

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 7, 2022

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council, via Zoom, was called to order by Acting Mayor Thomas at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Acting Mayor Kathy Thomas, Alderpersons Nancy Moore, Doug Wood, Jennifer Kuhr, Kristie Goforth, and Molly Grupe

Excused: Mayor Mary K. O'Connor

Also Present: City Administrator Bryan Gadow, Police Chief Brian Chaney Austin, Fire Chief Jeremy McMullen, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, and City Clerk Alene Houser

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alder Goforth, seconded by Alder Kuhr, to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2022 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES

Acting Mayor Thomas read a Proclamation Supporting the People of Ukraine.

Jerry Thompson, Monona resident, appeared before the Council for informational purposes regarding the Police Department and speeding issues he was seeing as a crossing guard.

Timothy Trpkosh, Monona, appeared before the Council for informational purposes regarding proposed changes of the Code of Ordinances.

PUBLIC HEARING and CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Public Hearing or Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G.1.a Consideration of Ordinance 1-22-746 Amending Section 335-8 of the Code of Ordinances Prohibiting Noise Disturbing the Peace

Chief Chaney Austin explained that changes were made to this ordinance based on recommendations from the Public Safety Committee, Attorney Cole and residents. The main changes are a section was added addressing light motor noise, giving authority to the City Clerk to issue residential amplified device permits and License Review Committee authority to issue commercial permits, commercial applicants will need to notify of residences within 200 feet of the meeting at which their permit application will be discussed, and limits the number of permits per location to 45 a year.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Kuhr, to approve Ordinance 1-22-746 Amending Section 335-8 of the Code of Ordinances Prohibiting Noise Disturbing the Peace. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

G.2.a. Consideration of Resolution 22-3-2543 Award of Contract for 2022 Permeable Paver Project

Director Stephany explained that this project will remove the temporary asphalt on Inland Way and replace it with permeable pavers and concrete, per original design. Installation of the pavers was delayed until construction in the triangle was complete. Homburg, the original contractor for the project, was the low bidder out of the three bids that were received.

Motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Grupe, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-3-2543 Award of Contract for 2022 Permeable Paver Project. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Moore, to approve Resolution 22-3-2543 Award of Contract for 2022 Permeable Paver Project. Motion carried.

G.2.b. Consideration of Resolution 22-3-2545 Approval to Purchase Battery Powered Extrication Equipment

Fire Chief McMullen explained that the purchase of battery powered extrication equipment was approved in the 2022 Capital Budget. All the Hydraulic equipment on Engine 4 is over 20 years old and needs to be replaced. The new equipment should last the life of the engine with annual maintenance.

Motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Goforth, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-3-2545 Approval to Purchase Battery Powered Extrication Equipment. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Goforth, to approve Resolution 22-2545 Approval to Purchase Battery Powered Extrication Equipment. Motion carried.

G.2.c Consideration of Resolution 22-3-2544 Opposition to SB 573/AB 588 Related to Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

Alder Goforth read the Resolution and explained that these bills will give private companies full control of the EV infrastructure. Local governments should be a part of increased transportation options and the City of Monona should be able to provide electric options to everyone who lives and comes to Monona.

Motion by Alder Goforth, seconded by Alder Grupe, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-3-2544 Opposition to SB 573/AB 588 Related to Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Goforth, seconded by Alder Grupe, to approve Resolution 22-3-2544 Opposition to SB 573/AB 588 Related to Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure. Motion carried.

REPORTS

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

Chief Chaney Austin reported he held the first meeting chief's roundtable group which went great and everyone has signed up to meet again.

Alder Grupe reported that applications are being accepted for committee openings. Trying to expand the application process to include options for those who might not be able to meet at certain times or who might have to meet virtually. Looking to expand the collective voices we're including in our committees.

Alder Wood reported completing his fourth Justified Anger class last week. The class is going well and he's learning a lot.

2. Update/Discussion on Sustainability Efforts.

There were no updates.

3. Committee Reports.

Alder Goforth thanked Jerry Thompson for being the crossing guard the last six years and welcomes Kim Richman. Landmarks will meet March 9 at 4:30.

Alder Kuhr reported the CDA has been moved to the last Tuesday of the month.

Alder Moore reported that Plan Commission meets March 14 and will be reviewing proposals from Dave Jones and the Slinde project. The Snow Snake Games at San Damiano had a great turnout. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Alder Grupe reported that Parks meets March 8, Transit meets March 9 and Sustainability meets March 10. Thank you to Lois who reached out to the Council about the efforts in Ukraine. Ryan Claringbole celebrated 5 years with the City recently - thank you for all you do. Apply now for storage of your kayak/canoe at City Parks.

Police Chief Chaney Austin reported that he is pleased with the progress that is being made with Lexipol to update policies. Community Response team met today and are very excited about the opportunity to problem solve. Thank you Jerry Thompson for your years of service. There is a public facing traffic dashboard which shows all the work his officers are doing to keep everyone safe.

Fire Chief McMullen reported that the Lexipol policy update was a fantastic purchase by the City. Internal hiring process is going on and hopes to have the position filed by May 1. The Fire/EMS Department has been running four to eight calls a day and they do a fabulous job with very few resources. Ordering of new trucks is two years out due to supply chain issues. In the coming months will need to sign a commitment to purchase. Not trying to get trucks early but just get them ordered to get them on time. Appreciates the Council and Mayor putting forth the Proclamation Supporting the People of Ukraine.

Clerk Houser reported that early in person absentee voting starts March 22 and goes through April 1.

Administrator Gadow reminded Council to provide the Mayor with a list of committee members that would like to be reappointed by March 11.

Acting Mayor Thomas reported that the Code of Ordinances guides this body of government. Committees are limited by Ordinances and Statutes. City Council delegated bus, taxi and mass transit to the Transit Committee but bikes were not included. Public Safety Committee welcomes all public opinion.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Wood, to adjourn. Motion carried (8:10 p.m.).

Alene Houser
City Clerk