

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council, via Zoom, was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 7:07 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Bryan Gadow, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, Financial Consultant Jeff Belongia, City Planner Doug Plowman, Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Grupe to approve the Minutes of the May 4, 2020 City Council meeting, was carried.

APPEARANCES and PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Appearances or Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Application for 2020/2021 Operator License:
 - a. Kelli A. Schneider, Ken's Meats & Deli

2. Approval of Renewal Applications for 2020/2021 Operator Licenses:
 - a. Jane E. Baldwin, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - b. Michelle C. Butcher, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - c. Donald D. Dean II, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - d. William T. Gingher, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - e. Stefanie N. Hamacher, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - f. Marcia R. Ketchum, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - g. Tyler J. Lewis, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - h. Barbara J. Lukas, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - i. Arianna M. Moede, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - j. Cheryl L. Morrison-Weeks, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - k. Nathan H. Ng, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - l. Kelly J. Regge, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - m. Jenna L. Russell, Ken's Meats & Deli
 - n. Lisa M. Nemitz, Snicks Sportman's Bar
 - o. Lisa M. Serena, Snicks Sportman's Bar
 - p. Gregory S. Davenport, Tower Inn
 - q. Tracy L. Drill, Tower Inn
 - r. Norma C. Holt, Tower Inn
 - s. Steve J. LaPean, Tower Inn
 - t. Roberta J. Leen, Tower Inn

- u. Angela K. Maurer, Tower Inn
 - v. Terri E. Moen, Tower Inn
 - w. Jeffrey D. Zumstein, Tower Inn
3. Approval of Applications for 2020/2022 Operator Licenses:
- a. Kia K. Dietz, Tasting Room
 - b. Abbey N. Lenover, Tasting Room
4. Approval of Renewal Applications for 2020/2022 Operator Licenses:
- a. Jasmine D. Banks, Breakwater
 - b. Lisa M. Putnam, Breakwater
 - c. Lovedeep S. Gill, Monona Mart
5. Denial of Application for 2019/2021 Operator License:
- a. Janayah J. Leigh, Speedway – Monona Drive

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 20-5-2410 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,900,000 Water System and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020B, of the City of Monona, Dane County, Wisconsin, and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker reported this is for the Capital Budget and refinancing prior borrowing. Mr. Belongia reviewed a report of comparable sales which supports his opinion that this is a wonderful sale. The par amount dropped to \$2,890,000. The great price received on insurance raised the City's S&P A+ rating (it is typical for this to be lower than the General Obligation rate) up to AA, which helped the sale and resulted in savings. The overall interest rate is excellent: 2.190%.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Grupe to approve Resolution 20-5-2410 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,890,000 Water System and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020B, of the City of Monona, Dane County, Wisconsin, and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Grupe to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 20-4-2406 Approval to Apply for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Runoff Management Grant for Stonebridge Park, was carried.

City Administrator Gadow reported this allows staff to finalize the grant application for the project under Reach 64. It is for \$150,000 and is a cost share with the DNR. A Dane County grant will be pursued as well. The work will be done now so the park won't be torn up twice.

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Moore to approve Resolution 20-4-2406 Approval to Apply for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Runoff Management Grant for Stonebridge Park, was carried.

A motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Moore to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 20-5-2407 A Resolution Waiving Interest and Penalties on Certain Delinquent Property Tax Installment Payments Due in 2020, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker reported that Dane County passed a Resolution and the City has to as well. Cash flow will be affected by one-month delay.

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Kuhr to approve Resolution 20-5-2407 A Resolution Waiving Interest and Penalties on Certain Delinquent Property Tax Installment Payments Due in 2020, was carried.

A motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Grupe to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution No. 20-5-2409 Suspending Water Disconnections During the Coronavirus Health Emergency, was carried.

A motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Schilling to approve Resolution No. 20-5-2409 Suspending Water Disconnections During the Coronavirus Health Emergency, was carried.

City Planner Plowman provided information on Resolution 20-5-2408 Approving the Plan Commission Recommendation for the Yahara Commons Development Phase II PIP. This is the final phase of the redevelopment. There will be 145 market rate apartment units and 233 parking stalls. The public parking ramp is being discussed. Bridge Road frontage changed; 5 units were added.

City Administrator Gadow began Discussion and Update on Staffing, Budgetary and City Operations Contingency Plans for COVID-19. Notice was received today that Dane County has its own plan, "Forward Dane". The main restrictions will be in place until May 26. He will put together a plan for the June 1 City Council meeting, including a long-term staffing plan.

Recreation Director Anderson reported he may be able to offer the summer camp. Opening the swimming pool will be up to the City Council; he will have options to present at the June 1 meeting. It will not open by June 1; procedures have been delayed, but July 1 might be possible. Park restrooms can be opened; the goal is to have one or two shelters open by Memorial Day, but staff PPE and frequent cleaning are required. Virtual events and fun public events like the "Virtual Zoo" have been well received. The tennis courts are open tomorrow, especially at Ahuska Park.

A motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Grupe 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 (Yahara Commons Phase 3 Third Amendment to Development Agreement; Acquisition of Schluter Road Property). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Moore to suspend the rules and take Action on Item(s) Discussed in Closed Session, was carried.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood to purchase the property at 5207 Schluter Road for \$229,000. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

REPORTS

Alder Moore reported that at the Sustainability Committee meeting it was determined that the City won't be paying for Renew Monona because they can't do an in-person session.

Alder Thomas reported she has worked with Alder Grupe and the Concerts in the Park will be broadcast on WVMO. The goal is to keep these and as many senior events going as possible. Alder Grupe will be working

on publicity; she announced the scheduled performances: June 22: The JB3s; July 13: Mark Croft; July 28: Carl Davick; August 4: Lynda & the Zeros, which may change because that is National Night Out. She is looking into remote broadcast options like live-streaming. Alder Schilling suggested a FaceTime watch party. Alder Thomas suggested people may be able to be out on the streets to listen. Alder Wood stated the bands certainly appreciate having the Concerts go on as well.

Alder Kuhr reported the Library is opening up returns on Wednesday from noon to 6:00 p.m. Items will be accepted and then quarantined for a period of time. The South Central Library System is still on hold for deliveries.

Alder Schilling reported City Planner Doug Plowman is preparing an RFP for Pagoda repair costs for Landmarks Commission review. WVMO is a finalist for Station of the Year again and has 22 other entries in the finals for the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association virtual award ceremony which is tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

Alder Wood reported the License Review Committee met in person in the Municipal Room with social distancing; the 5 members and 3 staff were able to space themselves safely and the meeting went well. There were no appearances. It was great to see people in person. The Park & Recreation Board discussed going forward with the Stone Bridge Park stormwater and larger park project. He is glad the Landmarks Commission is going forward with the Pagoda project; that has been discussed for many years. Alder Schilling reported a good scan of the piece was obtained which will really help the project.

City Attorney Cole will talk to the Schluter Road property owner and do a walk-through. The closing is June 2.

City Administrator Gadow updated members on the Bridge Road project which has been delayed due to the wet weather. If possible, work will start on Wednesday and be drivable by next week. Census participation is at 77.7%, which is comparable to area municipalities. Efforts will be made to increase that to get as close to 100% as possible by the August 15 deadline.

Mayor O'Connor reported the Recreation Department's Drive-Through Zoo event was wonderful; 200 families participated. This is National EMS Week and last week was National Police Week; she thanks our first responders for their service. The Alliant Energy Center has an on-going free COVID-19 testing center and they want to test as many people as possible. No documentation is required. It is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily and they have now extended the hours to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If transportation is needed call 608-243-0420. There is information on the MESBA website.

APPOINTMENTS

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

1. Christopher Conrad to the Sustainability Committee (effective immediately–April 17, 2023).
2. Phil Glende to the Community Media Committee (effective immediately–April 19, 2021).
3. Joel Anderson to the Facilities Committee (effective immediately–April 17, 2023).
4. Jill Mueller to the License Review Committee (effective immediately–April 18, 2022).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Moore, to adjourn was carried. (8:35 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk