

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 4, 2013

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:31 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Patrick Marsh, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Fire Chief Scott Sullivan, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve the City Council minutes of January 22, 2013, was carried.

APPEARANCES

There were no Appearances.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to approve the 2013 Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class B" Wine Retailer's License Application For The Aldo Leopold Nature Center, President Kathe C. Conn, 12003 West County M, Evansville, Wisconsin 53536, For The Period Of February 15, 2013, was carried.

Mayor Miller reported this event was rescheduled from December 20, 2012, which was cancelled due to the snowstorm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Works Director Stephany reported part of the \$90,000 Capital Budget balance will be used to screen the seven emergency generator locations, and plans will be reviewed at the Public Works Committee this Wednesday. Alder Wood confirmed there are no specific plans yet, but the projects will come back the Council for review.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Speight to approve Resolution 13-01-1899 Amending the 2013 Capital Budget to Use Unspent 2012 Emergency Generator Capital Budget Project Funds to Screen the Utility Emergency Generators at All Locations. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Busse to remove from the table Consideration of Resolution 13-01-1900 Authorization for Administrator Purchase Approval of Used Boom Truck, was carried.

Public Works Director Stephany reported he is seeking approval authority for the City Administrator for this purchase so the Department can act quickly and not lose out on a used vehicle. They will target Illinois and Iowa for the search. City Administrator Marsh reported after consulting with the City Attorney that the Statute bid requirement only pertains to construction projects. This purchase will not exceed \$72,000.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Busse to approve Resolution 13-01-1900 Authorization for Administrator Purchase Approval of Used Boom Truck. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Alder Thomas reported Ordinance 1-13-641 Amending Section 13-1-42 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Allowable Noise Levels is in response to a noise complaint regarding a local business which has a decibel level of 55. The current Ordinance limit of 40 decibels is about the level of Monona Drive traffic, is far under that of area municipalities, and is nearly impossible to achieve. Alder Busse reported 55 decibels is normal conversation and most community's limit is 70 to 75, some with different rates for daytime and nighttime. City Administrator Marsh reported the Public Safety Commission's recommended 24-hour level of 70 would be exceeded on special occasions like football games, Memorial Day Parade, Community Festival, as well as individual Amplified Device Permits, which also carry a time limit. Alder Thomas reported all parties were satisfied with this change.

Fire Chief Sullivan reported Ordinance 1-13-642 Amending Title 15, Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Mandatory Emergency Entry Lockbox Systems involves installation of an easily seen exterior box that holds keys for both exterior and interior building entrances, thereby avoiding damage created by forced entry. Single family dwellings, duplexes, and townhouses would be excluded from this requirement. The Fire Department would have the only master key which would be securely stored and only released for emergencies. Extreme emergencies may still require break-ins. About 50% of Dane County communities require this equipment and most use the Knox Company's product.

The Fire Department currently has many business keys, some of which may be outdated. This new requirement will pertain to new or renovated buildings only, and will cost between \$215 and \$345, which is less than door replacement. Purchases are made online by the business and arrive coded to the City's key only. The product is designed to be difficult to remove or open by unauthorized persons. There are already approximately 150 Knox lockboxes throughout the City. Lockbox size and placement were discussed. The City Attorney has reviewed the Ordinance which is based on Fire Association information from other municipalities. Alder Thomas reported the Public Safety Commission agrees this is in the best interest of the public.

City Administrator Marsh provided information on Resolution 13-1-1902 Approval of Revised Electric Distribution Facilities Relocation Agreement for Phase 3 of the Monona Drive Reconstruction Project. MG&E Community Liaison Martin Jacobi reported a portion of the project, utility undergrounding at Dean Avenue, was erroneously omitted from the project cost. This resulted in a cost increase of approximately \$200,000, the City's portion of which is 54%, or \$107,000. The City of Madison has already approved their share of this increase. This was tabled at the Finance & Personnel Committee to

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allow Mr. Jacobi to provide further explanation of this 20% increase at this Friday's Ad Hoc Monona Drive Committee meeting at 7:00 a.m. in the Library.

Mayor Miller reported it is now assumed the savings previously achieved in Phase III will be used up, but further savings may be found. Alder Busse calculated the worst case scenario is \$52,000 left in project savings. City Administrator Marsh reported borrowing won't be done until April when all costs are known, and there may be Capital Budget amendments. The City is paying the difference in cost between undergrounding and just moving poles and lines. Alder Wood confirmed the City has no ownership or maintenance requirement. The conduit and maintenance are MG&E's responsibility.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no Miscellaneous Business.

REPORTS

Fire Chief Sullivan reported Assistant Chief Daniel Eklof submitted the feasibility study to the State today which is the first step in the process to becoming a paramedic department. Fire Fighter/EMS Mike Jawson has retired and will be replaced by Steve Roembke beginning on February 11.

City Clerk Andrusz reported the February 19 Spring Primary ballot has one office, Supreme Court Judge.

City Administrator Marsh reported Receptionist Liz Nicholson has retired. Interviews were held last week and lifelong Monona resident Alene Hamel will begin on February 18. Several years ago Ms. Hamel worked on the Public Works summer mowing crew.

Mayor Miller thanks the Public Works Department for the great snowplowing job they continue to do. He sat in on the Receptionist/Information Clerk interviews and reported that the process and candidates were excellent. All are invited to attend the Monona Drive Ad Hoc Committee meeting at 7:00 a.m. this Friday at the Library. The Fairway Glen groundbreaking will be this Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight, to adjourn, was carried. (8:22 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk