

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 21, 2013

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:32 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Patrick Marsh, City Attorney William Cole, Recreation Director Jake Anderson, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alder Wood requests corrections to the minutes as follows:

- John Anderson submitted a signed petition, correction from Gary.
- After the vote on the Ahuska Park scoreboard sign, it should be noted that Council President Wood returned the gavel to Mayor Miller.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve the Minutes from October 7, 2013 as amended, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Mayor Miller read a Proclamation Recognizing October 20–26, 2013 as “Freedom From Workplace Bullies Week” in the City of Monona.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Recreation Director Anderson reported plans are complete for the use of the litigation settlement funds of \$80,000 for improvements to the Winnequah Park Shelter. \$10,000 is a contingency amount for design of the upgrades and separate restroom, which is an option that should be built soon. The City Attorney will work with the contractor and this may be part of the settlement funds. The Facilities Committee reviewed retrofitting but the cost was too high to insulate properly for enough heat and bury the water and sanitary lines deep enough. The shelter is open as a warming house in the winter, but can't be made warm enough for a restroom. The garage door change is to accommodate more counter space as requested by users. Mayor Miller stated these plans will make the shelter the best 3-season facility possible.

City Attorney Cole stated the professional malpractice claim was pursued because the shelter wasn't the promised 4-season building. Both sides disagreed on the cost and met at the \$80,000 figure to end the

litigation. All parties were aware it wasn't enough to correct all the problems but was enough to make the building more usable throughout the year.

Members were concerned the plans address cosmetic and maintenance issues and user dissatisfaction, not deficiencies the settlement funds were intended for. Alder Wood stated the settlement did not dictate how the funds were used, and there are many issues with the building, including electrical and slippery tiles.

Members request the Facilities Committee review the final plans, which Recreation Director Anderson will do, though that may delay the process.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve Resolution 13-10-1941 Approval of Proposed Upgrades to Winnequah Dream Park Shelter. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Wood 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 and potential consideration of potential redevelopment). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Thomas to suspend the rules and take action on Ordinance 10-13-652 Amending Chapter 7-9 of the Monona Code of Ordinances Concerning Massage Establishments, was carried. Alder Holmquist voted against the motion.

City Clerk Andrusz explained the purpose of this Amendment was to remove antiquated identity requirements from applicants and update job titles to conform to State statutes. Alder Holmquist was concerned this would impact a potential applicant. City Clerk Andrusz reported this does not change the Ordinance, only the language. She has been in contact with the applicant who wasn't ready to apply yet and has agreed to wait until this process was finalized. City Clerk Andrusz will contact the applicant as soon as the application form is amended to match the Ordinance.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Thomas to approve Ordinance 10-13-652 Amending Chapter 7-9 of the Monona Code of Ordinances Concerning Massage Establishments, was carried.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Speight to suspend the rules and take action on Ordinance 10-13-653 Amending the Official Traffic Map of the City of Monona for Establishment of "No Parking Between Arrows" on Mangrove Lane, was carried.

Public Works Director Stephany reported this was reviewed and approved by the Public Works Committee in September and October, and is in the Industrial Park that connects with Industrial Drive. Farrell Equipment trucks don't have room to back into their new facility. The business next door is vacant so it is assumed the parked vehicles belong to construction workers. Mayor Miller reported the City may request compensation for relinquishing these rights according to the City Attorney. Alder Speight stated parking on a public street is a privilege, not a right and this issue may be caused by poor building design. However, because no parking is needed there, compensation isn't needed. Alder Busse stated going forward the City should require this compensation.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Speight to approve Ordinance 10-13-653 Amending the Official Traffic Map of the City of Monona for Establishment of “No Parking Between Arrows” on Mangrove Lane, was carried.

Mayor Miller requests Public Works Director Stephany investigate reports of semi-trucks parking overnight at Edna Taylor Parkway.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder O’Connor to suspend the rules and take action on Ordinance 10-13-654 Amending the Official Traffic Map of the City of Monona for Continuation of “No Parking This Side” Zone on Royal Avenue, was carried.

Public Works Director Stephany reported this was reviewed and approved by the Public Works Committee and Public Safety Commission in September and October. The Police Department wants this change for safety reasons because semi-trucks, campers, and recreational vehicles parked there are blocking sight-lines, along with questionable activity. None of the vehicles belong to Walmart; Walmart does allow RVs to park in their lots. City Administrator Marsh reported security cameras are in place at the Royal Avenue Speedway, the CNG facility, and at Walmart.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood to approve Ordinance 10-13-654 Amending the Official Traffic Map of the City of Monona for Continuation of “No Parking This Side” Zone on Royal Avenue, was carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no Miscellaneous Business.

REPORTS

City Clerk Andrusz reported Dane County distributed new vote tabulating machines to municipalities which will be in use starting with the first election in 2014.

City Administrator Marsh reported staff will meet with Mayor Miller regarding the Operating Budget this Thursday.

Mayor Miller reported staff and the Council met last Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning for intense but valuable Strategic Plan work. The next Council meeting will be held at an earlier time to review the results and allow members to leave in time for the Packers/Bears football game. The Committee of the Whole will meet on October 30 regarding the Operating Budget, with the first read on November 18 and the second read on December 2. The budget deadline is December 14.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to adjourn, was carried. (9:15 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk