

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 1, 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 Chad Speight, Mary O'Connor, Brian Holmquist, Kathy Thomas, Jim Busse, and Doug Wood

Also Present: City Administrator Patrick Marsh, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Darrin Pope from Vierbicher Associates, Project Intern Brad Bruun, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Thomas to approve the Minutes from the November 17, 2014 City Council meeting, was carried.

APPEARANCES

There were no Appearances.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. 2014/2015 Operator License for Sam W. Jeffers, Walgreens
2. 2014/2015 Operator License for Tamera J. LaBelle, Tobacco Outlet
3. 2014/2016 Operator License for Christopher L. Long, Copps Grocery

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Director Stephany provided information on Ordinance 12-14-667 Amending Title 8, Chapter 3, Section 6 of the Monona Code of Ordinances Regarding Yard Waste and Brush Disposal which was reviewed by the Public Works Committee on November 5. The time brush can be at the curb prior to scheduled pick-up is increased to 14 days. Brush has been out up to 2 months, and it was determined that the Ordinance should be specific to aid the Code Enforcement Officer. Residents will be notified via the newsletter with the brush pick-up schedule. Pick-up was scheduled for later in October in response to resident requests. Members would like a copy of the schedule for the next meeting and ask for the Code Enforcement Officer's attendance. The continued use of parks as brush dump sites was

discussed and will continue to be addressed. The difficulty of cutting brush, moving it for storage behind a house, and then moving it back to the curb was discussed. The 14 days encompasses 3 weekends and residents can schedule work accordingly.

Public Works Director Stephany provided information on Ordinance 12-14-668 Amending Title 9, Chapter 4 of the Monona Code of Ordinances Regarding Storm Water Utility. Mainly, this will change how stormwater charges are calculated. The ERU (Equivalent Runoff Unit) method is used by most municipalities and is less complicated. One ERU equals a single-family residence. Calculations can be done in-house and as opposed to the current pervious vs. impervious surface calculation which requires engineer input.

Mr. Pope explained ERU is based on the impervious area divided by 3,000 square feet. Mr. Bruun explained he can get the needed data from the City's GIS software which is updated annually so property changes would be taken into account, which would increase revenues. He has seen only minute differences so far, around \$5 per month, but a large building change would be charged more. He will provide a sample comparison for the next meeting. Residents can apply for a stormwater credit if their land slopes to the lake.

Mayor Miller requests detailed information is given to residents, especially if anyone faces a large cost increase. Alder Wood stated the ERU method would reallocate costs to be fairer. Mr. Pope stated customer classifications simplify the rate structure and could be adjusted or removed in future. The burden of proof for a resident's efforts to reduce impervious areas and run-off lies with the credit applicant, and would be verified by the Public Works Director. Commercial sites are required to do this regardless. Simplified flat credit rates for residential efforts in rain gardens and barrels, pervious driveways, etc. could be added. Alder Speight stated the credit amount would be very small as opposed to the installation costs so the Public Works Committee determined a more detailed analysis wasn't warranted.

Public Works Director Stephany provided information on Ordinance 12-14-669 Amending Title 15, Chapter 2 of the Monona Code of Ordinances Regarding Erosion and Storm Water Runoff Control. This updates the current Code to match Dane County's, which the City is required to follow. Mr. Pope outlined four major changes:

1. During construction run-off needs to be monitored with inspections periodically and after rainfalls. The reports are verified by the Building Inspector.
2. The grade of adjacent sites 5 feet from the construction is to be untouched. The Building Inspector will verify that water does not flow onto neighbor's property. Exceptions would be made in floodplains.
3. New standards of rate control for un-developed sites. While most construction in the City is re-development, the language should be included.
4. Run-off is required to go where it would soak in. This changes how much infiltration is required and could be adjusted as needed.

City Administrator Marsh provided information on Resolution 14-12-1996 Approving Updates to the City of Monona Emergency Operations Plan which has been approved by the Public Safety Commission. He and Mayor Miller thank Public Safety Commission member Larry Reid, who has worked extensively with the State, for voluntarily sharing his expertise on this plan. This is a virtually new document with a new layout. Minor corrections will be made to contact information and updates will be made periodically as staff and other changes occur. Staff held a tabletop exercise using this as a guide. The City would also receive emergency assistance through Dane County.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder O'Connor to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 14-12-1997 Authorizing the Borrowing of \$1,500,000; Providing for the Issuance and Sale of a General Obligation Promissory Note Therefor; and Levying a Tax in Connection Therewith, was carried.

City Administrator Marsh explained the short term borrowing with Monona State Bank to acquire the Chase Bank will be extended to September 15, 2015 when the area becomes a TID. It will then be rolled into tax exempt borrowing. If it is not developed by then it would be included in the TID on the recommendation of the CDA. The TID could borrow from other more lucrative TIDs. This is not anticipated, however. Mayor Miller stated the revenue being generated exceeds the current loan costs.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Wood to approve Resolution 14-12-1997 Authorizing the Borrowing of \$1,500,000; Providing for the Issuance and Sale of a General Obligation Promissory Note Therefor; and Levying a Tax in Connection Therewith. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight 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 (IAFF Local 311 Contract). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Thomas to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 14-12-1998 Approving the Terms of Contract with International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 311, was carried.

City Administrator Marsh reported there are five amended areas:

1. Overtime was automatically paid at a minimum of 2 hours. Now any on-duty staff would be paid in 15 minute increments.
2. A paragraph regarding health care was removed to be in compliance with Act 10.
3. The maximum sick leave carry-over of 980 hours now matches other employees. The maximum payout at retirement remains at 840 hours.
4. The Good Friday holiday was eliminated and 3 Floating Holidays were added.
5. Wages will increase 2% in 2015 and 2016. An additional 3% raise will be given at 6 years of service as a longevity incentive.

The contract is for 2 years, January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. Police staff receives 3% wage increases and other staff receives 2.5% increases based upon merit. The City's Fire Fighter wages compare favorably with similar municipalities.

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REPORTS

Alder Busse reported the Plan Commission will meet at a different time than usual: Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Andrusz reported candidate packets are available in her office for anyone interested in running for the Alderperson seats currently held by Alders Busse, Wood, and Speight, and for Mayor, currently held by Mayor Miller. Nomination papers may be circulated beginning today.

City Administrator Marsh reported reservations are being taken for three time slots for “Breakfast with Santa”, which will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, December 13. Borrowing for the 2015 Capital Budget will be in February next year, earlier than usual due to project needs. Interest rates should remain stable through mid-year.

Mayor Miller reported demolition has begun on the Ruby’s building.

APPOINTMENTS

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

1. Doug Pahl to the Mass Transit Commission (effective immediately – May 2016)
2. Brooke Logan to the Sustainability Committee (effective immediately – May 2016)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Busse to adjourn, was carried. (8:53 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk