

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
October 17 2022

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mary K. O'Connor, Alderpersons Nancy Moore, Doug Wood, Kathy Thomas, Teresa Radermacher, Patrick DePula, and Brian Holmquist

Also Present: Interim Administrator/Finance Director Marc Houtakker, Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson, Police Chief Brian Chaney, Library Director Ryan Claringbole, Fire Chief Jerry McMullen(via Zoom), Public Works Director Dan Stephany(via Zoom), Director of Administrative Services Leah Kimmell(via Zoom), Senior Center Director Diane Mikelbank(via Zoom), Project Manager Brad Bruun(via Zoom), and City Clerk Alene Houser

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist, to approve the Minutes of the September 29, 2022 and October 3, 2022 City Council meetings. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES, PUBLIC HEARING, and CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Appearances, Public Hearing, or Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**G.1.a Consideration of Resolution 22-10-2593 Approving the 2023-2027 Capital Improvements Program and 2023 Capital Borrowing.**

Amendment 23-01: An amendment to add Ahuska Park Preliminary Engineering in the amount of \$50,000.

Alder Wood explained that Ahuska Park has been pushed back in the budget for the last 10 or so years. This plan makes significant ADA improvements, which are required by law by approximately 2030, and upgrades existing facilities. Other potential revenues for this project include Lawcon Grant, TIF funding, Youth Football, and facility use agreements. Concerns were brought up regarding the funding of this project, potential TIF district, and the price increase since the last meeting.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist, to approve Amendment 23-01 An amendment to add Ahuska Park Preliminary Engineering in the amount of \$50,000. On a roll call vote, Alders Thomas, Radermacher, DePula and Moore voted against the motion. The motion did not carry.

Alder Wood withdraws Amendment 23-02: An amendment to move Ahuska Park construction to 2024 in the amount of \$1,450,000.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood, to approve Resolution 22-10-2593 Approving the 2023-2027 Capital Improvements Program and 2023 Capital Borrowing. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Director Anderson provided information on complaints that have been received regarding the pickleball courts.

**G.1.b Consideration of Resolution 22-10-2591 Award of Contract for Sanitary Sewer Main Lining Project.**

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist, to approve Resolution 22-10-2591 Award of Contract for Sanitary Sewer Main Lining. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

**G.2.a Consideration of Resolution 22-10-2597 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Use of Force Policy.**

Police Chief Chaney explained the Public Safety Committee approved this policy update. The changes to this policy were not significant because it has to follow case law and state statute. The new policy is easier to follow and standardizes language used to that of the Department of Justice.

**G.2.b Consideration of Resolution 22-10-2598 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Vehicle Pursuit Policy.**

Police Chief Chaney explained that this policy update continues to utilize Department of Justice language. The current policy does not allow for vehicle pursuit unless the crime is violent. Officers have a duty to try to apprehend someone committing a felony and terminate pursuit when they deem it is dangerous.

**G.2.c Consideration of Resolution 22-10-2599 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Medical Aid and Response Policy.**

Police Chief Chaney explained this policy update adds language about when to call an ambulance, which is not currently in the policy.

**G.2.d Consideration of Resolution 22-10-2600 Accepting the City of Monona Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Park Transition Plan.**

Motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder Radermacher, to continue to next meeting.  
Motion carried.

REPORTS

**1. Updates/Discussion on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Efforts**

Mayor O'Connor reported she is still looking for people to serve on the Implementation Committee with applications due by October 29.

**2. Update/Discussion on Sustainability Efforts.**

Alder Radermacher reported that Sustainability Committee will be reviewing the plan that was passed; checking off items that have been completed and moving forward with others.

### **3. Committee Reports.**

Alder Moore reported the public information meetings regarding the Madison Metro proposal will be October 20 and 25 at 6 pm in the Library, November 16 at 10 am in the Senior Center. Plan Commission continues to be busy; one meeting when she was gone was over four hours. The first San Damiano public information meeting will be October 18 at the High School.

Alder Wood reported Parks Board discussed the ADA transition plan and use of the pickle ball courts. MPO met and discussed funding for Nichols Road. Fall Festival was one of the best ones ever and had a great turnout.

Alder Radermacher reported Community Media discussed Adopt a Watt and other ways to fundraise. Sustainability reviewed the plan and individual projects throughout the year; currently they are kicking off the Leaf campaign. Landmarks Committee welcomed Thor Jeppson.

Director Claringbole reported that Library programing continues to have good participation. Staff did great job stepping up while waiting for a new circulation supervisor to be hired. Lockers will soon be available to allow for 24 hour pickup.

Police Chief Chaney reported the golf outing, which is a fundraiser for the K9 fund, was a very successful event that netted over \$10,000. The K9 program, except the officer and vehicle, is entirely funded by donations from the wonderful and generous community.

Clerk Houser reported in-person absentee voting is October 25 through November 4 at City Hall.

Interim Administrator Houtakker reported Committee of the Whole will meet October 27 and November 3 at 5:30 pm.

Mayor O'Connor reported she had a meeting with Mark with Miller Communications to discuss the referendum. A contract will probably be coming forward in the future.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by Alder Radermacher, seconded by Alder DePula, to approve the following appointment. Motion carried.

1. Kristin Gunther to the Sustainability Committee (effective immediately – April 2023).

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder DePula, to adjourn. Motion carried (8:57 p.m.).

Alene Houser  
City Clerk