

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 2, 2014

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:29 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, Robin Pharo from Treysta Group, LLC, City Planner Sonja Reichertz, Darrin Pope from Vierbicher Associates, Fire Chief Scott Sullivan, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to approve the Minutes from August 4, 2014, was carried.

APPEARANCES

There were no Appearances.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Miller declared the Public Hearing To Receive Public Input on Ordinance 9-14-664 Amending Title 13, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Floodplain and Shoreland-Wetland Zoning open. As there was no one present to speak, Mayor Miller declared the Public Hearing closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

City Administrator Marsh distributed a revised version of Resolution 14-09-1983 Approving a Third Amendment to the Development Agreement with Treysta Group, LLC. A water main loop was requested by the Fire Chief and Public Works Director and was agreed to by the developer. The completion date was changed from December 31, 2014 to June 30, 2015. The developer had asked for March 31, 2015 but City Administrator Marsh and the City Attorney agreed a later date would give more time and flexibility. Ms. Pharo stated the project could be completed by the end of this year but she agrees this change would allow time for residents and the restaurant to come in together. Alder Wood reported the water main loop will be installed and maintained by the developer with minor maintenance done by the City. The minimum payments remain the same and the assessed value will be determined at completion.

City Planner Reichertz reported Ordinance 9-14-664 Amending Title 13, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Floodplain and Shoreland-Wetland Zoning is required by the DNR and is an update of the current 2008 plan. Changes were made by City-contracted Engineer Pope and the City Attorney with Plan Commission review. Mr. Pope confirmed the flood openings were required by FEMA. Mayor Miller reported boathouses will no longer be allowed without meeting these requirements. Mr. Pope reported structures currently in the floodway don't have to be changed unless modifications are made that add 50% to the current assessed value. New structures would have to comply with flood shutters and openings. The number required is based upon the square footage of the structure and cost \$50 to \$100 each. City Administrator Marsh reported if this Ordinance is not approved the City would be in violation and properties couldn't carry insurance. Alder Wood noted a typographical error on page 4, which needs a section labeled "d.", and questioned whether changes to the "Residential Uses" section on page 10 apply to the "Nonconforming Uses" section on page 17. City Administrator Marsh will clarify this for the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no Miscellaneous Business.

REPORTS

Fire Chief Sullivan provided a report on the Department's activities and structure. Volunteerism is decreasing nationwide, and the 35 volunteer Firefighters the City had in 2003 has dropped to 21. Career staff is 6 total with 3 interns. Staff duties were reviewed including calls, inspections, public education, and training as well as vehicle, equipment, and station maintenance. Call volume is increasing, as are revenues, and will continue to increase as more housing is built in the City. Response time is 4.8 minutes and most calls are for those 85 years old and older. Substantially more mutual aid is received than given.

Alders Holmquist and Thomas stated the Public Safety Commission is aware of the Department's staffing issues and is looking at solutions such as more use of interns and a possible increase in staff to maintain services as more housing is built. Alder Speight questioned the incentive to increase staff when the City is able to rely on others to cover our needs. Fire Chief Sullivan reported revenue loss and timeliness of response are just some of the problems created by understaffing.

Alder Busse reported the Plan Commission had a pre-hearing conference on the Whitehorse property with significant changes including removal of all 3-bedroom units and the addition of commercial space.

Alder O'Connor reported the Broadband Telecommunications Committee approved extensive equipment purchases with the Mayor's review.

Alder Speight reported the Parks & Recreation Board formed an Aquatic Task Force to look at swimming pool hours to maximize use. An online survey is available for user input.

Alder Wood reported the Library Board is working on a Personnel Policy Manual. The stairway is scheduled to be completed by September 9. The CDA had a presentation on the Broadway Square development. The developer needs to come back with a development plan for 3 to 4 lots.

City Clerk Andrusz urged listeners to register to vote in advance of the very busy November General Election. She is working on a fee schedule Ordinance section. The WMCA Conference was successful.

City Administrator Marsh reported the Fall Festival is October 4 and 5 in Winnequah Park. The Library's fundraiser is September 20 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Fireman's Park. The ribbon cutting for the Library's stairway will be announced.

Mayor Miller reported the Fall Festival is the first effort to encompass several events into one weekend with the Hoot Hoot Hustle, Pie Party, Chili Cook-Off, and other attractions included. The Aldo Leopold Nature Center "Pipers on the Prairie" is also on the same weekend. Dean Avenue paving is almost complete and the neighbors are pleased. The "Triangle Project" on the waterfront has now signed with restaurant and hotel groups and work continues. Staff will keep committee appointments up to date.

APPOINTMENTS

A motion by Alder O'Connor, seconded by Alder Speight to approve the following Appointments, was carried:

1. Janine Glaeser to the Sustainability Committee (effective immediately – May 2017).
2. Sterling Kulke to the Sustainability Committee (effective immediately – May 2017).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist to adjourn, was carried. (8:45 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk