

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
June 1, 2020

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

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

Also Present: City Administrator Bryan Gadow, City Attorney William Cole, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, CDA Chair Tom Stolper, Acting Fire Chief Dan Eklof, Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson, Recreation Supervisor, Aquatic Director Missy Kedzorski, City Planner Doug Plowman, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Grupe to approve the Minutes of the May 18, 2020 City Council meeting, was carried.

APPEARANCES and PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Appearances or Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Renewal Applications for 2020/2022 Operator Licenses:
  - a. James A. Hanson, Walmart
  - b. Emily R. Luse, Walmart
  - c. Angela K. Rummelhoff, Walmart
  
2. Approval of Renewal Applications for 2020/2021 Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class A" Liquor (Cider Only) Licenses:
  - a. Kwik Trip, Inc., P. O. Box 2107, La Crosse, Wisconsin, 54602-2107, d/b/a Kwik Trip 966, 105 East Broadway
  - b. Speedway LLC, P. O. Box 1580, Springfield, OH, 45501, d/b/a Speedway #4088, 5450 Monona Drive
  - c. Speedway LLC, P. O. Box 1580, Springfield, OH, 45501, d/b/a Speedway #4533, 2500 Royal Avenue
  
3. Approval of Renewal Applications for 2020/2021 Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class A" Liquor Licenses:
  - a. Fellersen, Inc., 5725 Monona Drive, Monona, Wisconsin, 53716, d/b/a Ken's Meats & Deli, 5725 Monona Drive
  - b. Maroon Way Holdings, Inc., 4967 Highwood Circle, Middleton, Wisconsin, 53562, d/b/a Monona Mart, 1220 East Broadway
  - c. W.D.S. Inc., 704 Raymond Road, Waunakee, Wisconsin, 53597-1569, d/b/a O'Connell's Liquor, 6325 Monona Drive

- d. Ultimate Mart, LLC, P. O. Box 305103, Nashville, Tennessee, 37230-5103, d/b/a Pick 'n Save #8181, 6540 Monona Drive
  - e. Walgreen Co, P. O. Box 901, Deerfield, Illinois, 60015-0901, d/b/a Walgreens #4830, 5300 Monona Drive
  - f. Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, 702 Southwest 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Licensing Department 8916, Bentonville, Arkansas, 72716-0500, d/b/a Wal-Mart Supercenter #3857, 2151 Royal Avenue
4. Approval of Renewal Applications for 2020/2021 Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class B" Liquor Licenses:
- a. Birkys LLC, d/b/a Buck and Honey's, 800 West Broadway, Suite 300
  - b. Blazin Wings, Inc., 5500 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 1600, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55416-1237, d/b/a Buffalo Wild Wings, 6544 Monona Drive
  - c. Fat Jacks Monona, Inc., d/b/a Fat Jack's Barbecue, 6207 Monona Drive
  - d. Joe's Fire Station LLC, 1910 Tarragon Drive, Madison, Wisconsin, 53716-2319, d/b/a Joe's Fire Station, 900 East Broadway
  - e. Monona Garden Family Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Monona Garden Family Restaurant, 6501 Bridge Road
  - f. Mr Brews Tap House Monona LLC, d/b/a Mr Brews Tap House Monona, 103 West Broadway, Suite B
  - g. Red Robin International, Inc., 6312 South Fiddlers Green Circle, Suite 200N, Greenwood Village, Colorado, 80111-4916, d/b/a Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, 6522 Monona Drive
  - h. Valdimark, Inc., d/b/a Silver Eagle Bar & Grill, 5805 Monona Drive
  - i. Snick's Sportsman's Bar, LLC, d/b/a Snick's Sportsman's Bar, 4605 Monona Drive
  - j. Tasting Room of Monona Inc., d/b/a The Tasting Room, 800 West Broadway, Suite 100
  - k. Wiltzius LLC, d/b/a Tower Inn, 1008 East Broadway
  - l. Badger Bowl, Inc., d/b/a Monona Village Lanes, 208 Owen Road
  - m. FHMonona, LLC, 622 Stockton Court, Madison, Wisconsin, 53711, d/b/a Waypoint Public House, 320 West Broadway, Suite E
5. Approval of Renewal Applications for 2020/2021 Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class C" Wine Licenses:
- a. Huang & Lin China Star LLC Owned by Ming Yi Huang, d/b/a China Star Restaurant, 111 River Place
  - b. Shrestha Family LLC Owned by Madan Shrestha, d/b/a Swad Indian Restaurant, 6007A Monona Drive
  - c. WB South, LLC, d/b/a World Buffet, 2451 West Broadway
6. Approval of Renewal Applications for 2020/2021 Patio Permits:
- a. Birkys LLC, d/b/a Buck and Honey's, 800 West Broadway, Suite 300
  - b. Mr Brews Tap House Monona LLC, W12674 State Road 188, Lodi, Wisconsin, 53555-9795, d/b/a Mr Brews Tap House Monona, 103 West Broadway, Suite B
  - c. Tasting Room of Monona Inc., d/b/a The Tasting Room, 800 West Broadway, Suite 100
  - d. Badger Bowl, Inc., 506 E. Badger Road, Madison, Wisconsin, 53713-2121, d/b/a Monona Village Lanes, 208 Owen Road
  - e. FHMonona, LLC, 960 John Nolen Drive, Apartment 308, Madison, Wisconsin, 53713 1411, d/b/a Waypoint Public House, 320 West Broadway, Suite E

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Planner Plowman reported the following is for the final phase of the Riverfront Development. There are 155 apartment units with no commercial space. Work will start at the end of the month. There are no changes from the last meeting.

A motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Thomas to approve Resolution 20-5-2408 Approving the Plan Commission Recommendation for the Yahara Commons Development Phase II PIP, was carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Moore to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 20-6-2415 Amending the 2020 Operating Budget to Fund Fire Department Paid-On-Premise Stipends, was carried.

Mayor O'Connor reported she received an email in support of increasing the Paid on Premise budget for the Fire Department. Acting Fire Chief Eklof reported he wants to fund this through the end of the year. The request is for the maximum amount he calculated so he doesn't have to come back to request more funds, but he anticipates less. Since Fire Chief Sullivan's retirement other staff has helped fill in the Officer in Charge (OIC) position. Paid on Premise will be limited to 3 shifts with different pay based on the duties. Staff working from home allows more coverage. The program was suspended due to overuse, but he wants it back. The new Chief will be a working Chief. Alder Thomas reported OIC charges will be reduced and there will be savings in the Fire Department budget with the Chief not on staff. She thanks Acting Fire Chief Eklof for all he's doing in the interim. Acting Fire Chief Eklof thanks the Council for approval of this program.

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Kuhr to approve Resolution 20-6-2415 Amending the 2020 Operating Budget to Fund Fire Department Paid-On-Premise Stipends. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Moore to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 20-6-2413 Combining City of Monona Voting Wards for the Partisan Primary on August 11, 2020, was carried.

City Clerk Andrusz reported this election typically has a low turnout because voters have to vote within a party and there are very few other issues on the ballot. Most of the turnout will be by mailed-in absentee ballot as the number of requests is very high. Having this approved ahead of time rather than on an emergency basis, as was needed in April, allows for combining all wards into one so that separate vote tabulation based on address won't be required. Voters can use both vote tabulators, but one can be largely dedicated to processing absentee ballots. Mayor O'Connor reported the Wisconsin Elections Commission has voted to send letters with absentee ballot requests to all registered voters who don't already have a request on file.

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Kuhr to approve Resolution 20-6-2413 Combining City of Monona Voting Wards for the Partisan Primary on August 11, 2020, was carried.

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 20-6-2416 Cancelling 2020 Permitted Events at the Community Center Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, was carried.

Recreation Director Anderson reported the Parks & Recreation Board approved this on May 28. Night and weekend rentals are considered mass gatherings and cause COVID-19 protection concerns for Senior Center, recreation program attendees, and staff.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Moore to approve Resolution 20-6-2416 Cancelling 2020 Permitted Events at the Community Center Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, was carried.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Moore to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 20-6-2417 Opening the Community Pool with Fee and Operating Changes Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, was carried.

Recreation Director Anderson reported Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and other agency's guidance was reviewed and Aquatic Supervisor Kedzorski drafted a plan. It will take 3 to 4 weeks to fill the pool and train staff. The fiscal impact, a \$40,000 additional tax levy, is in the packet. This option was reviewed by the Parks & Recreation Board and approved on a 5 to 3 vote.

Mayor O'Connor reported Recreation Director Anderson and Aquatic Supervisor Kedzorski are completely neutral on this subject. She received emails opposing swimming pool opening from the following individuals:

James Yunek, 4605 Wallace Avenue

Michael Walls, 540 West Olin Avenue, Madison

Sandra Splinter BonDurant, 6209 Midwood Avenue

Brad Kressin, 5908 Cardinal Crescent

Marcia Castro, 4605 Shore Acres Road

Thiemo Roehr, 4702 Winnequah Road

Joe Klinzing, 4512 Gordon Avenue

Erika Schneider, 5908 Cardinal Crescent

Mary Richards, 122 Capps Avenue

Katherine Carew, 4905 Rothman Place

Alder Grupe reported that after the Parks & Recreation Board discussion she voted against this due to the DHS stance against swimming pools opening. Other concerns are the tax cost and that people won't follow the rules; if Madison doesn't open their pool the number of patrons in Monona will increase. She thanks Recreation Director Anderson and Aquatic Supervisor Kedzorski for their thoughtful, extensive work on this plan (later echoed by all members) but there is no way to avoid liability to staff and patrons. She voted against this at the Parks & Recreation Board and will here tonight.

Alder Moore thanks the community for their feedback on the survey that was posted on the City's website, but safety is the first priority. It was worthy to explore options; the pool is an important part of summer for the community. However, she will vote against this. Alder Thomas stated everyone yearns for normalcy but acting too soon is dangerous. It would not just be Monona people at the pool and compliance can't be guaranteed. The City needs to be prudent with taxpayer's money. Alder Schilling stated raising rates causes an equity issue. She calculated that survey responses were 48 in favor of opening the pool and 16 against. People will miss their workout facility. The high school is considering opening their pool on July 1 as an alternate space. The YMCA is open with 8 lanes and only 8 swimmers are allowed at a time. It is challenging to predict consumer's behavior. She is concerned that enforcement would have to be done by staff; many patrons would be non-residents. Fiscal responsibility and safety are priorities.

Alder Wood stated the Parks & Recreation Board's 5 to 3 vote in favor of this plan gives pause on his voting against it; he respects the Board's opinion. Aquatic Supervisor Kedzorski's plan took a lot of work. He thinks it could be safe and he doesn't want to close another opportunity for outdoor activity but safety can't be guaranteed. Alder Kuhr stated closure may increase beach use and questioned whether the City is prepared for that. She observed that Frost Woods Beach was heavily attended and she anticipates Schluter Beach use will also increase. Aquatic Supervisor Kedzorski's plan is great but the financial impact is a major concern. Pool use is very weather-dependent; she doesn't want to take the financial risk. Alder Thomas stated water craft use and picnicking is more prevalent than swimming at Frost Woods Beach. Recreation Director Anderson stated weekly beach testing is starting this week. He recommends against having a lifeguard at Schluter Beach. Alder Schilling read resident questions she received. Aquatic Supervisor Kedzorski explained that masks are not required but are recommended by the DHS. City Attorney Cole stated admission prices can be raised to cover the extra cost of masks. City Administrator Gadow stated no staff furloughs are planned but may need to be considered; he wants to avoid that. Alder Schilling stated that with concerts and shelter rentals being cancelled, it seems a contradiction to have the pool open.

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Wood to approve Resolution 20-6-2417 Opening the Community Pool with Fee and Operating Changes Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, on a unanimous vote, was not approved.

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 20-6-2418 Amending the 2020 Operating Budget for Outdoor Pool Operations, was carried.

Alder Moore thanks Aquatic Supervisor Kedzorski and Recreation Director Anderson again and the Parks & Recreation Board for all their work on this. Aquatic Supervisor Kedzorski stated this is the first summer in 18 years that she is not running a swimming pool. Alder Schilling commends the community for their participation.

A motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Schilling to approve Resolution 20-6-2418 Amending the 2020 Operating Budget for Outdoor Pool Operations, on a unanimous vote, was not approved.

City Administrator Gadow began Discussion and Update on Staffing, Budgetary and City Operations Contingency Plans for COVID-19. City Hall is open to the public this week but this has not been advertised yet; when cleaning plans are in place notice will be made. Signs are posted and social distancing markers are on the floor. Masks are recommended but can't be required. Staff will meet visitors in the conference room, spaced apart, and the room needs to be wiped down if used. City meetings are still virtual, but some need to be in-person. Alder Wood questioned what conditions are needed for this to change. City Administrator Gadow responded the County needs to get to Phase 2 of the Forward Dane plan; the only challenge is if lots of the public attends. Mayor O'Connor reported the Library is not allowed to open but most City staff are back in the office.

Recreation Director Anderson thanks Aquatic Supervisor Kedzorski for her efforts and the Council for its decision. On June 15 limited Community Center visits, by appointment, and the Summer Camp will start. He is saving \$10,000 to \$15,000 in part-time staff salaries. Tennis courts and the Skate Park are open; bathrooms and bubblers will be slowly opened. Park shelter reservations may start slowly. There are 7 full-time staff and 2 are on leave for an extended period. He will send members an operational plan. Alder Grupe thanks Recreation Director Anderson and Aquatic Supervisor Kedzorski again for their efforts.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Moore 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 Riverfront Third Amendment to Development Agreement). 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 Resolution 20-6-2414 Approving Amendment #3 to the Development Agreement Between for the Yahara Riverfront Development, was carried.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Moore to approve Resolution 20-6-2414 Approving Amendment #3 to the Development Agreement Between for the Yahara Riverfront Development. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

## REPORTS

Alder Moore requests that the information a resident requested regarding Police body camera usage and de-escalation training be posted on the City's website so the community can be assured about these practices.

Alder Wood stated events this past week has been the most upsetting and concerning in his lifetime in terms of issues in this country.

Alder Schilling read a public statement regarding the events this week as a half-Native American person and the privilege she has because she looks white. She wants those of color to know: You all matter.

Alder Kuhr echoes the sentiments of her colleagues.

Alder Grupe read a statement emphasizing that under-represented communities need those in power to advocate for them.

City Attorney Cole reported that the City now owns the property at 5207 Schluter Road; the closure was successful.

Mayor O'Connor echoes Council members' sentiments on last week's events. Her daughters live in Minnesota and it was a terrifying situation. The issues need resolutions. Former Alder Andrew Kitslaar's son and Library Director Ryan Claringbole's daughter were born last weekend one day apart. All guidelines and recommendations are being followed and practices will be in place before the opening of any City facilities. Bridge Road is open and looks terrific. Full Public Works staff is on board so potholes will be filled. Free COVID-19 testing is ongoing at the Alliant Energy Center and they want lots of people to participate.

#### APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Grupe, to adjourn was carried. (8:20 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz  
City Clerk