

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 7, 2012

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:34 p.m.

Present: Alderpersons Chad Speight, Brian Holmquist, Jim Busse, Kathryn Thomas, Doug Wood, and Mary O'Connor

Also Present: City Administrator Patrick Marsh, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Police Chief Walter Ostrenga, Dane County Supervisor Robin Schmidt, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Speight to approve the City Council minutes of April 16 and April 17, 2012, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Steve Klinke of Klinke's Cleaners, 4518 Monona Drive and Environmental Consultant Jeff Carnahan, 14069 Woodlark, Fishers, Indiana, appeared before the Council and provided information regarding the impact and clean-up of the underground PCE chemical migration issue at Monona Grove High School from Klinke's Cleaners.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Wood to approve the 2012 Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage Retailer's License Application for Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, President Father Bart D. Timmerman, 5101 Schofield Street, Monona, Wisconsin 53716, for the Period of May 28, 2012, was carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Works Director Stephany reported the cost of the plow truck cab/chassis after a \$6,000 trade-in is \$80,027.51.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve Resolution 12-04-1857 Purchase Approval of Public Works Plow Truck Cab/Chassis. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Busse to suspend the rules and take action on Ordinance 5-12-639 Amending Section 2-3-7 of the Code of Ordinances Concerning the Chief of Police, was carried.

Police Chief Ostrenga reported the Police Department does criminal record checks for licenses and employment applications. An audit of the criminal history system resulted in the Department of Justice now requiring an Ordinance to authorize the Police Chief to do this. The Ordinance wording was approved by the Public Safety Commission and the City Attorney.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve Ordinance 5-12-639 Amending Section 2-3-7 of the Code of Ordinances Concerning the Chief of Police, was carried.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 12-05-1860 Approval of Participation in a Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety Grant Titled: 2012 Smart Grant, was carried.

Police Chief Ostrenga reported the Department of Transportation offered a grant to reimburse \$8,000 in overtime expenses for this project. Main feeder streets would be the targeted areas. A \$2,000 cost sharing match is required and will be met using normal payroll and equipment expenses. The fiscal note has an error in estimated costs for the City, which should be \$2,000. The program starts next week.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood to approve Resolution 12-05-1860 Approval of Participation in a Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety Grant Titled: 2012 Smart Grant, was carried.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Thomas to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 12-05-1861 Purchase Approval of 2012 Plow Truck Equipment Package, was carried.

Public Works Director Stephany reported this Resolution is for equipment for the chassis that was approved tonight. \$20,500 has been saved from the budgeted cost for this equipment and chassis. City Administrator Marsh stated the fiscal note should show this cost decrease.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Thomas to approve Resolution 12-05-1861 Purchase Approval of 2012 Plow Truck Equipment Package. On a roll call vote, the motion carried.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Thomas to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 12-05-1862 Purchase Approval of Lawn Mowing Equipment, was carried.

Public Works Director Stephany reported this is a bid for lawn mowers, and the low bid after trade-in results in a savings of \$33,000. The fiscal note should show this decrease.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Thomas to approve Resolution 12-05-1862 Purchase Approval of Lawn Mowing Equipment, was carried.

The following was moved forward in the Agenda to accommodate those present.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor Miller reported the Agenda was revised to allow discussion concerning the reported vapor intrusion at Monona Grove High School, and to report that processes are in motion to address this health and safety issue. Testing shows vapors have crossed Monona Drive to the church residence, and the extent of the migration is being studied. Homeowners will be contacted to allow testing of residences, which will be ongoing even if testing now shows no problems. Residents can contact City Administrator

Marsh for information and to express any concerns. Public Works Director Stephany has studied water records, and they show a trace amount that is negligible and not a safety issue.

Klinke's Cleaners is doing all they can to rectify this problem. Monona Grove High School will be retaining their own engineer with oversight from the Department of Natural Resources. The Dane County Department of Health is involved. There will be no need to change activities.

Supervisor Schmidt reported she previously worked for the DNR and wrote a report on this chemical, and Mayor Miller's portrayal is accurate. The boundaries of the bloom must first be found, which may take six months, with protective actions taken along the way. Alderman Busse reported the dry cleaner's environmental fund, which is paid for as part of customer costs, has been applied, and the cost of this process will have no impact on citizens.

Mayor Miller and members thank staff and Klinke's for their swift, professional response with a focus on the protection of citizens. City Administrator Marsh reported state agencies are moving through the incremental process required to deal with the issue. Information will be posted on the City's website. Testing will be on-going to gauge any possible effect on Monona Drive reconstruction.

Mr. Carnahan reported other areas of the school were also tested. The ventilation system blends the air. The only data so far shows issues on the side closest to Klinke's in the auditorium. Cracks have been sealed and other immediate safety measures have been taken.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Wood to Convene in Closed Session under Wisconsin Statute section 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (Litigation Status Report, Attorney Cole) and section 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (Update on Potential Developments). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

After reconvening in Open Session:

REPORTS

Alder O'Connor reported the new bus schedule has been delayed and is expected to begin June 1st.

Alder Speight invites residents to become involved by filling the open positions on the City's committees, commissions, and boards.

City Administrator Marsh reports recreation programs are starting up. Monona Drive work may be slightly behind schedule due to design issues.

Mayor Miller thanks Alder Wood for his service as Acting Mayor in his term as Council President, and congratulates Alder Busse on his election as Council President. Mayor Miller recently attended the Grand Opening of the \$5 million expansion of the Aldo Leopold Nature Center, a wonderful facility and resource of environmental information. Mayor Miller also reported on his enjoyment of his role at the Distinguished Service Awards, ribbon cuttings, the East Side Club's 100 year celebration, and other City events.

APPOINTMENTS

A motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder Speight to approve the following Appointments, was carried:

1. To the Committee on Family Attraction, Retention, and City Promotion:
 - a. April Carlisle, Monona Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee Member (May 2012–May 2013).
 - b. Susan Manning (May 2012–May 2015).

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Speight to approve the following Appointments, was carried:

2. To the Public Works Committee:
 - a. Bruce McConnell (May 2012–May 2014).
 - b. Steve Franklin (May 2012–May 2014).
 - c. William Podell (May 2012–May 2014).

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

3. To the Library Board:
 - a. Scott Munson (effective immediately until July 2014).

ADJOURNMENT

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

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk