

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mary K. O'Connor, Alderpersons Patrick DePula, Brian Holmquist, Nancy Moore, Doug Wood, and Teresa Radermacher

Also Present: Interim Administrator/Finance Director Marc Houtakker, Fire Chief Jeremy McMullen, Police Chief Brian Chaney, Officer Hoffman, Officer Franca, Director of Planning & Community Development Doug Plowman(via Zoom), Jeff Belongia with Huntington Securities, Inc., and City Clerk Alene Houser

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alder Radermacher, seconded by Alder Wood, to approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2023 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES

Mayor O'Connor, spoke for informational purposes regarding the fire at Monona Hills, which resulted in the death of one resident and the displacement of all others and the passing of Alder Kathy Thomas.

Mayor O'Connor read a Proclamation Honoring the Life and Service of Alderperson Kathy Thomas.

Police Chief Chaney and Fire Chief McMullen, spoke for informational purposes regarding the passing of Alder Kathy Thomas and presented awards to her family.

Chad Speight, Madison resident, appeared before Council to speak for informational purposes regarding remembering Kathy Thomas.

PUBLIC HEARING, CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Public Hearing or Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G.1.a Consideration of Resolution 23-3-2613 Approval of a Certified Survey Map (CSM) for Lot 4 of CSM 8819 and Lot 1 of CSM 15061 – Broadway lofts and Townhomes GDP.

Director Plowman explained that this CSM consolidates two lots into one to allow for a 75-unit multi-family development. The CSM was reviewed and unanimously approved by Public Works Committee, and recommended for approval by Plan Commission with three conditions.

Motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder DePula, to approve Resolution 23-3-2613 Approval of a Certified Survey Map (CSM) for Lot 4 of CSM 8819 and Lot 1 of CSM 15061 – Broadway lofts and Townhomes GDP. Motion carried.

G.1.b Consideration of Resolution 23-3-2614 Approval of Precise Implementation Plan (PIP) for Broadway Lofts and Townhomes at Approximately 1208 E. Broadway.

Director Plowman explained that this Precise Implementation Plan allows for a 75-unit multi-family workforce housing development. The development will be comprised of a four story 63 unit building as well as two six unit two story townhome buildings.

Motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder DePula, to approve Resolution 23-3-2614 Approval of Precise Implementation Plan (PIP) for Broadway Lofts and Townhomes at Approximately 1208 E. Broadway. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Items G.2.a and G.2.b were moved forward to accommodate those present.

G.2.a Consideration of Resolution 23-3-2619 Expressing the City Council's Desire to Rename Squaw Circle to Kathy Thomas Circle.

Mayor O'Connor explained that Alder DePula brought this up several weeks ago as a way to honor Kathy after she retired. Discussion followed regarding the importance for the Public Works Committee to see this as a (high) choice, the many streets in Monona named after men and this would be the first named after a woman, and it being appropriate that she be honored this way with all the things she has done for the City.

G.2.b Consideration of Resolution 23-3-2616 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,870,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023A.

Mr. Belongia explained that this resolution is for borrowing \$2,870,000 for the annual Capital Improvements Plan. The debt the City has is being paid back quite rapidly with little interest having been paid in the last 10 to 15 years. The debt the City has needs to be looked at as an asset; projects that would not have been possible without debt include the Monona Drive improvements, the Garden Circle project and other redevelopment sites. The City is currently rated at AA+, which is an analysis of debt and the ability to pay it off in a certain amount of time. The bond was sold with a net premium of \$ 197,000, which is required to be used to pay debt service.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder DePula, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 23-3-2616 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,870,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023A. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Radermacher, to approve Resolution 23-3-2616 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,870,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023A. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

G.2.c Consideration of Resolution 23-3-2617 Approval of a Certified Survey Map (CSM) to Consolidate Two Lots for the Purpose of Constructing an Addition to the Single-Family Residence at

Director Plowman explained this request is to consolidate two lots into one for the purpose of building an addition on a single family home. This CSM received unanimous recommendations at Plan Commission and Public Works Committee.

Motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder Radermacher, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 23-3-2617 Approval of a Certified Survey Map (CSM) to Consolidate Two Lots for the Purpose of Constructing an Addition to the Single-Family Residence at 4506 Shore Acres Road. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder Moore, to approve Resolution 23-3-2617 Approval of a Certified Survey Map (CSM) to Consolidate Two Lots for the Purpose of Constructing an Addition to the Single-Family Residence at 4506 Shore Acres Road. Motion carried.

G.2.d Consideration of Resolution 23-3-2618 Authorizing Beer Sales by Parks and Recreation Staff During 2023 Special Events.

Alder Wood explained that this is an annual request to sell beer at parks and has been done every year recently. Event locations include Schluter, Grand Crossing and San Damiano parks.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder DePula, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 23-3-2618 Authorizing Beer Sales by Parks and Recreation Staff During 2023 Special Events. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Radermacher, to approve Resolution 23-3-2618 Authorizing Beer Sales by Parks and Recreation Staff During 2023 Special Events. Motion carried.

REPORTS

1. Updates/Discussion on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Efforts

Alder Radermacher reported the third meeting of the DEIB implementation team happened last week.

2. Update/Discussion on Sustainability Efforts.

Alder Radermacher reported the Sustainability Committee is gearing up for the E-Cycling event that will be located at the Monona Grove District Offices, 5301 Monona Drive on April 15.

3. Committee Reports.

Alder Moore reported there have been over 800 responses to the Transit survey as of this afternoon, which will remain open until Friday.

Alder Wood reported the San Damiano Committee meets tomorrow at 5 pm to continue the master plan process. The Greater Madison MPO has hired Alexandra Andros and the Executive Director.

Alder Radermacher reported there is a Public Safety meeting on Wednesday.

Clerk Houser reported that in-person absentee voting starts tomorrow and goes through March 31. Absentee ballots for those with requests on file have already been mailed out; the deadline to request a mailed ballot is Thursday, March 30.

Fire Chief McMullen thanked the Fire Department, Assistant Fire Chief Eklof, Mike Trotter with Public Works, Heritage, the medical director, St Stephens's church, Red Cross and everyone else who assisted

with the tragic fire at Monona Hills where one resident passed away. The investigation is complete and it appears to be unintentional. There are three wings to the building, the South is uninhabitable, the middle needs a lot of work and there is a lot of water and smoke damage to the North section. It will take at least two months to get residents back in.

Police Chief Chaney thanked everyone involved in the tragic fire at Monona Hills. Condolences to the family of the individual who lost their life. Planning for special events is an ongoing process; Monona hosts two large events every year. Beyond the Police and Fire departments, the DOJ is also involved to make things better and safer. There is not a current vacancy but in anticipation of potential retirements, Carter Losby was sworn in earlier tonight and is attending the academy. Council and Monona residents are encouraged to read the monthly reports to know what is going on in the Police Department.

Mayor O'Connor reported she is still waiting to hear from a few people about their committee reappointments. The Administrator job will be posted next Monday and will be up for about a month.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist, to adjourn. Motion carried (8:29 p.m.).

Alene Houser
City Clerk