

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 6, 2020

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 Doug Wood, Jennifer Kuhr, Kathy Thomas, Molly Grupe, Nancy Moore, and Kristie Schilling

Also Present: City Administrator Bryan Gadow, City Attorney William Cole, Police Chief Walter Ostrenga, Community Media Director Will Nimmow, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Moore to approve the Minutes of the June 8, 2020 special City Council meeting, was carried.

Mayor O'Connor noted in the first line of the second paragraph on page 4 the word "revise" should be "review".

A motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Kuhr to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2020 City Council meeting as amended, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Ford Munn, 801 Dellwood Circle appeared before the Council via ZOOM, and spoke in support of Monona Police Department funding, officers in schools, and minor policy changes.

PUBLIC HEARING, CONSENT AGENDA, and UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Public Hearing, Consent Agenda, or Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Grupe to suspend the rules and take action on Approval of Application for 2020 Temporary Extension of Premises and Temporary Patio Permit for Badger Bowl, Inc., d/b/a Monona Village Lanes, 208 Owen Road, was carried.

City Clerk Andrusz reported that Badger Bowl management was invited to attend, but she did not receive a response. The application is for a section of the parking lot that is currently used on specific dates for a beer garden. She is unaware of any complaints for this part of their operation. There will be table service provided for this extension and social distancing in force. City Administrator Gadow reported it is unknown if they are operating inside normally, but there are guidelines in place for bowling centers. Police Chief Ostrenga reported there has been one complaint from O'Connell's Liquor that crowds from Tully's II has spilled over into their parking lot.

A motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Wood to approve the Application for 2020 Temporary Extension of Premises and Temporary Patio Permit for Badger Bowl, Inc., d/b/a Monona Village Lanes, 208 Owen Road, was carried.

Mayor O'Connor provided information on Ordinance No. 7-20-733 Amending Section 94-15 of the Code of Ordinances to Increase the Threshold Requiring Roll Call Votes. Roll call votes are currently required for any purchase over \$500. City Administrator Gadow reported he worked with City Attorney Cole to raise this to \$25,000 to match the state statute that pertains to when a public meeting is required. This limit may be raised in the future, but an effort to increase it to \$50,000 stalled in the legislature. Members can ask for a roll call vote at any time. This does include budget amendments.

City Administrator Gadow began Discussion and Update on Staffing, Budgetary and City Operations Contingency Plans for COVID-19. He is monitoring Dane County's tracking of positive cases. City Hall is open now but that may change. All safety measure signage and markings remain in place. The Library has gone back to curbside pick-up starting today with specific hours. An appointment process for public computer use may be set up. He is putting together an application for CARES Act funding based in part on FEMA claims submittal. Submittal can be done July 1 through 15, and there are two submittal windows in the fall. Alder Kuhr questioned whether Library staff salary assistance has been discussed. City Administrator Gadow responded the Library Board is starting that discussion. The current plan's salary extension is in place. Alder Wood reported the additional \$600 for unemployment payments ends on July 24. Other options were discussed.

A motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Grupe to Convene in Closed Session under 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 (Walker vs. City of Monona, et al). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

REPORTS

Alder Kuhr reported that while the Library is closed to the public again, curbside pick-up is available. Return is available when the building is open and items are quarantined before shelving.

Alder Wood reported the Parks & Recreation Board had a bike ride meeting visiting Schluter and Stonebridge Parks and the San Damiano property. He suggests listeners take a walk on the lakeshore behind the house; it is an incredible piece of property.

Alder Grupe reported the Friends of the Monona Senior Center concert featuring Mark Croft will be broadcast on Monona Community Media Monday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Alder Thomas reported there were many citizens in attendance at the Public Safety Committee meeting.

City Clerk Andrusz reported she received a \$6,926.50 WEC CARES subgrant check to offset additional election costs incurred due to COVID-19 for the year 2020. Part of the funds will be used to purchase a drive-up drop box specifically designed for ballots, which will be installed by the Public Works Department in the City Hall parking lot.

Community Media Director Nimmow reported that with the pandemic, it is hard for him to reach out to staff members. He asks Alders to contact him by telephone bi-weekly or once per month to record

committee or other City news updates for radio station airplay. Alder Thomas thanks him for his work on the previous Friends of the Monona Senior Center concert; he was there setting up at 3:00 p.m. and stayed until much later in the night to take it all down – all without resting!

Police Chief Ostrenga reported he issued a press release regarding the recent Falcon Circle shots fired incident. In addition, more guns are now out on Dane County's streets, stolen from a private collection and a gun store. He appreciates the Council's, and especially City Administrator Gadow's, support of the Police Department during the last difficult month.

City Administrator Gadow reported he and staff met with the Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership for help with the community conversation action step in the Resolution for commitment to action.

Mayor O'Connor reported she won't be at the next meeting; Council President Wood will preside. She reminds everyone to please wear a face mask!

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Schilling, seconded by Alder Grupe, to adjourn was carried. (7:58 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk