

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 7, 2013

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:07 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Attorney William Cole, Project Coordinator Janine Glaeser, Recreation Director Jake Anderson, City Planner Sonja Reichertz, East Side Business Men's Association (ESBMA) member Steve Halverson, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Police Lieutenant Sara Deuman, JJ Antonetti and Jeron Abegglen from Lantech Services, Library Director Erick Plumb, Police Chief Walter Ostrenga, Cable Coordinator Andrew Hagen, Police Officer Curtis Wiegel, Fire Chief Scott Sullivan, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

Present via telephone: City Administrator Patrick Marsh

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve the Minutes from September 16, 2013, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Staff members wearing pink attire joined Mayor Miller as he read a Proclamation Recognizing October 7, 2013 as "Pink Day" in the City of Monona in Recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Busse to take Agenda Item G.2.d. out of order to accommodate those present, was carried.

Mayor Miller and Alder Busse recused themselves from voting on the following Resolution due to their membership in the ESBMA and to allow Mayor Miller to comment as a citizen. Mayor Miller passed the gavel to Council President Wood.

The following individuals appeared before the Council and spoke in favor of the ESBMA's Name Placement on the Ahuska Park Scoreboard:

- Steve Franklin, 5609 Thunderbird Lane
- John Anderson, 616 Clear Spring Court (also submitted a signed petition)
- Steve Halverson, 205 Femrite Drive
- Greg Anderson, 5107 Arrowhead Drive
- Bob Miller, 5907 Winnequah Road (provided a slide presentation of comparable signage)
- Jim Busse, 5012 Maywood Road

The following individuals registered in favor of the ESBMA's Name Placement on the Ahuska Park Scoreboard:

- Michael Veserat, 6305 Southern Circle
- Michael Kane, 4915 Tonyawatha Trail
- Dennis Kugle, 705 West Dean Avenue
- Bob Van Etten, 4408 Wallace Avenue
- Norb Rebholz, 6422 Inner Drive
- Julie Anderson, 616 Clear Spring Court
- Richard Lichtfeld, 4109 Monona Drive

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder O'Connor to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 13-10-1938 Approval of Name Placement on Ahuska Park Scoreboard, was carried.

Alder O'Connor reported the Parks & Recreation Board should have reviewed this further. A plaque was suggested, but the sign is larger. All members appreciate the ESBMA donation. The word "Men's" was not a concern. The naming policy should be reviewed for signs, benches, etc. Alder Thomas reported a Pepsi sign was denied in the past, but economic times have changed. The ESBMA name is on other accepted donated items.

Recreation Director Anderson explained the field name is to be on the top with the donor name below, and the sign will be installed below the scoreboard. City Planner Reichertz provided information on sign placement as it affected Beltline visibility. The Parks and Recreation Board could decide regarding placement above or below the scoreboard, but a split sign would require revision of the zoning permit. Mr. Halverson explained the process of the sign design decision. Alders Thomas and Holmquist suggest the Parks & Recreation Board consider the names on the sign be separated so it's clear a donation was received, and suggest the park sign be placed above with the sponsor sign below the scoreboard.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder O'Connor to amend Resolution 13-10-1938 Approval of Name Placement on Ahuska Park Scoreboard give the East Side Business Men's Association the option to have the names on the Ahuska Park scoreboard sign together or separate with the words "Sponsored By" added and the zoning permit revised, was carried.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Speight to approve Resolution 13-10-1938 Approval of Name Placement on Ahuska Park Scoreboard as amended, was carried.

Council President Wood returned the gavel to Mayor Miller.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Miller declared open the Public Hearing To Receive Public Input Regarding the Proposed 2014-2018 Capital Improvements Program and 2014 Capital Borrowing.

Gregory Anderson, 5107 Arrowhead Drive registered in favor of moving the Oneida Park Shelter project to 2014 and appeared before the Council to speak about moving Arrowhead Park playground renovations from 2015 to 2014.

Meghann Redding, 6019 Queens Way registered against reducing funding for the Library entryway redesign.

The following individuals appeared before the Council and spoke against reducing funding for the Library entryway redesign:

- Todd Stebbins, 5005 McKenna Road
- Ben Redding, 6019 Queens Way

Mayor Miller declared the Public Hearing closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion began on the 2014-2018 Capital Improvements Program and 2014 Capital Borrowing.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Wood to approve Resolution 13-09-1937 Approval of 2014-2018 Capital Improvements Program and 2014 Capital Borrowing. The following Amendments were considered prior to the motion carrying unanimously on a roll call vote:

Amendment 14-01 – Was withdrawn by Alder Busse.

Amendment 14-02 – Alder Wood stated there are Winnequah, Lottes, and Oneida Park shelter projects planned for the next two years and would like to spread out any more that are planned.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder O'Connor to move Schluter Park restroom/shelter design to 2015, was carried. Alder Speight voted against the motion.

Amendment 14-03 – Alder Busse stated it would be wise to have the Winnequah Park restroom and shelter renovations done at the same time. Recreation Director Anderson stated the request is for retrofitting as it isn't economically feasible to winterize the shelter. The plan is for a family restroom/storage structure separate from the shelter for use in the winter starting in 2015. Shelter improvements should be made with \$8,000 set aside for restroom design in 2014 for 2015 construction. City Attorney Cole reviewed the settlement process that ended in a compromise that wouldn't cure all the issues but would end the litigation. Members discussed a budget limit for the restroom.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Wood to remove all 2014 funding for the Dream Park restroom addition was amended to leave in \$8,000 for 2014 design work with construction in 2015, was carried.

Amendment 14-04 – Alder Wood stated the City is not ready to build the Lottes Park restroom facility in 2014 as an archeological report is needed to determine the footprint of the structure. City Attorney Cole reported the Treysta developer's agreement states they are not entitled to funds until there is an occupancy agreement in place. City Administrator Marsh stated having an on-site contractor would save money on the project. Recreation Director Anderson reported the park grants are good until 2015 and there's a DNR grant available. The grants can be worked on once Treysta's status is known in January.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist to delay parts of the Lottes Park Master Plan/Construction. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Amendment 14-05 – Alder Wood stated the Oneida Park shelter is ready for bid early in 2014 which usually results in lower bids and the design has been approved by the Plan Commission.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder O'Connor to move Oneida Park construction from 2015 to 2014. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Amendment 14-06 – Alder Wood stated the Winnequah Lagoon outfall design and park erosion control should be done at the same time. Recreation Director Anderson reported there are design funds in 2013, which could be held to combine with the culvert work. Public Works Director Stephany stated there are engineering funds in 2014 for the new culvert and money could be saved by using the same engineer and permit.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to move Winnequah Lagoon erosion control to 2015. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Amendment 14-07 – Alder Wood stated it is clear for safety reasons the Arrowhead Park playground equipment needs replacement. Alder O'Connor reported the newest piece is 20 years old and the oldest is from the 1960's. The park currently gets more use than it has in the past.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to move Arrowhead Park playground equipment from 2015 to 2014. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Amendment 14-08 – Alder Busse amended the funding source for Library Entryway Renovation to \$166,000 from the City and \$45,000 from the Library. Library Director Plumb explained the Library budget. Next year he anticipates having only \$50,000 for any project and can't add to that due to the fund balance policy.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Thomas to reduce the City's share of funding for the Library Entryway Renovation to \$166,000. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Amendment 14-09 – Alder Holmquist stated there are concerns with sound and work flow in the Police Department. Mayor Miller and members agree soundproofing is needed. Police Chief Ostrenga reported officer safety is a factor. Suspects can hear between the interview room walls, there is access to a room with weapons, and there was an escape through the unsecure ceiling tile. A contingency amount and moving existing cabinets should be included in the plans.

A motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder Busse to reduce the Police Station Remodel from \$50,000 to \$26,000, was carried.

Amendment 14-10 – Alders Busse and Holmquist are concerned with iPads keeping meeting packets and personal notes secure. This item was tabled until the Amendment 14-11 was discussed.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Wood to remove from the table Amendment 14-10, was carried.

The use of personal vs. City-provided equipment was discussed. Mr. Antonetti stated ease of use would be a deciding factor. City Attorney Cole urges members to use a device for City business only as open records laws must be taken into account. A council packet opened on a personal computer, telephone, at work, or at home subjects the member to a search even if the records are available to the public through the City. City Administrator Marsh suggests a compromise of setting aside funds to purchase devices for members to check out for a trial period, and stated many communities have gone paperless.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Busse to eliminate iPads from the Information Technology budget, was carried. Alders Wood and O'Connor voted against the motion.

Amendment 14-11 – Was withdrawn by Alder Holmquist after discussion. Project Coordinator Glaeser reported off-site storage costs \$40,000 to \$48,000 per year. Use of iPads would result in savings on paper costs. Mr. Antonetti provided information on the search for data storage. Off-site storage would need to meet HIPAA-level security standards. “Cloud” providers were discussed. 25% of Mr. Antonetti’s and Mr. Abegglen’s time would be needed if servers were on-site. Lieutenant Deuman stated a separate Police server would be needed due to security requirements.

Amendment 14-12 – Was withdrawn by Alder Holmquist after discussion. More information is needed about how the Cable server works with the new City website. Cable Coordinator Hagen reported he is replacing 8-year-old equipment. “Cloud” service is more expensive to use. This will be a fund balance purchase. Finance Director Houtakker stated there will be surplus funds because cable franchise fees have increased and this purchase will not affect GO borrowing. Website integration was discussed.

Amendment 14-13 – Cable Coordinator Hagen reported the Curb-Cut Garden Trial Program began with the understanding that the City was to provide \$10,000, the homeowner was to provide \$10,000 and the grant was to match \$20,000 but it now appears it will only match the City’s portion. Project Coordinator Glaeser stated having the design separate from the execution will clarify the costs. The breakout figures were changed to \$7,500 from GO and \$7,500 from Other funding for a total of \$15,000, half of which is grant funds and the other GO bonds.

A motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve reduction of GO funds for the Curb Cut Garden Program to \$7,500, was carried.

Amendment 14-14 – Was withdrawn by Alder Wood.

Amendment 14-15 – Was distributed this evening by Finance Director Houtakker as it was just received from Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District. It is a \$108,000 net increase. The Broadway water main is funded from water revenues and the manhole is funded from sewer revenues. This could be put into a TIF. Public Works Director Stephany confirmed this is a firm bid.

A motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder Thomas to approve the adjustment of Broadway water main and manhole funding to actual bid figures. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Finance Director Houtakker reported the amendments resulted in an overall 7% decrease in the Capital Budget and a 7% increase in borrowing. Members agree this budget can be reviewed as issues arise and leaves a financial cushion.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Busse to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 13-10-1942 Requesting Exemption from County Library Tax, was carried.

Library Director Plumb reported this is an annually required Resolution.

A motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder Wood to approve Resolution 13-10-1942 Requesting Exemption from County Library Tax, was carried.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Thomas to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 13-10-1939 Approval of Participation in a Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety Grant Titled "2014 OWI Grant", was carried.

Police Chief Ostrenga reported this grant pays for \$4,999 in alcohol-related equipment with the balance of \$20,001 for overtime wages. Participation in several traffic-related campaigns throughout the year is required.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Busse to approve Resolution 13-10-1939 Approval of Participation in a Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety Grant Titled "2014 OWI Grant", was carried.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Thomas to suspend the rules and take action on Ordinance 10-13-651 Amending Section 7-2-4 of the Code of Ordinances to Allow the City Clerk to Approve Recurring Temporary Alcohol Sales Licenses, was carried.

Alder Wood reported this allows the City Clerk to approve repeat applications and will reduce the number of special meetings required for these somewhat routine issues. New applicants, or those substantially changed, will be reviewed by the License Review Committee and City Council. Alder O'Connor questioned where the language giving this power to the Clerk was located. City Attorney Cole provided the language for an amendment. Adding the words, "In all other cases, the City Clerk may approve such application." before the last line of both Section 1(e)(2) and Section 2(f)(2) was agreed to by the maker and second.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve Ordinance 10-13-651 Amending Section 7-2-4 of the Code of Ordinances to Allow the City Clerk to Approve Recurring Temporary Alcohol Sales Licenses as amended, was carried.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Holmquist to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 13-10-1940 Authorizing the Monona Fire Department to Enter Into an Automatic Aid Agreement with Dane County Fire Departments, was carried.

Fire Chief Sullivan reported the Department may request equipment from area municipalities for mutual aid and this Resolution would make that aid automatic.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve Resolution 13-10-1940 Authorizing the Monona Fire Department to Enter Into an Automatic Aid Agreement with Dane County Fire Departments, was carried.

Recreation Director Anderson provided information on Resolution 13-10-1941 Approval of Proposed Upgrades to Winnequah Dream Park Shelter. This would correct some of the problems with the shelter using the settlement funds.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no Miscellaneous Business.

REPORTS

Recreation Director Anderson reported the Fall Festival was very successful, with over 1,000 attendees. This will be a multi-day event in the future. Thanks go to City Attorney Cole for his sponsorship, and to Mayor Miller, Alder Holmquist, the Public Works Department, and the Library for their help at the Festival.

Alder Thomas reported the 75th Anniversary Grand Finale Dinner and Art Auction will be held on October 26. Tickets are available in City Hall, \$37.50 for a single, \$75.00 for a couple, and \$300.00 for a table.

Fire Chief Sullivan reported the Department's Open House is this Sunday, October 13, from noon until 3:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

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

1. Jim Bisbee to Public Safety Commission (effective immediately–May 2016).
2. Jeff Hinz to the Park and Recreation Board (effective immediately–May 2014).
3. Sara Kiiru to the Library Board (effective immediately–July 2014).

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Busse, 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 (information on potential redevelopment), was carried.

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to adjourn, was carried. (11:37 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk