

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 7, 2014

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:30 p.m.

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

Excused: Alderpersons Doug Wood and Chad Speight

Also Present: City Administrator Patrick Marsh, Senior Center Director Diane Mikelbank, Recreation Director Jake Anderson, Project Coordinator Janine Glaeser, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder O'Connor, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve the Minutes from March 17, 2014, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Mayor Miller read a Proclamation Recognizing May 10 as International Migratory Bird Day in the City of Monona. This is one of the steps required to become certified as a Bird City.

Mayor Miller read a Proclamation Recognizing April 25 as Arbor Day in the City of Monona.

A Report from Senior Center Director Diane Mikelbank was moved forward in the Agenda. Patrons 50 years old and better are served with no residency requirement. Attendance has been steadily increasing. Programs were reviewed. Mayor Miller offered to help in the search for a new nutrition site. The Friends of the Monona Senior Center activities were outlined. A dream for the future would be a stand-alone center that would provide space for informal gatherings after programs and a parking lot that would allow drop-offs at the door.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Recreation Director Anderson reported he collected input from neighborhood residents and the Park & Recreation Board on Arrowhead Park equipment, which will be installed on May 19. Bids are out now for the walking path with porous asphalt. Power-washing can be used for maintenance. Alder Busse stated a park is a good test for this material which allows water to drain through.

A motion by Alder O'Connor, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve Resolution 14-03-1961 Award of Contract for 2014 Arrowhead Park Playground Equipment. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Busse to table Resolution 14-03-1962 Award of Contract for 2014 Lottes Park Shelter Architectural Services based upon staff recommendation, was carried.

Recreation Director Anderson reported the Oneida Park shelter plan was reviewed by the Facilities Committee. Project Coordinator Glaeser reported the Committee's and City Attorney's comments were incorporated into the document. All bids were reviewed. An unsuitable soil contingency was included. Paul Reed of Harmony Construction is present to answer any questions and will address any Construction Manager issues throughout the project. The Committee agreed to proceed with the stated budget. The contractors requested to keep the current contract form as it has been in process for the last two years. Alder Busse questioned whether Committee member Paul Ament's concerns regarding gaps in liabilities were addressed. City Administrator Marsh stated the City Attorney wrote the agreements and is comfortable with them.

A motion by Alder O'Connor, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve Resolution 14-03-1964 Approving Bids for 2014 Oneida Park Shelter and Authorizing a Contract for a Construction Manager for Construction Related Thereto, was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Busse to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 14-04-1966 Amending the 2014 Capital Budget and Authorizing the Purchase of a Freightliner M2106 Leaf Vac Collection Truck, was carried.

Public Works Director Stephany reported one bid was received on March 7. This is \$6,695 over budget, so includes a Capital Budget amendment. Savings from a dump truck purchase will cover the remainder. Alder Thomas reported the trade-in value was discussed at the Public Works Committee and questioned why those funds would go into the General Fund. Alder Busse discussed keeping the old truck in reserve for use in the fall. Another truck will be purchased next year and at that time the best of the two could be kept. Mayor Miller stated residents appreciate having the full fleet all out working. Alder Holmquist stated maintenance costs and storage space, as well as the small return on trade-in, won't justify keeping the old trucks. Alder Busse stated the decision should be left up to Public Works staff. Alder Thomas stated an argument could be made that if the old truck is good enough to keep why get a new one, and questioned whether substantial value is lost if the truck is kept for a year.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Busse to approve Resolution 14-04-1966 Amending the 2014 Capital Budget and Authorizing the Purchase of a Freightliner M2106 Leaf Vac Collection Truck. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Busse to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 14-04-1967 Accepting Governmental Responsibility for Runoff Management Grants, was carried.

Project Coordinator Glaeser reviewed the City's stormwater and water quality efforts over the last few years and thanks Dane County for grant funds for these projects. The current grant is due April 15 so approval is sought tonight. The project costs \$1.3 million, with grants totaling \$600,000 to be applied for from the DNR, Dane County, and the Yahara Watershed Group. Mayor Miller compliments Ms. Glaeser, Mr. Stephany, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Marsh on their work toward this effort. The upcoming Clean Lakes Alliance event will no doubt feature Monona. The work at Cove Circle is excellent.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Busse to approve Resolution 14-04-1967 Accepting Governmental Responsibility for Runoff Management Grants, was carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no Miscellaneous Business.

REPORTS

City Clerk Andrusz reported that at 25% turnout, Monona residents far surpassed the 11% projected for the Spring Election.

City Administrator Marsh reported the Organizational Meeting is set for 6:00 on April 15, followed by a social dinner at 7:30 after the 7:00 CDA meeting. There will not be a second Council meeting in April, unless necessary, due to a lack of agenda items and the Mayor's absence. He will continue to pursue the "paperless" goal for Council agendas, noting that one of tonight's packet items was 70 pages.

Alder Busse reported a high-end apartment community was approved by the Plan Commission.

Alder Thomas asked Public Works Director Stephany to confirm West Dean Avenue won't be resurfaced until after July 1 due to a grant requirement. Work will include Roselawn Avenue, the fire station parking lot, and possibly Parkway Drive. Plans for the work were reviewed, including crowning to improve water runoff and aid drying.

Alder Holmquist reported he will be trying to go "paperless" until budget time as a personal test.

Mayor Miller congratulated the re-elected Alders. The Treysta project is now fully funded and the groundbreaking will be announced soon on the \$18.5 million project. This Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the Bridge Road Monona State Bank boardroom he will hold a press conference to announce an exciting economic development project.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

The following item was moved to the end of the Agenda to accommodate those present.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Thomas 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 (discussion of purchase of property for economic development). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Upon reconvening into Open Session:

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder O'Connor, seconded by Alder Holmquist to adjourn, was carried. (9:01 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk