

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 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 Jim Busse, Doug Wood, Mary O'Connor, and Brian Holmquist

Excused: Alderperson Kathy Thomas and Chad Speight

Also Present: City Administrator Patrick Marsh, Police Chief Walter Ostrenga, Police & Fire Commission member Jim Pflasterer, City Attorney William Cole, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Wood to approve the Minutes from June 2, 2014, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Former Chamber of Commerce President John Klinzing appeared with new President John Hecht to announce the new Executive Director, Kristie Schilling, whose first day on the job was today. Ms. Schilling provided information on her background and invited all to a "Meet and Greet" Open House on Wednesday, July 16, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center. Mayor Miller stated as an ad hoc Chamber member he compliments the President's choice from an extensive field of candidates.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Miller introduced the following item as a move from one unit of a retail strip to another in the same complex.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve the Transfer of Premise Application for the 2014/2015 "Class B" Liquor and Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License For Pizza Oven of Monona LLC, d/b/a Pizza Oven, from 5417 Monona Drive to 5507-5511 Monona Drive, Monona, Wisconsin, 53716, Agent Al J. Darkow, 931 Harrington Drive, Madison, Wisconsin, 53718, was carried.

The following items were moved forward in the Agenda to accommodate those present.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Miller reported that Janine Glaeser is no longer on staff but remains a member of the Sustainability Committee as a citizen. Alder O'Connor reported the Committee considered the

divestment process of moving stock investments from fossil fuels companies to sustainable practicing companies. It was found the City doesn't do that type of investing but some action was desired.

The following individuals appeared before the Council and spoke in favor of Resolution 14-07-1978 Supporting Practices that Reduce Monona's Dependence on Fossil Fuels:

- Heather Gates, 207 West Dean Avenue
- Lisa Gundlach, 404 Midland Lane
- Isabella Curcio, 4806 Schofield Street
- Emma Anderson, 5105 Midmoor Road
- Beth Esser, 6009 Ridgewood Avenue

Alder O'Connor thanks residents for their involvement in this process and Mayor Miller thanks Alders O'Connor and Holmquist for their work and explained the time frame of Council consideration. Alder Wood questioned whether there was alternate language in paragraph two. Alder O'Connor stated there was a statement regarding divestment and the concern was more concrete, positive steps were desired.

Police Chief Ostrenga reported Ordinance 7-14-661 Amending Title 5, Chapter 1 of the Monona Code of Ordinances Regarding the Police and Fire Commission was the result of a review of Ordinances after his professional conference referenced Ordinance updates. Mr. Pflasterer began the review, followed by the Police & Fire Commission and the City Attorney.

Mr. Pflasterer reported questions arose at a CVMIC training as to whether the City of Monona was as prepared as the City of Beloit in its employment practices. Most changes were minor, like gender neutral language and removal of duplications, but some were substantive. Act 10 removed the requirement for City residence. The goal was to match actual practice. City Attorney Cole stated nothing was improper or illegal, just out of date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Works Director Stephany reported that on May 15 three bids were received for street projects, with Wolf Paving the low bid. The Capital Budget amendment for the Fire Department parking lot takes funds from the Street Improvement Program budget. The work includes water main patches, sanitary sewer, the parking lot, and roads. \$36,000 in State grant funds will be reimbursed, which can be applied to additional work. A start date for Dean Avenue will be announced soon.

A motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve Resolution No. 14-06-1977 Amending the 2014 Capital Budget and Awarding a Contract for 2014 Road and Parking Lot Improvements. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Busse to Convene in Closed Session under Wisconsin Statute section 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (Discussion of Madison Gas and Electric rate case and R.G. Huston; litigation status update on Veit & Company v. City of Monona, Floyd Rose II v. City of Monona, Bourbon Street Grille v. City of Monona). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Miller noted all of these cases are on-going.

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist to suspend the rules and take action on the 2014/2015 Patio Permit Application For Badger Bowl, Inc., 506 E. Badger Road, Madison, Wisconsin, 53713, d/b/a Village Lanes, 208 Owen Road, Monona, Wisconsin, 53716, Agent Kevin J. Carey, was carried.

City Administrator Marsh reported the area will start with 24 seats and won't exceed 40. It is similar to the patio at the Silver Eagle and was approved by the Plan Commission with public input. Alder Busse stated possible noise issues were addressed.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve the 2014/2015 Patio Permit Application For Badger Bowl, Inc., 506 E. Badger Road, Madison, Wisconsin, 53713, d/b/a Village Lanes, 208 Owen Road, Monona, Wisconsin, 53716, Agent Kevin J. Carey, was carried.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder O'Connor to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution No. 14-07-1981 Amending the 2014 Capital Budget to Complete a Water Utility Chemical Feed System Review and Needs Assessment, was carried.

Public Works Director Stephany reported notification was received from the DNR that the City's procedure for chemical inspections was no longer acceptable. Strand Associates' proposal requires a Capital Budget amendment to do a study using funds from Reservoir Engineering and the water reserve account. The cost of upgrades will be included in the 2015 Capital Budget.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve Resolution No. 14-07-1981 Amending the 2014 Capital Budget to Complete a Water Utility Chemical Feed System Review and Needs Assessment, was carried.

Public Works Director Stephany reported Ordinance No. 7-14-662 Amending the Official Traffic Map of the City of Monona for Establishment of "No Parking Between Arrows" on Mangrove Lane does not require Public Safety Commission review. Restricting parking on one side of the road created issues on the other side. He observed people parking, and then walking three buildings down to the south, not into the business they are parked in front of. There are parking spaces available, but work is being done there.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 14-07-1980 Approval to Hire an Additional Police Officer, was carried.

Police Chief Ostrenga reported the Department is back to 19 officers with the just announced October 31 retirement of Lieutenant Frank Fenton. The field of candidates was narrowed to 6 to be interviewed by the Police & Fire Commission next week after an extensive process. Competition between departments is a factor in the need to finalize the hiring soon. Actual start dates are delayed by the final examinations needed once candidates are chosen. He would like to hire two officers now. If an internal candidate is promoted after Police & Fire Commission review, he will hold off on the 21st hire. Finance Director Houtakker assures him budget funds are available to cover this expense.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Wood to approve Resolution 14-07-1980 Approval to Hire an Additional Police Officer, was carried.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 14-07-1979 Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Providing for the Sharing of Certain Costs Relating to the Improvements to Monona Drive from Pflaum Road to Winnequah Road, was carried.

City Administrator Marsh reported this formalizes the cooperation between Dane County and the cities of Madison and Monona for Phase III of the Monona Drive project. The City of Madison has already signed and Dane County will sign after the City of Monona does.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Wood to approve Resolution 14-07-1979 Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Providing for the Sharing of Certain Costs Relating to the Improvements to Monona Drive from Pflaum Road to Winnequah Road, was carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no Miscellaneous Business.

REPORTS

Alder O'Connor reported the Park Board voted against any dog park within the City.

Alder Wood reported the Library construction is progressing well.

Alder Holmquist reported the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Plan will be reviewed at the next Public Safety meeting.

Alder Busse reported the Plan Commission will be considering a development catering to veterans located behind the UW Clinic near the roadways.

City Clerk Andrusz provided information on the August 12 Partisan Primary ballot, explaining the need for voters to choose a party or vote within one party. Offices must be voted for individually in order for that candidate to receive a vote. Votes will not count if crossover voting between parties occurs.

City Administrator Marsh reported the apartment complex Alder Busse referenced is in a redevelopment district so will need CDA and Council review and approval. William Nimro has been hired as the media director – the job title has yet to be determined – and will start on July 21. Mr. Nimro will attend a radio installation meeting on July 16, and is currently an instructor at the Madison Media Institute. Work has begun on hiring for the Project Manager position. There may not be a need for a second meeting in July, but Mayor Miller asks members to save the date in case something comes up.

Mayor Miller reported there were numerous applications for the media director. Treysta is making progress with no weather-related issues or surprises found. RFQ's for the Waterfront project were due last week. There was a lot of interest and two very good developers showed definite interest. Mayor Miller announced an Open House on Sunday, July 13 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center to introduce him in his new job as President/Executive Director. All are welcome.

APPOINTMENTS

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve the Appointment of Rob Stein to the Plan Commission, effective immediately–May 2017, was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder Wood to adjourn, was carried. (9:07 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk