

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 20, 2018

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 7:06 p.m.

Present: Alderpersons Molly Grupe, Chad Speight, Doug Wood, Andrew Kitslaar, and Jennifer Kuhr

Excused: Alderperson Nancy Moore

Also Present: Interim City Administrator/Finance Director Marc Houtakker and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alder Grupe noted a correction in the first line of the second paragraph on Page 3. The word "now" should be corrected to "not".

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Kuhr to approve the Minutes of the August 6, 2018 City Council meeting as amended, was carried.

APPEARANCES

There were no Appearances.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Application for 2018/2019 Operator License:
 - a. Matthew A. McLaughlin, The East Side Club
 - b. Troy A. Hoefs, Monona Mart
2. Approval of Application for 2018/2020 Operator License:
 - a. Andrew J. French, Breakwater
3. Approval of Renewal Application for 2018/2020 Operator License:
 - b. Abigail L. Reynolds, Kwik Trip

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Speight to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 18-8-2287 Providing for the Sale of \$3,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2018B, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker reported this authorizes Financial Consultant Jeff Belongia to begin negotiations with bond holders to refund two taxable loans in TIF 8. Treysta On The Water will be refinanced early to start to make principal payments because increment is being collected. The other is to refinance the Chase Bank loan from an interest-only loan to start to make principal payments.

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Kuhr to approve Resolution 18-8-2287 Providing for the Sale of \$3,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2018B. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Speight to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 18-8-2288 Providing for the Sale of \$3,300,000 Taxable Note Anticipation Notes, Series 2018C, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker reported this authorizes Financial Consultant Jeff Belongia to begin negotiations with bond holders for two notes with Monona State Bank in TIF 9 for the EDS building and Inland Boat Works. There is no increment yet; this is a short term BAN to pay interest only until principal payments can be made when TIF 9 generates revenues. This is probably two years in the future when re-financing will be needed.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Kuhr to approve Resolution 18-8-2288 Providing for the Sale of \$3,300,000 Taxable Note Anticipation Notes, Series 2018C. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Kuhr to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 18-8-2289 Authorizing Retaining General Engineering Company to Provide Interim Planning Services in Accordance with Current Agreement, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker reported City Planner/Economic Development Director Sonja Kruesel has started her new position in Fitchburg and the former Planner did not want to fill in until staff could be hired. Immediate help is needed. He, City Planner Kruesel, and Director of Administrative Services Leah Kimmell met with staff from General Engineering Company (GEC), the City's current building inspection provider. The GEC staff member will work together with the Building Inspector. He has zoning experience and will compile Plan Commission packets and attend meetings. He will work Mondays and Wednesdays for a maximum of 20 hours per week at a salary range of \$90 to \$115 per hour. This work falls under the "additional services" portion of the current GEC contract. The Planning Intern will do day-to-day duties and staff the Landmarks Commission. The City Administrator position will be filled first and if economic development skills are needed the GEC staff member will stay on until a Planner is on board.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to approve Resolution 18-8-2289 Authorizing Retaining General Engineering Company to Provide Interim Planning Services in Accordance with Current Agreement, was carried.

REPORTS

Alders Kuhr, Wood, and Grupe thank all staff, in particular Public Safety and Public Works, for the wonderful National Night Out event, especially the dunk tank feature, and the Senior Center for the very successful last concert of the summer.

Alder Wood reported there will be a Special City Council meeting at 6:15 p.m. on August 29 to address a liquor licensing issue. This will be followed by a joint Ad Hoc Pedestrian & Bicycle Committee, Public Safety Committee, and Public Works Committee meeting. He reminds staff to post a quorum notice.

City Clerk Andrusz reported last week's Partisan Primary had the highest turnout on record for that election, 48.55%. The previous high turnout was 34% in 2012. Deputy Clerk Alene Houser already has all the data entry completed, which is great! With all the other events happening in the area at the same time she received no complaints about parking and thanks Public Works staff member Matt Ballweg for the "Voter Parking Only" signs he installed along the front of the Community Center. Coordination of events will be better going forward.

Finance Director Houtakker reported the Transit Commission is hosting free bus rides for the week of September 10 through 14. Signs will be out tomorrow.

Mayor O'Connor reported the League of Wisconsin Municipalities has a website, darkstoreloopholes.org, to get information out regarding the Dark Store Theory and their efforts to close this property tax loophole. The site includes an informative video. The City Administrator position is posted with applications due on September 30. She repeats there is a Special City Council meeting scheduled for August 29 at 6:15 p.m. Alders Moore and Kitslaar will be absent; Alder Grupe will provide contact information to attend via telephone.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Kuhr to adjourn, was carried. (7:23 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk