

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 16, 2013

The Organizational meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor Miller at 6:01 p.m.

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

Excused: Alderperson Chad Speight

Also Present: City Administrator Patrick Marsh, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, Financial Consultant Jeff Belongia, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, City Attorney William Cole, Cable Coordinator Andrew Hagen, Fire Chief Scott Sullivan, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS

The Oath of Office was recited by Mayor Robert E. Miller and Alderpersons Doug Wood and Jim Busse, administered by City Clerk Andrusz.

ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Miller accepted nominations for the office of Council President. Alder Thomas nominated Alder Busse. Alder Busse nominated Alder Wood.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Busse to close the City Council President nominations, was carried.

Slips of paper were distributed and members voted. Mayor Miller counted the votes and it was determined that Alder Wood was elected by a majority. Mayor Miller congratulated Alder Wood.

ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS FOR 2013-2014

A motion by Alder O'Connor, seconded by Alder Holmquist to accept the Board of Canvassers for 2013-2014 as follows, was carried:

1. Director of Administrative Services/Resident Leah Kimmell
2. City Hall Receptionist, Information Clerk/Resident Alene Hamel
3. Alternate Member: City Administrator/Resident Patrick Marsh
4. City Clerk Joan Andrusz

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIAL CITY NEWSPAPER: *THE HERALD-INDEPENDENT*

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Holmquist to appoint The Herald-Independent as the official City newspaper, was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve the Minutes from April 1, 2013, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Mayor Miller read a Proclamation Declaring April 26, 2013 as Arbor Day in the City of Monona. City Administrator Marsh reported he will email information when Recreation Director Jake Anderson schedules a ceremonial tree planting, which has been postponed due to the weather.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Thomas to approve the following Consent Agenda items, was carried:

1. Approval Of 2013 Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class B" Wine Retailer's License Application for Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, President Rev. Bart D. Timmerman, 5101 Schofield Street, Monona, Wisconsin 53716, for the Period of May 4, 2013.
2. Approval Of 2013 Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage Retailer's License Application for Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, President Rev. Bart D. Timmerman, 5101 Schofield Street, Monona, Wisconsin 53716, for the Period of May 26-27, 2013.
3. Approval Of 2012/2013 "Class B" Liquor and Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License Applications for Bridge Road, LLC, d/b/a Bridge Lounge, 6414 Bridge Road, Monona, Wisconsin, 53716, Owner/Agent William D. Noltner, 4812 Winnequah Road, Monona, Wisconsin, 53716.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Thomas to remove from the table Ordinance 3-13-643 Amending Chapter 7-7 of the Code of Ordinances Pertaining to the Reporting Requirements of Pawnbrokers and Second Hand Dealers, was carried.

Alder Wood reported the License Review Committee reviewed this after City Attorney input. An annual fee of \$100 per licensed establishment was recommended, change of the word "necessary" to "reasonable" in the fifth "Whereas" section, and license fees amended to match statutory limits. The \$1 per-transaction fee option was determined to be overly complicated, cumbersome for staff, and doesn't encourage reporting compliance.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Busse to approve Option A of Ordinance 3-13-643 Amending Chapter 7-7 of the Code of Ordinances Pertaining to the Reporting Requirements of Pawnbrokers and Second Hand Dealers with the License Review Committee's recommended amendments, was carried.

Agenda items were taken out of order to accommodate those present.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Thomas to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 13-04-1923 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$7,670,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds to Refund Build America Bonds, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker introduced Mr. Belongia, who reported the City is the first municipality in the nation to have a BAB extraordinary call, which will save the City conservatively \$350,862. Some bonds will be taken out four years longer to save future higher interest costs on further borrowings, and allows time to build up TID increment. Par was reduced because of an additional \$80,000 in interest savings. More principal will be able to be paid off. Buyers want Monona bonds in their portfolios. Mayor Miller thanks Mr. Belongia for including the language that allows this call, which benefits the City. The City has received publicity because of this action, which is due to sequestration.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Wood to approve Resolution 13-04-1923 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$7,670,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds to Refund Build America Bonds. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Busse to remove from the table for discussion purposes Resolution 13-03-1914 Supporting a Statutory Revision Regarding Appointments to the Madison Metropolitan Sewer District, was carried.

City Administrator Marsh reported some municipal Councils and Boards will approve this as they see the current MMSD board as restricting growth, and want more equal representation. Monona doesn't have these annexation issues to consider and would only gain representation. The description language comes from Madison, who wants a 9-member board: 6 from Madison, 3 from cities and villages, and 3 from towns. Mayor Miller stated MMSD is very well run and this action is caused by a conflict between County Executive Parisi and Madison Mayor Soglin. Not much can be decided until these two come to an agreement. Executive Parisi has said he is willing to change the board's makeup, and sees this happening in the future. Members question the necessity of municipal representation but agree it may be positive, but this needs more work. Alder Thomas stated Madison shouldn't be given more power.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder O'Connor to table Resolution 13-03-1914 Supporting a Statutory Revision Regarding Appointments to the Madison Metropolitan Sewer District, was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Director Stephany reported Resolution 13-04-1921 Amending the 2013 Capital Budget to Fund the Schluter Beach Channel Maintenance Project, and Approving a Civil Engineering and Surveying Services Proposal from SCS Engineers was tabled by the Finance & Personnel Committee. A resident came to the Public Works Committee to address sediment levels in the channel. SCS Engineers proposed survey work and sediment box design. He has met with all but one affected residents, but assessment cost information needs to be given to them, which is based upon a 50 foot minimum/100 foot maximum lake frontage. The City's obligations on the project have been removed from the assessed

portion and include clean-up, shoreline, and stormwater work. There is an easement for a main storm line through the properties. There may have been plans in the past to connect the channel to Belle Isle, and the channel hasn't been dredged since the 1970's.

Alder Holmquist questioned whether this could be combined with any proposed park work for a cost savings. Mayor Miller stated the City is receiving an award for its water quality efforts and this work should be done. This project may be reviewed by the Park & Recreation Board but can be handled by staff. City Administrator Marsh wants all affected residents to receive assessment information to make sure they are aware of their share of the costs before proceeding. This will help define the scope of the project.

City Attorney Cole reported on Resolution 13-04-1922 Approving an Amendment to the Development Agreement with Treysta Group, LLC. A Development Agreement was signed but they needed to change their financing, which caused delays. The TIF has a January 1 deadline, so there is no effect. Under consideration is an agreement for a 1-year extension to commence on December 31, 2013. There is no change in monetary aspects, and deadlines postponed for 1 year will cause no loss in tax payments or the affordability component. City Administrator Marsh reported site work will begin May 1 with other work in September/October to allow work to continue over the winter. Mayor Miller stated this will have no effect on the City or the TIF timeline.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Public Works Director Stephany provided information and computer display of designs for Review and Discussion of Generator Screening Plans.

REPORTS

Cable Coordinator Hagen reported the City went live with AT&T last Wednesday on Channel 99. Access instructions are online and on cable. Charter broadcasting will be on and off due to Monona Drive construction.

Fire Chief Sullivan reported a full-time Fire Fighter and an Intern passed their paramedic exams. One volunteer is going through the program now. The new ambulance is in use and performs well.

Public Works Director Stephany reported the Yahara Bridge maintenance project begins on April 29 with traffic issues due to lane closures, Beltline congestion, and increased traffic on Broadway beginning on May 6. Cameras have been installed to monitor traffic. The Department of Transportation has hired a full-time tow truck to quickly handle any disabled vehicles as there will be only one lane open.

Mayor Miller stated members have an obligation to share committee work at the City Council and urges more reporting.

Alder Holmquist reported the Family Attraction Committee is focusing on marketing to residents. The Senior "Swing Into Spring" dance is on May 5.

Alder O'Connor reported the Sustainability Committee is planning a kayak event.

Alder Thomas reported on the many activities planned for the 75th Anniversary celebration, including geo-caching, a Memorial Day Parade float, a time capsule, a run, an art project, an Aldo Leopold event, and a formal gala. There is a website and Facebook postings.

City Administrator Marsh reported de-construction has begun at Fireman's Park with a good job of saving the redwood panels and beams for re-use on the planned pergola. The Summer/Fall Newsletter is on the City's website and will arrive this week for mailing next week. The CDA meeting is cancelled. The Landmarks Committee is working on a Monona Motors commemorative sign for the 75th Anniversary. The Memory Day Parade route is starting at Insty-Prints, to Femrite Drive, and ending at Edna Taylor.

Mayor Miller reported there are still tickets available for Saturday's "Mad Men" –inspired Library fundraising event. Strategic Plan meetings are being organized. The 75th Anniversary banners are great looking and have received many positive comments.

APPOINTMENTS

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

To the License Review Committee (effective May 2013–May 2015):

- a. John Klinzing
- b. James Pflasterer

Mayor Miller distributed Alderperson Committee appointments. Members had been asked to choose their top five preferences and staff requests were taken into consideration.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve the Alderperson Committee Appointments amended to remove Alder Thomas from the Sustainability Committee and Alder O'Connor from the Board of Review, was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder O'Connor to adjourn, was carried. (7:27 p.m.) A social gathering at Angelo's Restaurant followed.

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk