

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
December 15, 2014

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:31 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Patrick Marsh, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Project Intern Brad Bruun, Finance Director Marc Houtakker and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood to approve the Minutes from the December 1, 2014 City Council meeting, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Betsy Powers from SCS Engineers and Darrin Pope from Vierbicher Associates provided a Presentation of the Storm Water Management Plan. The Plan, partially funded by the DNR, was reviewed and will be modified. Suspended solids and phosphorus runoff at developments was reviewed. A map was displayed with watersheds highlighted. Individual models for each one were updated from 2007. The City is currently at a 40% reduction overall, but the goals are much higher now at 60% and 73%. The DNR understands this is a long-term project. Mayor Miller wants to pursue improvements, such as rain gardens, and a measure of results. Public Works Director Stephany stated the Department measures solid runoff by cubic yard but there is no measure for phosphorous. Ms. Powers can run through a model to prove this reduction. The Plan is on the City's website under Public Works Storm Water Utility.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist to approve the following Applications for 2014/2015 Operator Licenses, was carried:

1. James R. Philipps, PDQ Food Store
2. Lionel W. Landry, Speedway – Monona Drive
3. Devan J. Andaverde, Speedway – Monona Drive
4. Matthew L. Knapton, Buffalo Wild Wings
5. Robert M. Klinzing, Licali's Market & Spirits

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Works Director Stephany distributed the 2015 brush collection schedule. The goal is to allow 14 days for brush to be at the curb prior to scheduled pick up.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Thomas to approve Ordinance 12-14-667 Amending Title 8, Chapter 3, Section 6 of the Monona Code of Ordinances Regarding Yard Waste and Brush Disposal, was carried.

Public Works Director Stephany reviewed a comparison report of 2004 to current previous vs. impervious square footage as taken by satellite imagery distributed by Project Intern Bruun. A simplified storm water rate structure and more frequent property reviews will increase revenues. Building footprints have changed since Dane County did a review in 2010 which didn't include driveways, porches, pathways, decks, etc. Project Intern Bruun stated any changes are defensible. Property owners can appeal if they have sloping lots and pervious driveways and sidewalks. The fee is an annual charge billed quarterly. The rate will be set annually at budget time. Alder Speight stated while no model is 100% accurate, this is a more equitable and cost effective process. Finance Director Houtakker asked that the Ordinance be effective January 1, 2015 for billing purposes.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Speight to amend Ordinance 12-14-668 Amending Title 9, Chapter 4 of the Monona Code of Ordinances Regarding Storm Water Utility to remove the specified ERU equivalent in Section 9-4-4 (e) because it will change and to add the calculation methodology to the rate calculation in Section 9-4-7 (a) as follows was carried.:

“6. Calculation:

$$\text{ERU} = \frac{\text{parcel's total impervious area}}{\text{average impervious area on single family residential parcels}}$$

$$\text{Rate Per ERU} = \frac{\text{storm water revenue}}{\text{total ERU}}$$

$$\text{Storm water fee per parcel} = \text{rate per ERU} \times \text{parcel ERU}”$$

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Thomas to change the effective date of Ordinance 12-14-668 Amending Title 9, Chapter 4 of the Monona Code of Ordinances Regarding Storm Water Utility from “...upon passage...” to “...January 1, 2015...”, was carried.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Speight to approve Ordinance 12-14-668 Amending Title 9, Chapter 4 of the Monona Code of Ordinances Regarding Storm Water Utility as amended, was carried.

Public Works Director Stephany introduced the following Ordinance with no changes from the first reading. Mr. Pope reported there is no change from the 40% suspended solids rate in the current Ordinance. Alder Wood stated this should be brought back for review if change is required in future.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Speight to approve Ordinance 12-14-669 Amending Title 15, Chapter 2 of the Monona Code of Ordinances Regarding Erosion and Storm Water Runoff Control, was carried.

City Administrator Marsh thanks Larry Reid for his work on the Emergency Plan, which will be modified over the years as needed. A tabletop exercise may be held for the Council and Mayor. The final version will have the Council members' contact information added, though they wouldn't have a specified roll in an emergency event. The railroad contact will be changed.

A motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder Thomas to approve Resolution 14-12-1996 Approving Updates to the City of Monona Emergency Operations Plan, was carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Busse to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 14-12-1999 A Final Resolution Authorizing Levying Special Assessments Against Benefited Properties for Dredging Work to Lagoon du Nord, Lagoon du Sud, Sumac Lagoon and the Cove Circle Channel, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker stated this is the final Resolution for the 2012 dredging to bill residents and put the charges on the tax roll. It is on the current tax bills. There still could be costs due to arbitration. A letter was sent to affected residents explaining this possibility.

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Busse to approve Resolution 14-12-1999 A Final Resolution Authorizing Levying Special Assessments Against Benefited Properties for Dredging Work to Lagoon du Nord, Lagoon du Sud, Sumac Lagoon and the Cove Circle Channel, was carried.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder O'Connor to Convene in Closed Session under Wisconsin Statute section 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and 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 an employee agreement and personnel matter). 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 Speight to suspend the rules and take action on an Employee Agreement and Approval of an Employee Resignation (Police Officer), was carried.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Speight to approve an Employee Agreement and Approval of an Employee Resignation (Police Officer), was carried. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

#### REPORTS

Public Works Director Stephany provided a report on departmental operations including staff and contractors and their responsibilities, the amount of materials picked up, the City's rank in terms of recycling as compared to other communities, and Department goals. This report will be posted on the City's website.

City Administrator Marsh provided a Strategic Plan Update. He provides members with quarterly updates on progress made and will provide an in-person annual summary highlighting top priority goals that have been accomplished or are in process. These include:

- Public access to the waterfront will be accomplished with the Treysta and Triangle projects.
- The Comprehensive Plan will be presented in May or June for Council approval.
- Transit ridership has increased slightly and the Commission has marketing planned.
- Property maintenance and code enforcement efforts have increased with 95% of issues resolved.
- A “Welcome Wagon” packet will be created by Alder Thomas with Receptionist Alene Hamel and “Meet & Greet” booths have been set up at City events.

One negative to report is the DaneCom system, which is still not working at the County level. The City is fortunate to have its own Dispatch center. Mayor Miller thanks City Administrator Marsh and City staff for their work and reported plan facilitator Wally Jankowski is impressed with the City’s successes and how much has been done.

Alder O’Connor reminded viewers about the ongoing radio station call letter contest.

Alder Speight reported two transit buses are in the shop for major repairs. The replacements are not working well but better versions will be in use soon. He thanks riders for their patience.

Alder Wood reported the application for the Treysta project restaurant/pub had to be tabled at the License Review Committee as the owner was unable to attend. This will be considered in January.

City Clerk Andrusz reported data entry of November 4 General Election results continues and candidate packets are available in her office for anyone interested in running for Alderperson or Mayor.

Alder Thomas invites members and City staff to a holiday party at her home after the January 5 Council meeting.

Mayor Miller notes the passing of Jack Jerred, a long-time Monona resident, athlete, and artist, and extends condolences to his family. Mayor Miller was asked to open at tonight’s meeting a gift from Mari Anne Lichtfeld, which was a humorous “dog park” tee shirt.

#### APPOINTMENTS

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

1. John Griffith to the Zoning Board of Appeals (effective Jan. 1, 2015 – May, 2017)
2. Brett Blomme, Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals (effective immediately – May 2017)

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Wood to adjourn, was carried. (9:29 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz  
City Clerk