

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 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 Doug Wood, Chad Speight, Mary O'Connor, Brian Holmquist, and Jim Busse

Excused: Alder Kathryn Thomas

Also Present: City Administrator Patrick Marsh, Recreation Director Jake Anderson, Project Coordinator Janine Glaeser, Construction Manager Paul Reed, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, MMSD Project Engineer Todd Gebert, Police Chief Walter Ostrenga, Police Sergeant Ryan Losby and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve the City Council minutes of February 18, 2013, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Mayor Miller presented a Proclamation Recognizing the Monona Grove Boys Swim and Dive Team on Their 2013 WIAA Division 2 State Championship to the team members, followed by remarks from the team Captains.

Gordy Ottaviano, 4701 Monona Drive, appeared before the Council and spoke against raising Secondhand Article/Jewelry dealer annual license fees to \$300.

Dave Zwiefel, 5714 Tecumseh Avenue, appeared before the Council and spoke in favor of naming Ahuska Park baseball field Murphy Anthony Field.

Dan Coyne, 6306 Southern Circle, appeared before the Council and spoke congratulating the Swim Team and in favor of the Fireman's Park improvements.

Kathy Carew, 4905 Rothman Place, appeared before the Council and spoke in favor of the Fireman's Park improvements.

Pat Howell, 4324 Winnequah Road, registered in favor of the Fireman's Park improvements.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Recreation Director Anderson provided information on Resolution 13-03-1908 Approval of Request to Rename Ahuska Park Baseball Field "Murphy Anthony Field". The facility naming policy was followed and all public input was positive. These two volunteers, Jerry Murphy and Mike Anthony, perform many services including diamond grooming. The Monona Businessmen's Association will donate funds toward signage. Work will be done on an ADA compliant pathway. Alder Wood stated he supports this but facility naming is a permanent action and time should be taken to consider carefully. A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder O'Connor to suspend the rules and take action on this Resolution did not carry.

Project Coordinator Glaeser reviewed a Power Point presentation outlining work on Resolution 13-03-1907 Approving Bids for Storm Water Improvements and Construction of Shelter and Parking Lot at Firemen's Park. Plans must be ADA compliant and long lasting. Poor soil, a low water table, and an additional fire hydrant affected costs and bids came in higher than expected. \$24,000 was found for potential savings and substitutions along with a possible stormwater grant that won't be final until May.

Recreation Director Anderson distributed the landscaping plan approved by the Plan Commission. That work will be done largely by volunteers and fund raisers. Tree replacement will be phased in over several years and funds will be requested in the 2014 Capital Budget. A \$40,000 contingency was built into soil boring and testing but the depth will be unknown until excavation begins. This shelter has the second highest usage in the City and the objective to improve the appearance of City facilities is being followed. The Resolution will be revised to include company names for the next Council meeting.

Alder Busse reviewed the Facility Committee's draft minutes outlining their concerns after a short time period for plan review. Recreation Director Anderson addressed some of these concerns, including the lack of a market in the area for redwood timbers, which will still be salvaged for other City use.

Construction Manager Reed stated stormwater and street work was rolled into this project so they work with the shelter and to keep the costs down. Public Works Director Stephany reported civil work is at the staff level and these plans and specifications wouldn't be reviewed by the Public Works Committee. Mayor Miller reported Financial Consultant Jeff Belongia recommended borrowing an extra \$100,000 for this project. Finance Director Houtakker explained the effect of the \$81,000 project overage and \$19,000 in contingency funds on borrowing, and recommended doing this now while rates are low, 1% to 2%. If the funds are not needed, they can be saved to reduce the 2014 budget.

Members and Mayor Miller commended staff, and especially Project Coordinator Glaeser, for their thorough work on this project.

City Administrator Marsh reported Resolution 13-03-1909 Approval of Proposed Construction of Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District Pumping Station No. 18 at 1100 East Broadway, for Compliance with the East Broadway Redevelopment Area #6 Project Plan was anticipated. Because this falls within a redevelopment district, Plan Commission, CDA, and Council approval is needed.

Project Engineer Gebert displayed a map and explained the project. Additional capacity was needed, along with reserve capacity for future growth as well as safety. Reliability is addressed with an

emergency generator. Redundancy is created by connecting stations #7 and #18 together as back-ups for each other. There will be no staff on site, and low noise impact. Monthly maintenance will be performed between 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. while Beltline noise is high. An odor control system will be installed. The building's appearance will be attractive and includes a green roof.

Alder Busse stated these plans address concerns raised by the CDA. Mayor Miller is confident MMSD will work well to satisfy the City's preferences. City Administrator Marsh reported this will be reviewed by the Plan Commission in three weeks, and at the next Council meeting. Council approval for location of the building can be granted before Plan Commission approval.

Mayor Miller reported the fee stated in Ordinance 3-13-643 Amending Section 7-7-8 of the Code of Ordinances Pertaining to the Reporting Requirements of Pawnbrokers and Second Hand Dealers was reduced to \$100 by the Finance & Personnel Committee. Police Chief Ostrenga reported that currently businesses fill out paper reports which are periodically collected by Monona officers and delivered to Madison staff for data entry. Madison is not doing this data entry anymore and most area municipalities are using an electronic system. The "Leads On Line" system under consideration requires businesses to do this data entry. The Public Safety Commission recommended the fee increase to \$300 to help cover some of the \$1,758 per year fee and did not include consignment shops. The annual fee is based upon population, size of police force, and number of transactions. Area municipal fees were reviewed. This program would include Best Buy and Radio Shack, any business that takes in merchandise for exchange.

Sergeant Losby reported on successful cases during a trial period. Individual's purchases can be tracked all over the County saving calls to individual places. This program ties into the State's heroin problem which has increased property crimes. The fee structure may be reviewed to spread out the cost.

Police Chief Ostrenga reported the department's budget will cover the whole cost. Internet access is required, which businesses already have. There is no cost to the business; training and cameras are provided. Alder Speight agrees this is a useful tool but is concerned that if the City's fees are too low Monona will become a magnet for buy and sell shops. Alder Holmquist wants the City's fee to be in line with other municipalities. Alder Wood stated this only changes the required method of reporting from paper to electronic. Other license fees were discussed. Alder Wood recommended this fee be reviewed by the Public Safety Commission and the License Review Committee and should be \$100, not \$300.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Ordinance 3-13-644 Correcting References Within the Code of Ordinances to the Fee Schedule, was carried.

City Administrator Marsh reported Council approval is a formality required to make clerical corrections to the Ordinances.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Wood to approve Ordinance 3-13-644 Correcting References Within the Code of Ordinances to the Fee Schedule, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker provided information on the following two Resolutions relating to borrowing and distributed corrected copies. Financial Consultant Jeff Belongia could not be present. The intent is to approve bond staff to start negotiations. It's not recommended to wait for Fireman's Park figures because interest rates are at an all-time low: 1% to 2%. In addition, Easter time reduces the number of buyers and major projects are scheduled to begin in mid-April and may create cash flow issues. Fiscal notes were reviewed and the need for borrowing explained. Borrowing will be at the high end of the estimates

because final costs won't be known. Alder Wood expressed confidence in Mr. Belongia's expertise and urges approval tonight.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 13-03-1910 Providing for the Sale of \$4,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, was carried.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Busse to approve Resolution 13-03-1910 Providing for the Sale of \$4,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 13-03-1911 Providing for the Sale of \$1,435,000 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, was carried.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Busse to approve Resolution 13-03-1911 Providing for the Sale of \$1,435,000 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no Miscellaneous Business.

REPORTS

City Administrator Marsh reported City park parking lots will be cleared for resident parking during tomorrow's expected snow emergency.

Mayor Miller warned residents to be prepared for tomorrow's expected snow emergency and not to park on the streets to avoid the need for vehicle towing. Monona Drive Phase III construction has commenced.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Holmquist, to adjourn, was carried. (9:10 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk