

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 16, 2012

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Council President Wood at 7:32 p.m.

Present: Council President Doug Wood, Aldermen Jim Busse, Jeffrey Wiswell, Dennis Kugle, Chad Speight and Scott Munson

Excused: Mayor Robert Miller

Also Present: City Administrator Patrick Marsh, City Attorney William Cole, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Project Coordinator Janine Glaeser, CDA Consultant Gary Becker, CDA Chairman Robb Kahl, Police Chief Walter Ostrenga, Recreation Director Jake Anderson, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

An amendment was required to the draft minutes in Alderman Munson's report as follows: "...new buses are on order." City Clerk Andrusz will make this correction.

A motion by Alderman Wiswell, seconded by Alderman Munson to approve the City Council minutes of March 29, 2012 as amended, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Council President Wood read a Proclamation Declaring April 27, 2012 as Arbor Day in the City of Monona.

Sandy Hilgers, 505 Panther Trail appeared before the Council and spoke for informational purposes regarding the need for a stop sign at Panther Trail and Bridge Road.

Paul Ament, 407 Sethne Court appeared before the Council and spoke in favor of minimum property standards and suggested revisions.

Steve Keup, 5726 Tecumseh Avenue appeared before the Council and spoke against the assessment formula for corner lots in the dredging project. Project Coordinator Glaeser explained the assessment formula and process. An incorrect preliminary notice was sent with correction made to the final notice.

City Administrator Marsh read an email from Representative Robin Schmidt regarding the request for public comment by the Yahara Lakes Advisory Group II regarding lake levels and improvements.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Consent Agenda.

Agenda items were taken out of order to accommodate those present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion by Alderman Wiswell, seconded by Alderman Kugle to approve Ordinance 3-12-638 Amending Section 15-1-81 of the Code of Ordinances Concerning Minimum Housing and Property Maintenance, was carried.

City Attorney Cole reported he preserved the work of the Public Safety Committee in his review of the property maintenance Ordinance, removing redundancies and Statute conflicts. Penalties for the entire chapter are in Section 15-1-30. Alderman Munson questioned the 72 hour parking limit. Alderman Busse suggested not rushing to approve when there are issues remaining. Alderman Wiswell reported the changes were explained and reviewed by City Attorney Cole at the Public Safety Commission, and urges approval tonight.

A motion by Alderman Wiswell, seconded by Alderman Munson to amend the vehicle parking period from “72 consecutive hours” to “a period of one week”, was carried.

A motion by Alderman Wiswell, seconded by Alderman Munson to add the words, “domestic partnership” after “marriage” in the definition of “Family”, was carried.

A motion by Alderman Kugle, seconded by Alderman Wiswell to remove the phrase, “all-terrain vehicles and dune buggies”, add a comma after “snowmobile” and the word “and” after “motor home” did not come to a vote. Alderman Busse stated there is too much detail work to do at the Council; this should be done by Committee. Small changes in one section affect another section. Alderman Speight agrees approval should wait until this document is complete.

A motion by Alderman Busse, seconded by Alderman Speight to refer Ordinance 3-12-638 Amending Section 15-1-81 of the Code of Ordinances Concerning Minimum Housing and Property Maintenance back to the Public Safety Committee, was carried. Alderman Wiswell voted against the motion.

Public Works Director Stephany provided background on the dredging contractor choice. Tonight’s vote is on the maximum scope of work, and change orders will follow for revisions.

A motion by Alderman Wiswell, seconded by Alderman Busse to approve Resolution 12-03-1854 Award of Contract for 2012 Dredging Project. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alderman Busse, seconded by Alderman Speight to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 12-04-1855 Approval of Contract with the Monona Grove School District for the Police School Liaison Officer (PSLO), was carried.

Police Chief Ostrenga reported this is the same contract as the last three years. There was a one-year test to gage the impact of including Cottage Grove schools, which has been positive and continuation is requested by school and police department administrations. This contract is for three years.

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Officer (PSLO). On a roll call vote, all members voted favor of the motion. Alderman Wiswell was absent for the vote.

A motion by Alderman Busse, seconded by Alderman Speight to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 12-04-1856 Purchase Approval of Public Works Pickup Truck, was carried.

City Administrator Marsh reported it was discovered after this item was on the Agenda that it is under the \$25,000 threshold for requiring Council approval, but Council review could commence. Public Works Director Stephany reported there will be no trade-in as the current vehicle will be used by other staff. Approval is needed tonight to obtain the best price.

A motion by Alderman Busse, seconded by Alderman Speight to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 12-04-1856 Purchase Approval of Public Works Pickup Truck. On a roll call vote, all members voted favor of the motion. Alderman Wiswell was absent for the vote.

Public Works Director Stephany provided information on Resolution 12-04-1857 Purchase Approval of Public Works Plow Truck Cab/Chassis. A \$6,000 credit will be received for the old truck.

A motion by Alderman Busse, seconded by Alderman Speight to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 12-04-1859 Authorizing Commencement of Planning for TID 7 (North Monona Drive), was carried. Alderman Wiswell voted against the motion.

Mr. Kahl and Mr. Becker reviewed a slide presentation and provided information. The CDA desires the authority to begin the planning for creation of this district to include the area from Nichols Road to Cold Spring Avenue. Interest in the properties has been expressed. 12% of equalized property values can be used for TIF Districts. Assessments come out August 15. The City has approximately \$3 million left, enough for a small project. Larger projects could be pursued in 2018, when a large TIF is closed. Alderman Busse stated this uses the opportunity to prepare for future development, but he is concerned about jeopardizing the City's bond rating.

A motion by Alderman Busse, seconded by Alderman Speight to approve Resolution 12-04-1859 Authorizing Commencement of Planning for TID 7 (North Monona Drive). On a roll call vote, the motion carried. Alderman Wiswell voted against the motion.

A motion by Alderman Speight, seconded by Alderman Kugle to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 12-04-1858 Approval of Bid for Ahuska Park Tennis Courts Resurfacing, was carried. Alderman Wiswell voted against the motion.

Recreation Director Anderson reported this is a Capital Budget project leftover from 2011. Extensive cracking and peeling will be repaired as well as painting. The chosen vendor was the low bidder and was also recommended by other municipalities.

A motion by Alderman Speight, seconded by Alderman Kugle to approve Resolution 12-04-1858 Approval of Bid for Ahuska Park Tennis Courts Resurfacing. On a roll call vote, the motion carried. Alderman Wiswell voted against the motion.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no Miscellaneous Business.

REPORTS

Aldermen Munson, Kugle, and Wiswell made statements on this, their last meeting as Aldermen, expressing appreciation to their families, Council and committee members, staff, and incoming Alders for their support, and for the opportunity to serve their community.

Members and staff express appreciation for the work and dedication of the outgoing Aldermen.

APPOINTMENTS

A motion by Alderman Speight, seconded by Alderman Busse to approve the following Appointments, was carried:

1. To the Board of Review:
 - a. Robert Larsen, Chair (May 2012–May 2013).
 - b. James Hoelzel (May 2012–May 2015).
 - c. Scott Warner (May 2012–May 2015).
 - d. Judy Lynn, First Alternate (May 2012–May 2013).
 - e. Kellie Unke, Second Alternate (May 2012–May 2013).
2. To the Community Development Authority:
 - a. Andrew Homburg (May 2012–May 2016).
 - b. Jason Scott (May 2012–May 2016).
3. To the Plan Commission:
 - a. Brian Grady (May 2012–May 2015).
 - b. Dennis Kugle (effective immediately–May 2015).
4. To the Landmarks Commission:
 - b. Ray Krizmanic, Chair (effective immediately–May 2015).
 - a. Mary Lou Burczyk (effective immediately–May 2015).
 - c. Jane Kuzma (effective immediately–May 2015).
5. To the Ad-Hoc Facilities Committee:
 - a. Dennis Kugle (effective immediately).
6. To the Sustainability Committee:
 - a. Scott Munson (May 2012–2015).
7. To the Library Board:
 - a. Scott Munson (effective immediately–July 2014).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alderman Wiswell, seconded by Alderman Munson, to adjourn, was carried. (9:09 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk