

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

Also Present: City Administrator Patrick Marsh, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, Madan Shrestha from Swad Indian Restaurant, Project Coordinator Janine Glaeser, Jeron Abegglen from Lantech Services, Police Chief Walter Ostrenga, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, 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 October 21 and October 30, 2013, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Chris and Manny Toal appeared before the Council to present donations to the Senior Center and Library from their late mother and grandmother, Catherine Doll.

Jacob Warner appeared before the Council to introduce Boy Scout Troop 146 who were present to observe the Council proceedings to fulfill a "Citizenship in the Community" merit badge requirement.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Miller declared the Public Hearing To Receive Public Input Regarding the Proposed 2014 Operating Budget open.

Steven Neitzel, 403 Shato Lane appeared before the Council and spoke in favor of the Community Relations Officer, the 20<sup>th</sup> Police Officer in the City of Monona Police Department.

The following individuals registered in favor of the Community Relations Officer, the 20<sup>th</sup> Police Officer in the City of Monona Police Department:

Randy Birchfield, 1123 Pocahontas Drive	Donna Birchfield, 1123 Pocahontas Drive
Gerald Zeutzius, 5718 Tecumseh Avenue	Mark Provenzano, 4222 Winnequah Road
Laura Sollinger, 5102 Maywood Road	Marcella Simmons, 6011 Winnequah Road
Quentin Simmons, 6011 Winnequah Road	Branda Weix, 6011 Winnequah Road
Camille Simmons, 6011 Winnequah Road	Kimberly Hinz, 507 Greenway Road
Susan Manning, 1108 Nishishin Trail NE	Kevin Pellerin, 5105 Wallace Avenue
Kristin Pellerin, 5105 Wallace Avenue	Michael Meulemans, 5800 Winnequah Road

Mayor Miller declared the Public Hearing closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Alder Wood provided information on the 2013/2014 "Class B" Liquor or "Class C" Wine and Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License Applications For Shrestha Family LLC Owned by Madan Shrestha, d/b/a Swad Indian Restaurant, 6007 Monona Drive #A, Monona, Wisconsin, 53716, Owner/Agent Madan K. Shrestha, 754 Odana Lane, Madison, Wisconsin, 53711. Along with beer, two other types of licenses are on the application for liquor and wine, because the "Class B" Liquor license is subject to the state-mandated quota. There are 2 left of the City's allotted 19. The License Review Committee considered the need for more and finer dining options in the City, which was also stated in the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Shrestha stated the restaurant plan was approved by the Plan Commission and will have 55-60 seats. The liquor license will allow signature cocktails to be prepared as well as food pairings, in addition to Indian beer and wine. He has had 10 years of successful, problem-free restaurant experience in Madison. He plans to open in mid-December after substantial construction to the empty space is completed.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 13-11-1946 Providing for the Sale of \$650,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker reported this will allow Financial Consultant Jeff Belongia to start negotiating for the TID #6 Fairway Glen borrowing, which will be taxable.

A motion by Wood, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve Resolution 13-11-1946 Providing for the Sale of \$650,000 Taxable 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 Thomas to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 13-11-1947 Providing for the Sale of \$9,910,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker reported this will allow Financial Consultant Jeff Belongia to begin negotiations for refinancing TIF #5 Garden Circle, which is a short term 5-year BAN note that ends in 2015. Mr. Belongia recommended this action due to current market conditions and will have the results for Council review at the next meeting.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Thomas to approve Resolution 13-11-1947 Providing for the Sale of \$9,910,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder O'Connor to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 13-11-1948 Authorizing the Redemption of Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes Dated August 30, 2010, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker reported IRS rules require a Resolution as part of the legal process to refinance the Garden Circle loan.

A motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve Resolution 13-11-1948 Authorizing the Redemption of Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes Dated August 30, 2010, was carried.

Mayor Miller explained the Committee of the Whole and budget process to the Boy Scouts. Finance Director Houtakker provided an overview of Resolution 13-11-1945 Adopting the 2014 Operating Budget and Establishing a Tax Levy. Debt service is not subject to the levy limit. The City's portion of the property taxes will increase by less than 0.2%. The average home of \$240,000 will have an increase of \$8.00. Total taxes include those from the State, County, and School District. The Parks budget will remain as originally presented.

Project Coordinator Glaeser and Mr. Abegglen distributed a revised IT budget report and provided information on the MUFN project. Because the program is still evolving and all cost vs. benefit information hasn't been provided, the recommendation is use the City's local connection for the Library, Community Center, and City Hall, with MUFN used only for Public Works. Data speed will be comparable and splicing will be in place for future MUFN connection. There is no additional fee for joining the MUFN network later; all users pay the same fee. Alder Wood suggested a budget amendment may be needed in 2014 if the information becomes available.

Police Chief Ostrenga clarified that the Community Service Officer will be a patrol officer who will do community service as time permits.

Public Works Director Stephany and Finance Director Houtakker explained that the salary budget for Streets and Snow & Ice were decreased because of reallocation of wages. This is the first time the budget reflects that the crew is assigned to specific duties. The total across accounts will be correct. All Public Works staff will be on the snow removal team, including the Parks staff member. Budgets will be amended as needed. City Administrator Marsh stated there will be additional manpower as the current Public Works Supervisor will be a working foreman.

City Administrator Marsh reported there will be a new staff member doing 16 hours of property maintenance inspections. The City is currently sharing McFarland's Building Inspector at a 60/40 split. The new staff member will allow this to drop down to the 50/50 split that was in the original contract. Currently there is a part-time electrical inspector and staff to cover the Building Inspector's absences.

City Administrator Marsh stated budget amendments are due to him or Finance Director Houtakker by midday next Tuesday so meeting packets can go out next Wednesday.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Busse to Convene in Closed Session under Wisconsin Statute section 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (city administrator employment agreement amendment and city attorney contract renewal). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Thomas to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 13-11-1943 Approving an Amendment to the Employment Agreement with the City Administrator, was carried.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Thomas to amend the "Now Therefore" paragraph, part 1.a. from "...non-represented employees..." to "...Department Heads...", was carried.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve Resolution 13-11-1943 Approving an Amendment to the Employment Agreement with the City Administrator as amended, was carried.

Alder Wood reported more information is needed on malpractice and health insurance costs before a decision can be made on Resolution 13-11-1944 Approving a Contract Renewal with City Attorney William S. Cole. Mayor Miller reported the intent is to approve year one, with the option to approve years two and three.

### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Alder Speight reported he will be out of town for the next meeting, scheduled for December 2, when the Operating Budget will be approved. Members discussed changing the meeting date to the following Tuesday. Alder Holmquist may have a conflict and will check his schedule.

### REPORTS

Project Coordinator Glaeser reviewed the process and reported the final version of the Sustainability Committee's Plan will be presented to the Council in December. Dane County Executive Joe Parisi announced the City was awarded grants for 75% reimbursement for the Cove Channel and Fireman's Park projects. The City will apply for \$200,000 in grant funds that are available. In January the City will receive a "Most Innovative Renewable Energy Project" award for 2013 from RENEW Wisconsin.

Alder Thomas and Mayor Miller congratulated the Silver Eagles football team's undefeated season and wishes them luck for Friday's State Championship.

City Clerk Andrusz reported candidate packets are available for pick up in the Clerk's office for the three open Alderperson positions. Nomination papers may be circulated beginning December 1 and candidates must register with the Clerk prior to circulation.

City Administrator Marsh reported on the Strategic Plan follow-up with Walter Jankowski at this morning's bi-monthly staff meeting. Major objectives were reviewed and revisions made. An internal team will compile recommendations for Council review.

City Administrator Marsh has been invited to share the City's economic development processes with McFarland at a panel discussion on Wednesday with Representative Robb Kahl in attendance.

Mayor Miller reported the Silver Eagles girls Swim Team excelled this year as well as the football team. Monona Drive is open and will be completed in mid-May with an event to be planned to celebrate the completion of this 5-year project. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Build Monona event is scheduled for December 10 at 6:00 p.m., possibly in the Community Center. The Madison Area Builders Association wants to sponsor and attend. There will soon be good news regarding the Treysta development including a good restaurant. Walter Jankowski has expressed his admiration for the City's substantial sustainability efforts.

### APPOINTMENTS

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

1. Jim Keck to the Mass Transit Authority (effective immediately – May 2014).
2. Dale Ganser to the Plan Commission (effective January 1, 2014–May 2015).

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Wood to adjourn, was carried. (9:13 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz  
City Clerk