuhr to approve Resolution 18-5-2263 Award of Bid for 2018 Street Resurfacing Project, was carried.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Kuhr to suspend the rules and take action on Ordinance 5-18-698 Establishing No Parking Here to Corner at the Industrial Drive and Kilgust Road Intersection, was carried. Alder Wood voted against the motion.

Public Works Director Stephany reported the Police Department requested this change because it is hard to see oncoming traffic. There have been complaints and three recent crashes. Alder Wood stated the Council may hear from someone opposed to changing a traffic regulation. Alder Speight responded he appreciates the hesitancy but the Public Works Committee's discussion determined other streets remain open to parking and safety is the issue.

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A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 18-5-2264 Award of Contract for the Library Vestibule Project, was carried.

Library Director Claringbole reported the low bid was chosen for the vestibule and Schluter Road entrance. The project is over-budget because the "vault", the space that formerly held the transformer, will be filled in, the doors repaired, and the piers on Schluter Road repaired using higher priced brick to match the original building. Alder Wood questioned why the "vault" is being done when it doesn't directly involve the other work. Alder Kuhr responded that the possibility of collapse is a safety concern. Alder Moore stated the columns need work now, also due to safety concerns.

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Wood to approve Resolution 18-5-2264 Award of Contract for the Library Vestibule Project, was carried.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Kuhr to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 18-5-2265 Amending the 2018 Capital Budget for the Library Vestibule Project, was carried.

Library Director Claringbole reported this will authorize payment of the Library Vestibule Project cost overage from the Library's Fund Balance.

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Kuhr to approve Resolution 18-5-2265 Amending the 2018 Capital Budget for the Library Vestibule Project. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Wood to Convene in Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (Four Lakes Yacht Club, Inc. v. City of Monona, et al.); and 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 (6418 Bridge Road). On roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

REPORTS

Members announced upcoming meeting dates and times.

Alder Wood reported the public information meeting regarding pedestrians and bicycles is tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. at Winnequah School. Last week he was chosen by the Dane County Cities and Villages Association to serve on the Madison Area Transportation Planning Board, or MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization. Members congratulated Alder Wood on this appointment.

Alder Kuhr announced WVMO won five Wisconsin Broadcasters Association awards in the "Large Market Music Radio" category: 3rd Place for the "A Christmas Carol" Specialty Programming; two 2nd Places for a PSA for the Ice Boat Championships and a Client Event Promo for the MGBMA Chili Cook Off; and two 1st Places for Sports Coverage for the "Hooked on Monona" fishing report and a PSA about beverage can recycling at the Chili Cook Off. Members congratulated WVMO.

City Clerk Andrusz reported it is Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Week and she and Deputy Clerk Alene Houser will be attending a training event in Verona hosted by the Dane County Clerk's office on Thursday.

Mayor O'Connor reported the Riverfront Redevelopment Project groundbreaking last Tuesday was very successful and well attended. The "Bucky On Parade" statue unveilings at Schluter and Winnequah Parks this morning were also very well attended.

APPOINTMENTS

A motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Speight to approve the following, was carried:

1. Sara Whalen to the Senior Citizens' Committee (effective immediately–April 2021).
2. Mark Buffat to the Sustainability Committee (effective immediately–April 2020).
3. Brendon Stubbe to the Facilities Committee (effective immediately–April 2019).
4. Elizabeth Piliouras to the Public Works Committee (effective immediately–April 2021).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Kuhr to adjourn, was carried. (9:27 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk