

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 5, 2019

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 Doug Wood, Jennifer Kuhr, Kathy Thomas, and Molly Grupe

Excused: Alderpersons Nancy Moore and Andrew Kitslaar

Also Present: City Administrator Bryan Gadow, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, Financial Consultant Jeff Belongia from Hutchinson, Shockey, & Erley, Dale Ganser from 207 Femrite Drive, Project Manager Brad Bruun, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Kuhr to approve the Minutes of the July 15, 2019 City Council meeting, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Sean Day, 6401 Winnequah Road appeared before the Council and spoke for informational purposes regarding TDS towers.

The following individuals appeared before the Council and spoke in favor of the 309 Femrite Drive Rezoning Ordinance:

- Tom Bretl, 213 Femrite Drive
- Brooke Logan, 6101 Roselawn Avenue
- Terry Warkentien, 6103 Roselawn Avenue

Mayor O'Connor read a statement explaining the Pedestrian/Bicycle Ad Hoc Committee's creation, process, and improvement suggestions that may or may not be implemented. Information is still being gathered for south Winnequah Road work. Tree removals are the result of a tree survey that was done by a Public Works Intern and spot-checked by the City's Forester. The trees marked for removal are diseased ash, distressed, or dead; all will be checked by the Forester before removal. Two resident letters were sent in November of 2018 and May of 2019. When a plan is set there will be many meetings of committees and the Council that are open to public comment and input. She doesn't think the plan will be ready by 2020; the project will most likely be held back to 2021.

Mayor O'Connor read into the record the names of individuals who provided comment on the Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvement Plan via email:

Jim and Cindy Draeger, 6106 Winnequah Road
Zachary Barber, 4904 Winnequah Road
Kellie Unke and Mike Paulus, 6111 Winnequah Road
Jan Fox, 5805 Winnequah Road
Julie Mueller, 4503 Shore Acres Road

Brian Mink, 1207 Birch Haven Circle
Roxanne Robinson, 5510 Schluter Road
Megan Robinson, 5510 Schluter Road
Peggy Michaelis, 4410 Winnequah Road
Virginia Evangelist, 4310 Winnequah Road

Barb Klinzing, 4711 Midmoor Road
Jim Shropshire, 5719 Tonyawatha Trail
Sharon Lehrer, 5801 Winnequah Road
Curtis Jones, 6102 Bridge Road
Libby Howting, 6105 Ridgewood Avenue
Jenny and Ron Binzley, 713 Moygara Road

Patricia Schultz, 5211 Tonyawatha Trail
Anne Brophy, 6309 Westgate Road
Tina Godfrey, 6216 Winnequah Road
Adam Miller, 709 Moygara Road
David Joranson, 605 Panther Trail

The following individuals registered against the Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvement Plan:

- Monica Hansen, 4703 Winnequah Road
- Nikki Studt, 6003 Winnequah Road

The following individuals appeared before the Council and spoke against the Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvement Plan:

- Ann Holman, 4702 Winnequah Road
- Sharon Lehrer, 5801 Winnequah Road
- Jackie Hyde, 5902 Winnequah Road
- David Lehrer, 5801 Winnequah Road
- Kurt Studt, 6003 Winnequah Road

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Renewal Applications for 2019/2020 Operator Licenses:
 - a. Rebecka K. Ewelt, The Pizza Oven
 - b. Austen R. Williams, The Pizza Oven
2. Approval of Applications for 2019/2021 Operator Licenses:
 - a. Abigail M. Dempsey, Buck & Honeys
3. Approval of Renewal Applications for 2019/2021 Operator Licenses:
 - a. Jacob E. Slaby, Silver Eagle Bar & Grill
 - b. Sarah Wampole-Maciejeski, Tully's II
 - c. Kyle M. Roessler, Waypoint Public House
4. Approval of Application for 2019 Temporary Operator License:
 - a. Kelley D. Van Egeren, Aldo Leopold Nature Center

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Ganser reported he reviewed the City's Comprehensive Plan map and there are 1- and 2-family homes in close proximity to 309 Femrite Drive. In response to concerns about "spot zoning" he states that this lot is more related to Roselawn Avenue but stands by itself amongst multi-family homes and apartments as well as the nearby cemetery. It should be a 2-family home, not a single. Five years ago the

City re-zoned a single lot into a small lot, single-family subdivision. This is now part of the Comprehensive Plan so is a model to follow for this type of action.

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Kuhr to approve Ordinance 7-19-719 Rezoning 309 Femrite Drive from Single Family Residence District (SF) to Two Family Residence District (TF) for the Development of a Two Family Attached Residence, was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Kuhr to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 19-8-2365 Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,530,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes and the Issuance and Sale of \$3,530,000 Taxable Note Anticipation Notes, Series 2019B, in Anticipation Thereof, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker reported the figure has been changed due to reduced capital interest and will be paid by TIF #9. Mr. Belongia reported the anticipated interest rate dropped lower than estimated. This assists a for-profit entity so has to be taxable. It has a 2.05% yield and is non-callable. The two figures listed do not mean there are two sets of debt; it is a promise to do notes in the future. By September, 2022 TID #9 may pay back this borrowing, or possibly as early as 2021. Two comparable sales were reviewed.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Thomas to amend Resolution 19-8-2365 Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,530,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes and the Issuance and Sale of \$3,530,000 Taxable Note Anticipation Notes, Series 2019B, in Anticipation Thereof, to \$3,400,000 for both figures shown, was carried.

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Wood to approve amended Resolution 19-8-2365 Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,400,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes and the Issuance and Sale of \$3,400,000 Taxable Note Anticipation Notes, Series 2019B, in Anticipation Thereof. 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 No. 19-8-2366 Approving a Contract with the Slipstream Group, Inc for a Renewable Energy Feasibility Study, was carried.

Project Manager Bruun reported this grant was approved in January. There are 7 participating municipalities and the City of Middleton is the administrator. The cost share of 27% is dedicated to staff time including his and the City Administrator, City Attorney, and Public Works Interns. Solar panels are included. A comprehensive plan is the deliverable from the study.

A motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Thomas to approve Resolution No. 19-8-2366 Approving a Contract with the Slipstream Group, Inc for a Renewable Energy Feasibility Study, was carried.

Project Manager Bruun provided information on Resolution 19-8-2367 Review and Adoption of Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements Plan. The word "Adoption" in the title should be changed to "Acceptance". He thanks Alder Wood for his extensive Committee work and Director of Administrative Services Leah Kimmell for proof-reading the Plan. This is not just an engineering plan. It is a comprehensive look at community safety and wellness. Multiple opportunities were given for community input and comment. Enforcement policy recommendations, measurement of progress, and next steps are included. He wrote the Plan by compiling input from multiple experts and a lot of Committee input.

Alder Wood reported the Committee held a joint meeting with the Public Safety and Public Works Committees. The Plan was provided to them as a guide from an advisory committee with no requirement for action. Part of the reason for the Plan was the need for safe areas to walk and bicycle to schools especially, but also community facilities, parks, and businesses. The focus of the Committee was the whole City, not just one street. A plan is needed for sidewalks; in his opinion, they should be carefully placed and not throughout the whole City. This is a long-term project for future Mayors and Councils to implement. It is much like the playground review with Capital Budget funding provided each year and work done over time.

Alder Grupe thanks residents for coming tonight and sharing their comments in person and via email. She urges residents who don't think they were informed to sign up for civic alerts on the City's website and check the website for updates. She thanks Alder Kuhr for her thoughtful responses to emails. Project Manager Bruun stated the Plan is on a webpage with other documents and three significant surveys.

REPORTS

Alder Grupe reported Tuesday, August 13 is National Night Out. Attendees will have a chance to interact with Public Safety personnel, hear the final Winnequah Park concert, and gain clean energy information.

Alder Wood reported the MPO meets Wednesday night. Atwood Avenue is not on the list of 2020-2025 projects recommended for approval. Final approval for spending federal funds is in September or October. Public comment is still being sought; it may come back on the list. City Administrator Gadow wrote a recommendation for it.

Alder Kuhr reported the Landmarks Commission's Monona Mound dedication is on August 17. It will be held in the Library upstairs by the windows and then move downstairs to the Municipal Room for refreshments and a presentation of the history of the Mound. The Mead & Hunt historical property report was due on July 15 and will be presented soon.

City Administrator Gadow reported the last Pop-Up Biergarten will be in Schluter Park on August 29 featuring music from former Monona resident Lo Marie.

Mayor O'Connor thanks Alder Kuhr for her responses to emails regarding Winnequah Road. She and Recreation Director Jake Anderson toured the Riverfront park and shelter, which is near completion. Sod on the "Great Lawn" will be installed soon. City Administrator Gadow reported it should take 2½ weeks to finish the project.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Kitslaar, to adjourn was carried. (8:31 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk