

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
October 3, 2022

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 7:08 p.m.

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

Also Present: Fire Chief Jerry McMullen, Police Chief Brian Chaney, Lieutenant Curt Wiegel, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson, Director of Administrative Services Leah Kimmell, Library Director Ryan Claringbole, Director of Community Media Will Nimmow(via Zoom), Senior Center Director Diane Mikelbank(via Zoom), 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

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood, to approve the Minutes of the September 19, 2022 and September 29, 2022 City Council meetings. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES, PUBLIC HEARING, CONSENT AGENDA, and UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

**G.2.a Consideration of Resolution 22-10-2590 Approval of Participation in a Department of Health Services EMS Flex Grant.**

Fire Chief McMullen explained that the City is eligible for \$85,235 in grant funds from the DHS, which is 45% of what was applied for. Grant funds will be used as follows: \$4,029.60 will be spent on CAD tablet replacements and 2023 data plans, \$46,700 will cover the full cost of the new ambulance chassis, \$22,919.40 will go toward overtime to provide additional day coverage, \$6,336 will go toward LTE staffing initiative, and \$5,250 will go toward a reward program for paid-on call and paid-on-premise volunteers.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Radermacher, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-10-2590 Approval of Participation in a Department of Health Services EMS Flex Grant. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Thomas, to approve Resolution 22-10-2590 Approval of Participation in a Department of Health Services EMS Flex Grant. Motion carried.

**G.2.b Consideration of Resolution 22-10-2591 Award of Contract for Sanitary Sewer Main Lining Project.**

Director Stephany explained that three bids were received and Visu Sewer submitted the low bid. The Public Works Committee will be discussing this contract on October 5. Sewer lining extends the life of a

cast iron or concrete pipe to about 90 years. This option is less expensive and disruptive than digging up and replacing the sewer mains.

**G.2.c Consideration of Resolution 22-10-2592 Approval to Apply for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant.**

Director Anderson explained that the Urban Forestry Grant in a matching grant of 50% and the request will be for \$25,000. The project is valued at \$50,000, which includes materials and city staff time for tree removal, stump grinding, and replanting.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder DePula, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-10-2592 Approval to Apply for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Moore, to approve Resolution 22-10-2592 Approval to Apply for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant. Motion carried.

**G.2.d Consideration of Resolution 22-10-2594 Approval of Participation in a Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety Grant Titled: 2023 Capitol Area OWI Task Force.**

Chief Chaney is seeking approval to participate in this OWI Task Force as we have done in the past. The focus is on main thoroughfares with the goal of reducing traffic crashes and preserve life. Enforcement is scheduled with area municipalities to make the biggest impact.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-10-2594 Approval of Participation in a Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety Grant Titled: 2023 Capitol Area OWI Task Force. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Moore, to approve Resolution 22-10-2594 Approval of Participation in a Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety Grant Titled: 2023 Capitol Area OWI Task Force. Motion carried.

**G.2.e Consideration of Resolution 22-10-2595 Approval of Participation in a Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety Grant Titled: 2023 Dane Suburban Seat Belt Task Force.**

Chief Chaney explained that the primary reason for traffic stops will continue to be hazardous driving behavior with seat belt noncompliance addressed secondary.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Moore, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-10-2595 Approval of Participation in a Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety Grant Titled: 2023 Dane Suburban Seat Belt Task Force. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Moore, to approve Resolution 22-10-2595 Approval of Participation in a Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety Grant Titled: 2023 Dane Suburban Seat Belt Task Force. Motion carried.

**G.2.f Consideration of Resolution 22-10-2596 Approval of Participation in a Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety Grant Titled: 2023 Speed Grant Task Force.**

Chief Chaney explained that they will continue to address speeding and hazardous driving behavior. Speeding complaints come into the Police Department almost daily; speed is a killer and encourages people to slow down.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Moore, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-10-2596 Approval of Participation in a Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety Grant Titled: 2023 Speed Grant Task Force. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Moore, to approve Resolution 22-10-2596 Approval of Participation in a Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety Grant Titled: 2023 Speed Grant Task Force. Motion carried.

**G.2.g Consideration of Resolution 22-10-2593 Approving the 2023-2027 Capital Improvements Program and 2023 Capital Borrowing.**

Mayor O'Connor explained that Alder Wood submitted a budget amendment to include Ahuska Park Master Plan Phase 1 Engineering at \$50,000 in the 2023 budget. The Park Board determined this is a high priority based on the number of park deficiencies, the high usage and visibility. Grants are available for active park spaces. Concerns were brought up regarding the funding of this project in addition to San Damiano and a new Public Safety Building, the additional operating costs necessary to maintain the added features, and the potential of a new TIF district in this area.

REPORTS

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

Mayor O'Connor reported she met with representatives of ARC to discuss how they can help with implementation of the DEI recommendations. Planning to schedule a meeting with Council and Nehemiah in late October or early November.

**2. Update/Discussion on Sustainability Efforts.**

Alder Radermacher reported a new Sustainability member will be appointed in two weeks. The meeting with ARC representative was a great meeting. Many of the implantation ideas discussed could be used for implementing the Sustainability Plan.

Interim Administrator/Director Houtakker reported that Thor Jeppson started today and he will be the Sustainability staff member.

**3. Committee Reports.**

Alder DePula reported that the public hearing dates for the Madison Metro proposal will be October 20 and 25 at 6 p.m. at the Library. A third hearing will occur at the Senior Center with a date to be determined.

Alder Wood reported that Parks Board met last week and discussed the ADA transition plan. A mailer went out regarding the San Damiano survey that is available October 1-15. Would like to get to 5,000 completed surveys. There is a link to the survey on mymonona.com. There will be a public information meeting on October 18 at 7 p.m. at the High School.

Alder Radermacher reported that there was no Landmarks meeting due to a lack of quorum and Community Media will meet October 6.

Fire Chief McMullen reported October 8 there will be a golf ball drop for the Monona Grove Education Foundation, October 9 Ladder 3 will be at the square for the Dane County Chiefs Parade, and October 16 there will be an open house at the park in conjunction with the Fall Festival.

Clerk Houser reported in-person absentee voting is October 25 through November 4 at City Hall. Ballots should be mail or dropped off in person at City Hall, there is no drop box available.

Interim Administrator/Director Houtakker reported Committee of the Whole will meet October 27 and November 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor O'Connor reported she went down South Winnequah and she is very pleased with how it all looks so far. She attended the first meeting of the Dane County Regional Housing Strategy Group with Alder DePula, which is a group with representatives from all communities in Dane County and several organizations like Project Home. The focus of this group is on developing and preserving affordable and workforce housing.

#### APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder DePula, to adjourn. Motion carried (8:14 p.m.).

Alene Houser  
City Clerk