

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 6, 2022

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mary K. O'Connor, Alderpersons Teresa Radermacher, Patrick DePula(via Zoom), Brian Holmquist, and Doug Wood

Excused: Alderpersons Nancy Moore and Kathy Thomas

Also Present: Police Chief Brian Chaney, Fire Chief Jerry McMullen, Interim Administrator/Finance Director Marc Houtakker and City Clerk Alene Houser

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Radermacher, to approve the Minutes of the August 15, 2022 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES

Kristie Goforth, Monona resident, appeared before Council for informational purposes regarding dog park improvements.

PUBLIC HEARING, CONSENT AGENDA and UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

G.2.a. Presentation/Discussion of Concepts for a Civic Campus Public Safety/Municipal Building.

Andrew Mayo from FGMArchitects presented Council with project goals and three conceptual plans for a new civic campus. Cost estimates are between 46 and 50 million, which includes projected inflation. Discussion followed on staffing, maintaining all city services, sustainability, loans, grant funding and the need for a referendum.

G.2.b Consideration of Resolution 22-9-2586 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022D.

Interim Administrator Houtakker explained that approving this resolution gives our financial advisor permission to start the process of refinancing a 2015 general obligation promissory note. Refinancing will stretch the balance out over ten years, avoid two large balloon payments and reduce debt service in the next two years.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-9-2586 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022D. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist, to approve Resolution 22-9-2586 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022D. Motion carried.

REPORTS

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

Mayor O'Connor reported that another Justified Anger class is open. Council members who have not taken it yet should let Marc know as soon as possible.

2. Update/Discussion on Sustainability Efforts.

Alder Radermacher reported the solar panels at the high school are officially powered on and will be producing half the electricity the building needs. The loan will be paid off in 12 years and the panels are expected to last 30 years with the loan payment being less than the savings per year. The Community Media Committee is knocking it out of the park with the newsletter and all the paper they are saving by not printing.

3. Committee Reports.

Alder Wood reported the MPO meets September 7; Parks and License Review meets September 13. Jack Fadness, Monona resident and longtime member of the Public Safety Committee, passed away.

Alder Radermacher reported Community Media will be meeting this week, Sustainability will not meet in September but excited about a new person being hired, Landmarks update is in the packet, and Police and Fire met a couple weeks ago but was unable to attend.

Interim Administrator Houtakker reported the public hearings for Madison Metro have been delayed until early October because the bus stops have not been determined.

Fire Chief McMullen reported the vibrant hydrants ceremony is at the fire station on September 11 at 1pm with a rolling parade after the ceremony. Fill the boot is September 9 & 10 at Broadway and Monona Drive.

Police Chief Chaney reported they are doing additional traffic enforcement near school zones, looking for speeding, failure to yield, parking, etc. Signboards have been set up notifying drivers of the additional enforcement as well as being on the local news and a PSA on the morning announcements at the High School. There are currently no vacancies but finishing the hiring process to prepare for potential retirements, very diverse group of candidates will be presented to the Police and Fire on September 26. New youth intern from the Monona Grove High School will learn all about city government and not just police. The department will be getting new badges soon, which will be unique to Monona, and currently searching for an official police hat.

Mayor O'Connor thanked Alder Thomas for being acting Mayor while she was gone. Meeting with staff for the capital budget, which will be presented at the September 29 meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Radermacher, to adjourn. Motion carried (8:39 p.m.).

Alene Houser
City Clerk