

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 6, 2014

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor Miller at 8:10 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, Police Sergeant Curtis Wiegel, Fire Chief Scott Sullivan, Recreation Director Jake Anderson, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve the Minutes from September 15, 2014, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Mayor Miller read and presented a Proclamation Declaring October 13-17, 2014 as "DECA Week" in the City of Monona to DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) members Megan DeVault and Tanner Dahlhauser from Monona Grove High School.

Mayor Miller read and presented a Proclamation Recognizing Lt. Frank K. Fenton on His Retirement from the Monona Police Department. Lieutenant Fenton spoke briefly and was then presented a Department plaque by Police Chief Ostrenga.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Miller declared the Public Hearing To Receive Public Input Regarding the Proposed 2015-2019 Capital Improvements Program and 2015 Capital Borrowing open. As no one was present to comment, Mayor Miller declared the Public Hearing closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alder Busse recused himself from the following discussion and vote due to professional conflicts.

City Administrator Marsh reported the CDA approved the following Resolution at their meeting. Alder Wood clarified that the word "exclusive" in the title is misleading. The City can still listen to other developers but cannot enter into an agreement with them.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood to approve Resolution 14-09-1984 Approving an Exclusive Right to Negotiate Agreement with Gorman & Company, Inc., was carried.

City Administrator Marsh reported that after ongoing discussions with Tellurian all parties are ready to move forward with the following lease amendments. Alder Thomas questioned whether her suggestion of a percentage as opposed to a fixed rate for extended Police time was taken into consideration.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Thomas to amend Resolution 14-09-1985 Approving a Lease Amendment with Tellurian, Inc. as follows: Page 3, subsection 4: "...\$40.00 per hour, increased by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in each following year, billed in ½ hour increments.", was carried.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to approve Resolution 14-09-1985 Approving a Lease Amendment with Tellurian, Inc. as amended, was carried.

City Administrator Marsh suggests the following Resolution be tabled because bids are coming in October 15 and will be on the next Council agenda. A motion to approve by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder O'Connor was withdrawn.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Thomas to table Resolution 14-09-1986 Approving a 2014 Capital Funds Transfer for Schluter Park Restroom Design until the next meeting, was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Busse to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 14-10-1987 Approval of Participation in a Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety Grant Titled "2015 Capitol Area OWI Task Force", was carried.

Sergeant Wiegel reported this is a \$5,000 grant with a 10% match of \$500 for twelve deployments outside the City and two within the City with six officers.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Speight to approve Resolution 14-10-1987 Approval of Participation in a Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety Grant Titled "2015 Capitol Area OWI Task Force", was carried.

Alder Speight requested Finance Director Houtakker clarify the borrowing limit and what needs to be amended regarding Resolution 14-10-1988 Approval of 2015-2019 Capital Improvements Program and 2015 Capital Borrowing. Finance Director Houtakker stated the proposed budget borrows \$4.3 million and the City will pay off \$4.1 million in current debt. The City should borrow what can be paid off. There is a \$2.8 million gap between the proposed borrowing and the debt limit and members should think about what they may want to borrow for in the future. The debt limit is 5% of equalized value, and it should go up with the Treysta property being built, but this is not certain.

Members asked questions. Finance Director Houtakker reported TIF is being used as much as possible, but he will look closer at details of Pirate Island dredging. If all funds that are borrowed are not used, the remainder stays in the Capital budget and must be used in 2015, but the City can limit borrowing by that dollar amount. Any remaining funds are currently earmarked for a fire engine. Exclusions for water,

sewer, and stormwater were explained. He will work with Financial Consultant Jeff Belongia on interest rates and payment information, which will be provided at the next meeting.

City Administrator Marsh requested members send, via email, any budget amendments with detail attached to him or Finance Director Houtakker by Wednesday, October 15 to allow time for packet inclusion. One Alder can propose an amendment, but a second is needed to get the item to the floor. A teleconference will be set up at the next meeting to accommodate Alder Thomas's absence.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder O'Connor to suspend the rules and take action on Ordinance 10-14-665 Amending Section 2-4-10 of the Monona Code of Ordinances Regarding the Broadband Telecommunications Advisory Committee, was carried.

Alder O'Connor reported that the City will soon have its own radio station. The Broadband Committee wanted a new name, "Community Media Committee" to reflect the all-encompassing nature of services provided. The Committee is also adding two citizen members and has changed Ordinance wording to include radio. Also added is the ability to form sub-committees without Mayor or Council approval. City Administrator Marsh stated these sub-committees would be advisory to the standing committee. Mayor Miller expressed concern about School District involvement. City Administrator Marsh reported the Committee reports to him and he will share with the School Board and report to the Council. The School District only contracts for services.

A motion by Alder O'Connor, seconded by Alder Thomas to approve Ordinance 10-14-665 Amending Section 2-4-10 of the Monona Code of Ordinances Regarding the Broadband Telecommunications Advisory Committee, was carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no Miscellaneous Business.

REPORTS

Members thanked Recreation Director Anderson for the wonderful Fall Festival. Bringing all the activities into a weekend of events was successful despite Saturday's cold and rainy weather.

Alder O'Connor reported there will be a Low Power FM meeting Wednesday regarding building the radio station. The newly named Community Media Committee meets Thursday and the Sustainability Committee meets October 16. The Friends of the Library book sale is this weekend.

Alder Speight reported the Mass Transit Commission needs a new member.

City Clerk Andrusz reminds viewers that Voter Photo ID is required for the November 4 General Election. Driver license, Wisconsin ID, military ID, student ID along with enrollment information, and passports are among the accepted Voter Photo ID documents. Voter Photo ID does not have to have a resident's current address. Proof of residence is required to register to vote and must have a resident's current address. Proof of residence can be a utility bill, bank statement, or a number of other documents. Mayor Miller thanks City Clerk Andrusz for her efforts to get the word out on the new laws.

City Administrator Marsh reported the Police Department is requesting all staff and Council members wear pink on Pink Day, October 20, to heighten breast cancer awareness.

Mayor Miller stated the weekend's Fall Festival events, along with the Aldo Leopold Nature Center "Pipers on the Prairie", could evolve into a destination event, bringing many people to the City.

The Report from Leah Kimmell, Director of Administrative Services outlined her job duties, including the Neogov system for job applications, Human Resources, payroll, and website administration. A staffing level report was provided comparing current age and longevity with five years ago, as well as other information. Website use statistics were provided, including which documents were downloaded most often and dates the website was most visited.

Recreation Director Anderson stated Director of Administrative Services Kimmell is a wonderful, positive asset to the City. He thanks all the volunteers, staff, and sponsors for their contributions to the successful Fall Festival.

Fire Chief Sullivan also praised Director of Administrative Services Kimmell, stating she is always quick to answer any questions and is eager to help out. October 5 – 11 is Fire Prevention Week, with the theme "Working Smoke Detectors Save Lives". There is a free Open House on Sunday, October 12, from noon to 3:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

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

1. Jim Dederich to the Facilities Committee (effective immediately – May 2017)
2. Jim Beyer to the Facilities Committee (effective immediately – May 2017)
3. Jennifer Fonner, Monona Grove School District Liaison to the Library Board, (effective immediately – July 2017).
4. To the Sustainability Committee:
 - a. Suzanne Wade (effective immediately – May, 2017).
 - b. Leslie Busse (effective immediately – May, 2015).
 - c. Pat Howell (effective immediately – May, 2015).
 - d. Sue Vogt (effective immediately – May, 2017).
 - e. Peter McKeever (effective immediately – May, 2016).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to adjourn, was carried. (9:19 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk