

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 19, 2012

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:35 p.m.

Present: Mayor Robert Miller, Alderpersons Doug Wood, Mary O'Connor, Brian Holmquist, and Jim Busse. Alderperson Chad Speight arrived during the Public Hearing.

Excused: Alderperson Kathryn Thomas

Also Present: City Administrator Patrick Marsh, Project Coordinator Janine Glaeser, Police Chief Walter Ostrenga, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, Recreation Director Jake Anderson, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder Busse to approve the City Council minutes of November 5, 2012, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Mayor Miller announced the scheduled Appearance will be on the next Agenda.

Cathy Karr, 4713 Tonyawatha Trail appeared before the Council and spoke against the Fireman's Park Shelter and sports field.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Miller called the Public Hearing To Receive Public Input Regarding the 2013 Proposed Operating Budget open.

The following individuals appeared before the Council and spoke regarding Operating Budget items:

- Eric Redding, 702 West Dean Avenue, Cable Department budget
- Sonya Lindquist, 4142 Monona Drive, Senior Center Department budget

Mayor Miller called the Public Hearing closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Miller requested the Closed Session be moved to the end of the Agenda to accommodate those present.

Mayor Miller discussed Ordinance 11-12-640 Reconstituting the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee to that of a Standing Committee. Alder Busse reported the Committee provided expertise and advice but there lacks follow-through. Project Coordinator Glaeser distributed a summary sheet of Committee processes in other municipalities and guidelines for Monona. The Committee will be chaired by an Alder and the Council would give final approval. Alder Wood expressed concern about the additional meetings required of staff and Alders, and suggests change of the word "direction" to "expertise" in Section 2-4-26(c)(1).

Police Chief Ostrenga reported on the need for a formalized agreement for the continued use of the City of Madison's Training Center on Femrite Drive. The facility is under construction and will provide training opportunities beyond an indoor shooting range, and is very close to Monona. The Department will still utilize the Dane County range, which provides longer range firing and use of cover training.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 11-12-1894 Approving a Facility Agreement with the City of Madison for Use of the City of Madison Police Department Training Center, was carried.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to approve Resolution 11-12-1894 Approving a Facility Agreement with the City of Madison for Use of the City of Madison Police Department Training Center, was carried.

Discussion began regarding Resolution 12-11-1893 Adopting the 2013 Operating Budget and Establishing a Tax Levy. Finance Director Houtakker provided a slide presentation of a budget summary with changes outlined. The tax rate would increase 6.08% which would result in \$1.12 increase for an average home of \$239,000 and \$565.66 for a commercial property. This is because commercial values have increased while residential values have decreased. Two corrected amendments were distributed.

Amendments were presented as follows:

13-01: Finance Director Houtakker reported new, higher, corrected rates for Public Safety Wisconsin Retirement were just received from the State. Mayor Miller requests this be reviewed for correctness as it's rare to have an error in this fund.

13-02: Alder Holmquist reported Postage is always underfunded and needed correction. Finance Director Houtakker reported there are rate increases and many mailings, and while all departments have a line item for postage, the costs come mainly through the Clerk's budget.

13-03: City Administrator Marsh reported Planning Services used to be done by the contracted Building Inspectors but is now done in-house so this fund can be reduced.

13-04: City Administrator Marsh reported Dispatch Longevity Pay will be removed when the Dispatcher contract expires on January 1 and the position will fall under the terms of the Personnel Policy.

13-05: Finance Director Houtakker reported Dispatch Leave Wages, which includes vacation and sick leave, have been underfunded in the past and needs to be increased as history has shown.

13-06: Police Chief Ostrenga reported General Communication and Dane County CAD fees had been over-estimated for the Dispatch Service Contract and are now finalized.

13-07: Alder Holmquist reported Lake Weed Spraying was paid for in 2012 but was not done. It will be done for no charge in 2013. Finance Director Houtakker will make a note to put this item back into the 2014 budget.

13-08: Alder Holmquist reported Portable Restrooms have been historically underfunded and one will be added for ice skating on the Lagoon.

13-09: Mayor Miller reported Tree Removals and Gypsy Moth Spraying will be combined into one fund – Tree Removal & Maintenance – with no budget effect.

13-10: Recreation Director Anderson reported the Fall Festival was subsidized by the City in the Planning Department and is now organized by the Recreation Department. The requested additional funds will be for this event only, but the budget also includes other, smaller Recreation Department events, which are first funded by donations.

13-11: Alder Speight and Recreation Director Anderson reported this reflects what is projected for Park Field Rental revenues and Park Field Maintenance expenses.

13-12: Alder Speight supports an increase in Contracted Senior Service as it serves the goals of allowing senior citizens to remain independent and in their homes.

13-13: Alder Holmquist supports an increase in mileage reimbursement for retired senior volunteer drivers used for scheduled rides.

13-14: Alder Busse reported an increased amount of Cell Tower Rental revenue was received.

13-15: City Administrator Marsh reported funds should be moved from Street Overtime to Public Works Fuel to more accurately reflect the Department's needs.

13-16: Alder O'Connor reported the Mass Transit Commission strives to improve service and gain additional riders. A mailing and new signs are in process and this effort should continue using increased Advertising funds. Finance Director Houtakker explained State aids and that the City's share is 40%.

13-17: Alder Busse and Finance Director Houtakker reported a Fund Balance was created because special assessments are being paid in full in advance of the time projected, so current tax payers should benefit.

13-18: Alder O'Connor reported Sustainability Initiatives is a new line item in the Executive Office budget specifically to hire a consultant to draft a sustainability plan. Project Coordinator Glaeser reported the Committee has a long list of goals that require prioritization, which is a Green Tier Initiative Agreement requirement. Area municipality's use and costs for this planning were reviewed. Mayor Miller invites the public to Monona's hosting of the Green Tier group on December 10 at 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Miller stated the budget and tax bill amounts will be finalized at the next meeting and thanks staff and members for all their hard work in this process.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Busse to Convene in Closed Session under Wisconsin Statute 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 (Police Contract). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

City Administrator Marsh outlined the tentative agreement with the WPPA bargaining unit, which parallels that of the Fire Department and would begin January 1. Increases for each of the three years would be 2% on January 1 and July 1 for total increases of just over 12%. In exchange WRS contributions would be 2% in 2013, 4% in 2014 and the entire employee share in excess of 3% in 2015 for total contributions of just over 7%. The cost to the City is 2% each year. Vacation time was changed to be more comparable to other groups. "Work weeks" was changed to "work days" to be more equitable for all staff. Longevity pay was changed to 20 years or more of service with a \$500 maximum.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 12-11-1895 Approving the Terms of Contract with Wisconsin Professional Police Association/Law Enforcement Employee Relations Division, was carried.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Wood to approve Resolution 12-11-1895 Approving the Terms of Contract with Wisconsin Professional Police Association/Law Enforcement Employee Relations Division. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Miller thanks City Administrator Marsh and staff for their work on this agreement.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no Miscellaneous Business.

REPORTS

Alder Wood urges everyone to try out the Library's new self-check-out system.

City Clerk Andrusz thanks the Election Inspectors for their hard, successful work on the Presidential Election with its record turnout of over 89%. Mayor Miller will look into "I Voted" stickers due to citizen demand.

City Administrator Marsh reported the Plan Commission meets next Monday and approved the Fairway Glen project at its last meeting. Next Tuesday's CDA meeting will likely be cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

Mayor Miller reports Phase II of the Heritage Monona complex is occupied and has a waiting list. Brett Percy was called from the media technology room to the podium, where Mayor Miller commended him for his great job and hard work for the City, at school, and as the star quarterback for Monona Grove High School.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Miller asks the following be tabled due to Alder Thomas's absence.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to table the following Appointment until the next meeting, was carried:

1. Barbara Posekany to the Plan Commission, effective immediately–May 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Wood, to adjourn, was carried. (9:17 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk