

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 20, 2012

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Robert Miller, Aldermen Jeffrey Wiswell, Doug Wood, Dennis Kugle, Chad Speight, Scott Munson, and Jim Busse

Also Present: City Administrator Patrick Marsh, Project Coordinator Janine Glaeser, Dave Taylor from MMSD, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Recreation Director Jake Anderson, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alderman Wiswell, seconded by Alderman Speight to approve the City Council minutes of February 6, 2012, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Project Coordinator Glaeser provided information and introduced Andrew Yench, Water Star Wisconsin, who Presented the Bronze Award to the City of Monona for water quality maintenance efforts.

Polly Brandes, 1112 Pocahontas Drive registered in favor of the Belle Isle dredging minimum and maximum frontage assessments.

Dianne Aldrich, 6020 Kristi Circle, appeared before the Council and spoke regarding the July 6 – 8 Lake Monona Water Walk.

Dean Bowles, 1403 Joyce Road and Tricia Gundlach, 5517 Pheasant Hill Road appeared before the Council and spoke regarding the April 26 inauguration of the Monona Walk, at 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Community Center and provided information on the Walkbox program.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Taylor answered member's questions about the MMSD Yahara Watershed project. The end date was changed to 2015 from 2030 and was in the document because some language would transfer from the pilot project to a permanent project. Cities with stormwater discharge will have regulatory obligations to reduce phosphorus. Less expensive options can be pursued if done by a larger group. Other participants to date include Madison, Fitchburg, Middleton, Town of Cottage Grove, Arlington, and MG&E.

Alderman Kugle questioned the City's cost of \$1,500. Mr. Taylor reported this is incorrect. The \$3 million project, which begins in 2012, was divided with a formula that used the reduction each participant needed to

make. The City's cost is \$7,200 each year starting in early 2013. Alderman Kugle questioned whether the City would have a representative on the project board. Mr. Taylor reported a representative from a City, Town, and Village will be sought, and others are welcome to attend.

Mayor Miller confirmed with Finance Director Houtakker that the budget has funds available for this correction. Mr. Taylor reported Dane Count Land & Water Resources would be the broker and contract for services and interact with farmers. Other entities will be contributing funds. Mr. Taylor commends the City for its water quality efforts.

Alderman Busse amended the "Now, Therefore," section to end with the addition of: "...pilot program from 2012 through 2015."

A motion by Alderman Speight, seconded by Alderman Kugle to approve Resolution 12-02-1830 Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Madison Metropolitan Sewer District for Adaptive Management for the Yahara Watershed as amended, was carried.

Alderman Kugle reported the assessments for channels in the Belle Isle dredging project were made fairer by using a formula of a minimum of 50 feet and a maximum of 100 feet of lake frontage.

A motion by Alderman Kugle, seconded by Alderman Wood to approve Resolution 12-02-1831 Establishing a Special Assessment Schedule for the Belle Isle Dredging Project, was carried.

A motion by Alderman Busse, seconded by Alderman Wood to amend Ordinance 1-12-635 Amending Section 2-4-23 of the Monona Code of Ordinances Regarding the Committee on Family Attraction, Retention, and City Promotion to eight (8) citizen members and one member of the Executive Committee of the Monona Chamber of Commerce, was carried.

A motion by Alderman Busse, seconded by Alderman Speight to approve Ordinance 1-12-635 Amending Section 2-4-23 of the Monona Code of Ordinances Regarding the Committee on Family Attraction, Retention, and City Promotion as amended, was carried.

A motion by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Busse to approve Resolution 12-02-1832 Funding the Marketing Campaign (Monona Moola) for Monona Drive Phase II, was carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alderman Busse, seconded by Alderman Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 12-02-1833 Amending the 2012 Operating Budget to Provide Additional Funding for Discretionary Salary Adjustments for Permanent Non-Represented Employees, was carried. Alderman Wiswell voted against the motion.

Alderman Wood reported that after the last meeting he and Alderman Busse worked independently on ideas and found they were similar, so they worked together on tonight's Resolution regarding non-represented employee's salaries. Alderman Busse stated the intent is to leave compensation level decisions to the City Administrator, and provide a tool for Mayor Miller to reward outstanding employees. City Administrator Marsh provided information which resulted in the amount under consideration which is a reduction in total from the previous Resolution.

Alderman Speight stated this is a good compromise and is good for the City and taxpayers as a way to keep excellent staff. He reminds those present that the net impact will only be 3% because of the 5.9% WRS

contribution now required of non-represented employees. Alderman Kugle is concerned that the amount is larger than the previous Resolution.

A motion by Alderman Busse, seconded by Alderman Wood to approve Resolution 12-02-1833 Amending the 2012 Operating Budget to Provide Additional Funding for Discretionary Salary Adjustments for Permanent Non-Represented Employees. On a roll call vote, the motion carries. Alderman Wiswell voted against the motion.

A motion by Alderman Busse, seconded by Alderman Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 12-02-1834 Amending the 2012 Operating Budget to Acquire Equipment for Two Police Squad Cars, was carried.

Alderman Wood stated funds were not left in the budget to equip the two Police Squad cars.

A motion by Alderman Busse, seconded by Alderman Wood to approve Resolution 12-02-1834 Amending the 2012 Operating Budget to Acquire Equipment for Two Police Squad Cars. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Alderman Busse, seconded by Alderman Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 12-02-1835 Amending the 2012 Capital Budget and Transferring Surplus Funds to Acquire One Unmarked Police Vehicle, was carried.

Alderman Wood reported one un-marked Police vehicle was taken out of the Capital Budget. This uses health insurance savings funds to pay for this vehicle. The requested amount is lower than the original because Police Chief Ostrenga found a less expensive option.

A motion by Alderman Speight, seconded by Alderman Wood to approve Resolution 12-02-1835 Amending the 2012 Capital Budget and Transferring Surplus Funds to Acquire One Unmarked Police Vehicle. On a roll call vote, the motion carries. Alderman Wiswell voted against the motion.

A motion by Alderman Busse, seconded by Alderman Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 12-02-1839 Approving a Loan to the Community Development Authority (CDA) to Fund the Renew Monona Housing Renewal Loan Program. On a roll call vote, the motion carries. Aldermen Wiswell and Kugle voted against the motion.

Alderman Wood reported this item was tabled at the Finance & Personnel Committee until they could make sure TIF funds can be transferred outside TIF boundaries. City Administrator Marsh stated the CDA hasn't requested this yet, but approval will be sought at the CDA before Council approval. A signed agreement would be provided by either the CDA or the City.

A motion by Alderman Busse, seconded by Alderman Munson for approval was withdrawn.

A motion by Alderman Wiswell, seconded by Alderman Speight to refer Resolution 12-02-1839 Approving a Loan to the Community Development Authority (CDA) to Fund the Renew Monona Housing Renewal Loan Program to the CDA, was carried.

A motion by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Speight to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 12-02-1836 Award of Bid for 2012 Frost Woods Park Playground Equipment Replacement, was carried.

Recreation Director Anderson reported a CVMIC report showed safety violations. Multiple opportunities for public comment were offered. Neighborhood input was received for the design, and children's ideas were considered. The Park & Recreation Board chose the low bidder with wood chips for surfacing. An aerial photo of the park was displayed and described. Swings will be replaced and ground cover will be left as it was last year. The shed will be refurbished by Public Works staff.

A motion by Alderman Speight, seconded by Alderman Wood to approve Resolution 12-02-1836 Award of Bid for 2012 Frost Woods Park Playground Equipment Replacement, was carried.

A motion by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Busse to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 12-02-1837 Award of Bid for 2012 Pool Filter Replacement, was carried.

Recreation Director Anderson discussed new filters that will keep the swimming pool cleaner using fewer chemicals and taking up less space. Size is based on the number of gallons used. Area municipalities gave positive reviews of the equipment. Three bids were received for the same equipment with the lowest chosen, who is also a current vendor. The vendor is not currently in the area but soon will be.

A motion by Alderman Speight, seconded by Alderman Wood to approve Resolution 12-02-1837 Award of Bid for 2012 Pool Filter Replacement, was carried.

A motion by Alderman Munson, seconded by Alderman Speight to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 12-02-1838 Approving a Five-Year Contract with First Student for City Transit Services, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker reported the vendor seeks official approval before they purchase new buses. Of three bids received, the current vendor was the lowest, with 14 additional service hours per week, new buses, no fuel escalator, and has a termination clause. Alderman Munson reported on Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall there will be a public forum on how to use the additional service hours.

A motion by Alderman Munson, seconded by Alderman Speight to approve Resolution 12-02-1838 Approving a Five-Year Contract with First Student for City Transit Services. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Alderman Wood began discussion of Ordinance 2-12-636 Repealing Title 7, Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances Related to Mechanical or Electronic Amusement Devices. The License Review Committee decided that because no regulatory duties are performed by the City or the Police Department, these devices should not be licensed. There is a \$1,500 budget impact, and current licenses expire June 30, 2012. Alderman Busse amends the end of the "Now Therefore" section with, "..., effective July 1, 2012."

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no Miscellaneous Business.

#### REPORTS

Alderman Kugle and Wiswell remind residents they have withdrawn their candidacy.

City Clerk Andrusz requests Aldermen Kugle and Wiswell repeat the announcements of their non-candidacy for informational purposes to residents, as their names will remain on the April 3, 2012 ballot.

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City Administrator Marsh reported bids were awarded for Phase II of the Monona Drive project to the same firms as Phase I. Work will begin the first week of March and utilities are now being undergrounded. High School traffic will be coordinated and the gate on East Coldspring Avenue opened. Public hearings are scheduled in the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12 for Phase II and at on Thursday, March 22 for Phase III.

Mayor Miller reported an Energize Monona public presentation drew 125 children and families. The Monona Drive reconstruction project has received a fifth award: National Concrete Project of the Year.

APPOINTMENTS

City Clerk Andrusz reported the Appointment listed on the Agenda was withdrawn.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alderman Wiswell, seconded by Alderman Wood, to adjourn, was carried. (9:02 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz  
City Clerk