

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 18, 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 Chad Speight, Mary O'Connor, Brian Holmquist, Kathryn Thomas, Jim Busse, and Doug Wood

Also Present: City Administrator Patrick Marsh and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood to approve the City Council minutes of February 4, 2013, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Dane County Supervisor Robin Schmidt provided an Update on County Issues, including energy conservation initiatives, homeless services, the Medical Examiner, lake weed cutting, a Sugar River land purchase, a year-round Clean Sweep site, and revitalization of the Alliant Energy Center area.

Mayor Miller introduced Receptionist/Information Clerk Alene Hamel, who provided background information.

Douglas DeRosa, 4504 Gordon Avenue appeared before the Council and spoke against the Allowable Noise Levels Ordinance.

The following individuals registered in favor of funding Monona Moola:

- Ryan Eley, 5636 Montadale Street, Fitchburg
- John Hecht, 5797 Dawley Drive, Fitchburg
- Kim Schutte-meier, 2001 Meadow Drive, Stoughton
- Kelly Slack, 4803 Schofield Street
- Kellie Unke, 6004 Winnequah Road
- John Anderson, 616 Clear Spring Court

The following individuals appeared before the Council and spoke in favor of funding Monona Moola:

- Gerry Fregien, 4205 Monona Drive
- John Klinzing, 4711 Midmoor Road
- Terri Groves, 6215 Winnequah Road

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve Ordinance 1-13-641 Amending Section 13-1-42 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Allowable Noise Levels for discussion purposes, was carried.

Alder Thomas is willing to take this Ordinance back to the Public Safety Commission, whose next meeting is in March, if the Council wills it. A separation of commercial and residential limits may be considered, but it's unsure how to regulate commercial noise that enters a residential area. Alder Wood stated excellent points were made by the resident who appeared. In checking the Internet, it is clear that a decibel level of 40 is too low and 70 is too high and a variation between daytime and nighttime levels is a good option.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Busse to table Ordinance 1-13-641 Amending Section 13-1-42 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Allowable Noise Levels to refer it back to the Public Safety Commission, was carried.

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

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Busse to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 13-02-1903 Funding the Marketing Campaign (Monona Moola) for Monona Drive Phase III, was carried.

Mayor Miller reported this is a very successful program that businesses contributed to and used. The marketing budget from TIF 7 will fund the program so there is no effect on the Operating Budget.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Busse to approve Resolution 13-02-1903 Funding the Marketing Campaign (Monona Moola) for Monona Drive Phase III, was carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve Ordinance 1-13-642 Amending Title 15, Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Mandatory Emergency Entry Lockbox Systems, was carried.

City Administrator Marsh reported 2013 Capital Budget funds will be used to install this system on City facilities.

City Administrator Marsh reported an unexpected cost increase from the original estimate by MG&E for Monona Drive utility undergrounding increased Monona's 60% cost share by \$106,692. MG&E readily admits the error. The City of Madison approved their portion of the increase at the staff level, but Council approval is preferred for this type of increase. The work is 90% complete and will be done as agreed upon. The estimate was solid and was made in good faith. Alder Thomas stated this was human error, and this work would have been paid for had it been in the original estimate.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Busse to approve Resolution 13-01-1902 Approval of Revised Electric Distribution Facilities Relocation Agreement for Phase 3 of the Monona Drive Reconstruction Project. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Busse to Convene in Closed Session under Wisconsin Statute section 19.85(1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations (City Employee). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Speight to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 13-02-1904 Accepting the Resignation of Bruce Rogers and Approving a Retirement Agreement, was carried.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Speight to approve Resolution 13-02-1904 Accepting the Resignation of Bruce Rogers and Approving a Retirement Agreement, was carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no Miscellaneous Business.

REPORTS

Alder Wood reported the Library Board meets tomorrow and provides breakfast for staff on Thursday.

City Clerk Andrusz reported tomorrow's Spring Primary ballot has one office, Supreme Court Justice.

City Administrator Marsh reported the Facilities Committee meets on Wednesday regarding projects and the facilities study. There is a Monona Drive public information meeting on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

Mayor Miller thanks City Administrator Marsh for the increase in staff reports provided in the Council packet and the Public Works crew for their difficult work in poor conditions on a water main break repair. Mayor Miller asks for Mayoral Award suggestions from the community and Council members.

APPOINTMENTS

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

1. John Klinzing, Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee Member to the Committee on Family Attraction, Retention and City Promotion.
2. Jeff Simmons to the Police and Fire Commission (effective immediately–Feb. 2018).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight, to adjourn, was carried. (8:53 p.m.)

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Joan Andrusz  
City Clerk