

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
July 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:37 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Patrick Marsh, City Attorney William Cole, Project Coordinator Janine Glaeser, Kurt Reinhold and James Yockey from Solar Connections, LLC, Police Chief Walter Ostrenga and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder Speight to approve the Minutes from June 17, 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 Busse to approve the 2013 Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage Retailer's License Application For National MS Society – Wisconsin Chapter, President Colleen G. Kalt, 1120 James Drive, Suite A, Hartland, Wisconsin 53029, for the Period of August 3–4, 2013, was carried.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to approve the 2013/2014 "Class A" Liquor License Application For Forward Wine LLC, Owned by Jeffers Egan, d/b/a Forward Wine LLC, 6320 Monona Drive, Suite #307, Monona, Wisconsin, 53716, Owner Jeffers Egan, 621 Hintze Road, Madison, Wisconsin, 53704, was carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder O'Connor 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 (Solar Energy Agreement). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

Mayor Miller requested a resident who arrived late for the meeting due to misunderstanding the location be allowed to address the Council. Members agreed.

APPEARANCES

Evan Harrison, 209 Shato Lane appeared before the Council and spoke regarding his high water bill caused by an unexpected faucet malfunction. Mr. Harrison was advised no action could be taken tonight, but he should present his complaint in writing to the Public Works Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Project Coordinator Glaeser provided a presentation reviewing Resolution 13-07-1925 Approving a Solar Energy Partnership Agreement with Falcon Energy Services, LLC. Of the ten sites originally considered, four were chosen: City Hall, Library, Public Works Garage, and Well #3. The roofs were reviewed for solar panel acceptance and 30% of the power for each building will be generated. The 156 kWh project will be part of the 25 by 25 energy program goals and the City will have no up-front costs. The roof space will be leased for six years to allow Falcon Energy Services, LLC to receive federal energy credits. After six years the City can choose to purchase the panels at a reduced price. There is an interconnect into the MG&E grid. Current costs are 11 to 18 cents per kWh based upon the time of day. The energy cost from the panels is 9 cents per kWh. Renewal Energy Credits (RECs) were discussed, which are the purchase value of the energy generated. Because the Library is a separate entity an MOU is required and will be discussed tomorrow night by the Library Board.

Alder Wood reported the City would have to pay for removal and re-installation of the panels if any roof repairs are needed during the six years. Project Coordinator Glaeser stated the roofs were reviewed and appear in good shape for the next ten years. Alder Wood expressed concern that bids for installation and materials were not received and would like to review at least one other vendor. Mr. Reinhold distributed and explained a report comparing three additional vendor's costs for the Library alone. City Attorney Cole requested underlying documents explaining these figures be provided to the Council.

City Attorney Cole stated contract language states the City is required to pay the greater of 50% of installation cost or the fair market value current at the end of the six year lease period. Language was added that notwithstanding this requirement, the City would enter into negotiations for pricing.

Mr. Reinhold stated this is the largest solar project by one government entity in the state. There are time constraints for pricing, and he requests a contingency be built into the Resolution to cover outstanding issues. Mr. Yockey stated they are excited to get this project underway but there are competing projects. Mayor Miller and members agree the usual second reading is needed to allow time for the Library MOU to be finalized and competitive bids to be provided. August 5<sup>th</sup> is the next scheduled meeting, but a special meeting may be allowed.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Holmquist to suspend the rules and take action on Ordinance 7-13-647 Concerning Chronic Nuisance Properties, was carried.

Police Chief Ostrenga reported the current Ordinance has not had to be fully applied until recent issues arose that required the lessee or occupant to be responsible for improvement. Tellurian is an example; they are the City's tenant. The Department has worked successfully with owners for enforcement, but this allows the option to pursue either party. City Attorney Cole stated the initial target would be the person causing the problem.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve Ordinance 7-13-647 Concerning Chronic Nuisance Properties, was carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no Miscellaneous Business.

## REPORTS

Police Chief Ostrenga reported this morning a substantial possession of child pornography arrest was made stemming from the May 30 drug arrest. The Department will participate for the second time in the 30<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out on August 6 at Fireman's Park. The event encourages residents to go out in the evening, turn their lights on, and will showcase Police officers and equipment.

Mayor Miller reported the bullying Ordinance is still generating media attention and he commends the Police Department for their community outreach in events like the one above and through social media.

Alder Thomas thanks the Festival Committee for a wonderful Fourth of July event. Founders Day is September 1 and a time capsule will be installed, a plaque dedicated at the Monona Motors site, Monona "Cars of Distinction" will be on display, and an event will be held at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center.

Alder Holmquist reported the website [monona75th.com](http://monona75th.com) has information on the geocaching events that explore City parks and City history.

Mayor Miller reported sets of four 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary photographic coasters for \$20 are available at City Hall, as well as \$8 tee shirts and \$38 golf shirts.

Alder O'Connor reported the Sustainability Committee will host a Squaw Bay paddle expedition event on Thursday July 25, with registration required by July 22.

Alder Wood reported the License Review Committee will finalize its review of the Beer Garden Ordinance. A Peace Pole event is tomorrow outside the Library beginning at 6:30.

City Administrator Marsh reported staff members are working on 1-year borrowing and 5-year Capital Budget planning which will be reviewed in August.

Mayor Miller provided further information on tomorrow's Peace Pole event at the Library's side entrance. Girl Scout Troop 603 donated funds for this in 2008 by selling origami peace cranes. There will be a drum circle, cake, and music by Ken Lonnquist, and the event ends at 8:15 p.m.

## APPOINTMENTS

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

1. Jennifer Kahl to the Committee on Family Attraction, Retention, and City Promotion (effective until May, 2016).
2. Kellie Unke to the Committee on Family Attraction, Retention, and City Promotion (effective until May, 2016).
3. Sara Whalen to the Senior Citizens' Commission (effective until May, 2015).
4. Glen Hermanson to the Zoning Board of Appeals (effective until July, 2016).

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Wood to adjourn, was carried. (9:05 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz  
City Clerk