

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 18, 2022

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 (via Zoom), Doug Wood, Kathy Thomas, and Teresa Radermacher

Also Present: Police Chief Brian Chaney, City Planner Doug Plowman, Public Works Project Manager Brad Bruun (via Zoom), Interim Administrator/Finance Director Marc Houtakker and City Clerk Alene Houser

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor O'Connor noted a correction in the last paragraph on page 4: cutout canoe should be dugout canoe.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder DePula, to approve the Minutes of the June 20, 2022 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES

Valerie Gibbons, Monona resident, appeared before Council and spoke concerning the sign facing Grand Crossing Park.

Patrick Marsh appeared before Council and spoke concerning the City Administrator position.

PUBLIC HEARING, CONSENT AGENDA and UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Public Hearing, Consent Agenda or Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

G.2.a. Consideration of Application for 2022/2023 Patio Permit for Leskes Inc, d/b/a Tully's II Food & Spirits, 6401 Monona Drive, Monona, WI 53716.

Alder Wood explained that Tully's II currently has a temporary permit and are now applying to make it a regular permit.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood, to suspend the rules and take action on the Application for 2022/2023 Patio Permit for Leskes Inc, d/b/a Tully's II Food & Spirits, 6401 Monona Drive, Monona, WI 53716. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Thomas, to approve the Application for 2022/2023 Patio Permit for Leskes Inc, d/b/a Tully's II Food & Spirits, 6401 Monona Drive, Monona, WI 53716. Motion carried.

G.2.b. Consideration of Resolution 22-7-2583 Authorizing the Creation of an Assistant Planner Position.

Planner Plowman explained that the position will be 25 hours a week with city benefits. Assistant Planner will be the staff lead for Landmarks and Sustainability while also supporting the City Planner with Planning and Zoning. Discussion followed regarding the number of hours per week being spent on Sustainability and keeping those hours at least where they have been previously.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder DePula, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-7-2583 Authorizing the Creation of an Assistant Planner Position. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood, to approve Resolution 22-7-2583 Authorizing the Creation of an Assistant Planner Position. Motion carried, Alder Moore voted against the motion.

G.2.c Consideration of Resolution 22-7-2581 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Portable Audio Video Recorder Policy.

Police Chief Chaney explained that Lexipol recommends a separate policy for in car video and body worn cameras. The in car video can record both in front of the car and the back passenger. The officer manually hitting the button, emergency lights being activated, an impact, or the vehicle traveling over 80 miles per hour activates camera and audio.

G.2.d Consideration of Resolution 22-7-2582 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Body Worn Camera Policy.

Police Chief Chaney explained that this is a more detailed policy than what we currently have and based on State Statute. Includes a whole section on response and when it is necessary for cameras to be turned off. Example is turning cameras off for bomb threats because of the radio waves.

G.2.e Presentation/Possible Discussion of 2021 Sustainability Dashboard.

Manager Bruun provided an overview of the 2021 Sustainability Dashboard, which is located on the city's website. The dashboard provides an overview to the community of what has been done and the progress the city is making. Discussion followed regarding MG&E's green power tomorrow and encouraging businesses and residents to sign up.

REPORTS

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

Mayor O'Connor reported the form for the DEIB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging) Committee was held on July 14. It was a good event with about 35 people in attendance.

Alder Thomas reported she attended the ribbon cutting at the Latino church on Femrite Drive this past Saturday.

Alder Radermacher reported that members attended a training sponsored by Nehemiah. Discussion followed about the DEI report and what steps will be taken next.

2. Update/Discussion on Sustainability Efforts.

There were no updates.

3. Committee Reports.

Alder DePula reported the Transportation Committee will be meeting on July 20 and will pick dates for public hearings.

Alder Wood reported the Parks Board met last week and reviewed the proposed capital budget.

Alder Radermacher reported that two people from the Community Media Committee stepped up to help put together the monthly newsletter.

Alder Moore reported the beer garden at San Damiano had a huge turnout with over 1,000 people in attendance. She extended her gratitude to the Parks & Rec staff and Friends of San Damiano for all their hard work. Plan Commission unanimously recommended a development for where Monona Garden currently is. Thank you Elisa for your employment at the city.

Police Chief Chaney reported that National Night Out will be on August 9 starting at 4 pm. There will be games, activities, engagement and free food for kids. Please help spread the word. Currently hiring part time officers thanks to Councils approval. Highland Park shooting struck home for him because he is from the area. It would be foolish for any of us not to learn from these events. They were prepared for the last two events - Memorial Day and July 4 Festival and will continue to evaluate events to make sure they are safe.

City Clerk Houser reported in person absentee voting begins July 26 and goes through August 5. Drop boxes are not able to be used for ballots.

Mayor O'Connor reported that in-person interviews will occur next week Tuesday. Operating budget instructions will be coming soon. San Damiano Steering Committee will meet with MSA tomorrow night to kick off the planning.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood, to approve the following appointments.
Motion carried.

1. Roselyn Ebel to the Library Board (effective immediately – June 2025).
2. Erinn Monroe-Nye to the Library Board (effective immediately – June 2025).
3. Michael Fox to the Police and Fire Commission (effective immediately – April 2023).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alder DePula, seconded by Alder Wood, to adjourn. Motion carried (8:31 p.m.).

Alene Houser
City Clerk