

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 18, 2019

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mary K. O'Connor, Alderpersons Molly Grupe, Nancy Moore (via telephone for the roll call only), Chad Speight, Doug Wood, Andrew Kitslaar, and Jennifer Kuhr

Excused: Alderperson Nancy Moore (telephone connection lost)

Also Present: City Administrator Bryan Gadow, City Attorney William Cole, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Financial Consultant Jeff Belongia from Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co., Police Chief Walter Ostrenga, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alder Kuhr noted a correction to Page 3 at the end of paragraph 3: "...not the usual 5 10 years."

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to approve the Minutes of the March 4, 2019 City Council meeting as amended, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Mayor O'Connor read and presented A Proclamation Declaring March as "March for Meals Month" in the City of Monona. Rob Severson, Manager of Evening Meals on Wheels for Independent Living, Inc. accepted the Proclamation and provided information on this valuable service.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Application for 2018/2019 Operator License:
 - a. Johnetta D. Walters, Speedway – Monona Drive
2. Approval of Applications for 2018/2020 Operator Licenses:
 - a. Kevin J. Conley, Speedway – Royal Avenue

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Works Director Stephany reported the following was approved by the Public Works Committee on March 6 and verified that Homburg Contractors will recycle and re-use 100% of the asphalt removed.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Wood to approve Resolution 19-3-2329 Approval of a Cost Sharing Agreement Between the City of Madison and the City of Monona for the Reconstruction of Bridge Road. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Public Works Director Stephany reported the following was approved by the Public Works Committee on March 6. Costs are split in the 2019 and 2020 Capital Budgets.

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Speight to approve Resolution 19-3-2330 Approving a Proposal from MSA Professional Services for Design and Construction Administration Services for the Winnequah Road Bridge Replacement Project. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Alder Wood reported the Landmarks Commission is working on the Monona Mound dedication ceremony to held at the Library as the site is not safe for attendees. The City's Administrator and Planner are working on organizing this for a date in May. Ho Chunk Nation members will be invited and asked to speak.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Grupe to approve Resolution 19-3-2331 Proclaiming the Month of May as Historic Preservation and Archaeology Month, was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 19-3-2336 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2019A, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker reported that Council action at the last meeting allowed Financial Consultant Belongia to negotiate borrowing for the 2019 Capital Budget. Mr. Belongia reported the amortization schedule was set up. The City's excellent Standard & Poor's AA+ rating is due to the Council's and Mayor's efforts and allows the City to get competitive interest rates; this 9-year financing is at 2.582%. Comparison borrowings by Wisconsin municipalities were reviewed.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to approve Resolution 19-3-2336 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2019A. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Public Works Director Stephany provided information on Ordinance 3-19-715 Amending Chapter 395-8 of the Code of Ordinances Concerning the Removal of Snow and Ice from Sidewalks and distributed photographs of un-cleared crosswalk ramps. These should be added to the sidewalk maintenance Ordinance; it is difficult to enforce because it currently just says "sidewalks". Residents need these to be open. The Public Works Committee approved this on March 6. If residents or businesses can't do their own shoveling they need to hire contractors. Bump-outs are the City's responsibility and that maintenance will improve next year.

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Speight to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 19-3-2334 Approving a Proposal for Replacement of the Police Records Management System, was carried.

Police Chief Ostrenga reported the Department partners with area municipalities to update their records systems by the 2021 federal mandate. The chosen vendor offers the best option and costs the least. The

City's portion of just over \$40,000 will be split between 2019 and 2020. If this is decided by April the group receives a \$40,000 discount and won't have to pay \$75,000 to the current vendor in 2020.

A motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to approve Resolution 19-3-2334 Approving a Proposal for Replacement of the Police Records Management System. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Speight to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 19-3-2335 Purchase Approval of Two Police Vehicles, was carried.

Police Chief Ostrenga reported the 2019 Capital Budget includes two vehicle replacements. The new vehicles are hybrids purchased under the state bid contract. Gas mileage improvement was reported. The current Interceptor gets 32 mpg; the new vehicle will get 40 to 43 mpg. The current squad gets 8 mpg; the new vehicle will get 20 mpg. When idling, it runs off the battery until gas is needed. The hybrids recharge with engine use. Members thanked Chief Ostrenga for pursuing energy efficient options.

A motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Grupe to approve Resolution 19-3-2335 Purchase Approval of Two Police Vehicles. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

City Administrator Gadow provided information on Resolution 19-3-2339 Initiating Planning for Creation of Tax Increment District #10. The CDA received this request for a mixed-use project. This Resolution is the first step in the process and doesn't commit the City to further action. Along with the parcels under discussion there are potential additional parcels. Next steps and the time frame were reviewed. Alder Wood reported this area was considered when the Treysta on the Water TIF was created but the owner was against it and there was no project planned.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to Convene in Closed Session under Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(1)(e), Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (City Facilities Solar Panels Contract) and 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 (Hiring of City Planner/Assistant Economic Development Director). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Wood to direct City staff to explore the three options being considered regarding the City Facilities Solar Panels Contract and under no circumstances consider acquisition until the City is provided the complete maintenance log, was carried.

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Speight to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 19-3-2340 Approving an Employment Agreement for the Position of City Planner/Assistant Economic Development Director, was carried.

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Kuhr to approve Resolution 19-3-2340 Approving an Employment Agreement for the Position of City Planner/Assistant Economic Development Director, was carried.

REPORTS

Alder Grupe reported the Library's community survey is available on paper or the City's website to gain input into the strategic plan to improve the Library as a community resource. Respondents can enter to win a \$50 Amazon gift card.

Alder Speight reported the Sustainability Committee also has a survey available on the City's website and on Twitter asking citizens about their energy use.

City Attorney Cole congratulated the Police and Fire Departments and a citizen on their rescue of a dog stranded in the water.

City Clerk Andrusz announced staff training is underway for the new electronic poll books, Badger Books, that will be used at the April 2 Spring Election. Voters' polling place experience will be largely the same, but with more efficiency.

City Administrator Gadow reminded everyone about the April 11 Volunteer Appreciation event.

Mayor O'Connor thanks Council President Wood for filling in while she was on vacation. There will be a "meet and greet" from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. prior to the next meeting on April 1 to welcome and introduce City Administrator Gadow. There will be another similar event for the City Planner. The Library's Eco Action Tuesday event on March 26 will discuss accessory dwelling units. In person absentee voting is now taking place in City Hall with additional hours on Wednesday evenings and this Saturday morning. She attended the Dane County Cities and Villages meeting with Alder Wood where Dane County road funding and jurisdictional transfer issues were discussed. Alder Wood added that there is concern that the wheel tax is not being used.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to adjourn, was carried. (8:21 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk