

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 7, 2022

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Interim Administrator/Finance Director Marc Houtakker, Director of Administrative Services Leah Kimmell, City Attorney Bill Cole, Police Chief Brian Chaney, Fire Chief Jerry McMullen, Director of Planning & Community Development Doug Plowman (via Zoom), Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson (via Zoom), Library Director Ryan Claringbole (via Zoom), Public Works Director Dan Stephany (via Zoom), Senior Center Director Diane Mikelbank (via Zoom), Police Lieutenant Curt Wiegel (via Zoom), CDA Chair Tom Stolper, Dan Schmidt (MSA Professional Services, Inc.), Chris Gosch (Populance, LLC)

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Radermacher, to approve the Minutes of the October 17, 2022 and October 27, 2022 City Council meetings. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES

There were no Appearances.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G.1.a. Consideration of Resolution 22-10-2597 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Use of Force Policy.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by alder DePula, to approve Resolution 22-10-2597 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Use of Force Policy. Motion carried.

G.1.b. Consideration of Resolution 22-10-2598 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Vehicle Pursuit Policy.

Current policy dictates that officers must have probable cause to believe a violent felony was committed in order to pursue. Chief Chaney confirmed that the revised policy will allow officers more circumstances to initiate a pursuit (to recover stolen property, for instance), but they must still follow the same conditions to terminate the pursuit.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Moore, to approve Resolution 22-10-2598 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Vehicle Pursuit Policy. Motion carried.

G.1.c. Consideration of Resolution 22-10-2599 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Medical Aid and Response Policy.

This is a new, stand-alone policy; however, rendering medical aid is also referenced in the Use of Force Policy.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Holmquist, to approve Resolution 22-10-2599 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Medical Aid and Response Policy. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

G.2.a. Consideration of Resolution 22-11-2603 Adopting the 2023 Operating Budget and Establishing a Tax Levy.

Finance Director Houtakker has submitted two technical amendments. The first removes \$15,000 from San Damiano operating expenses, as those funds will be replaced by a donation from the Friends of San Damiano. The second adds \$6,000 to the EMS professional development budget for attendance at the FDIC conference.

Alder Wood inquired whether the projected \$120,000 in interest and dividends is too conservative given current interest rates. Finance Director Houtakker agreed that it might be, but he kept it conservative in case rates drop suddenly again as they did two years ago, causing a budget shortfall.

Alder Moore thanked the Mayor, Finance Director Houtakker, the department heads, and committee members for their work on this challenging budget given current levy limits.

G.2.b. Convene in Closed Session under Wisconsin Statute section 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (WPPA and IAFF Local 311 Collective Bargaining Agreements; Development Agreement with BESA Monona LLC; Negotiating a Contract for Public Safety/Civic Building Referendum Consulting).

Motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder Moore, to convene in Closed Session under Wisconsin Statute section 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (WPPA and IAFF Local 311 Collective Bargaining Agreements; Development Agreement with BESA Monona LLC; Negotiating a Contract for Public Safety/Civic Building Referendum Consulting). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

G.2.c. Reconvene in Open Session Under Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(2).

Upon reconvening in open session:

G.2.d. Consideration and Possible Action Concerning a Development Agreement with BESA Monona LLC.

Attorney Cole summarized that this agreement is for a mixed-use development TIF project on Broadway and Bridge Road. The agreement calls for a guaranteed value of \$12,150,000, with a completion date of December 31, 2024. Pay-Go TIF financing has been negotiated in which the developer will pay their property taxes and receive 2/3 back in TIF payments.

Mr. Gosch was present to request that the Council consider approving the agreement in one reading due to rising interest rates and the desire to get moving quickly on the live/work spaces.

Motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Thomas, to suspend the rules and take action on the Development Agreement with BESA. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Moore, to approve the Development Agreement with BESA Monona LLC. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

G.2.e. Consideration of Resolution 22-10-2600 Accepting the City of Monona Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Park Transition Plan.

Dan Schmidt gave a summary presentation of the audit of all City parks which was completed by MSA. The pool was not included, since a long-range plan for replacement of the pool will be undertaken. There were 204 observed deficiencies in the parks, with the most common involving accessible routes and restroom accessibility. The plan is to work toward full compliance in increments. Projects will be prioritized with maintenance projects completed first, followed by creating accessible routes, then projects with regional impact, and finishing with major infrastructure replacement. The Parks and Recreation Board has prioritized and ranked all projects. Director Anderson will include those rankings for the next reading.

Discussion included questions about the ADA status of the rest of the City facilities and whether any of these ADA-related projects would qualify for federal ARPA funds. Staff will research answers for the next meeting.

G.2.f. Consideration of Resolution 22-11-2601 Approving the Terms of a One-Year Collective Bargaining Agreement with Wisconsin Professional Police Association/Law Enforcement Employee Relations Division.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Thomas, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-11-2601 Approving the Terms of a One-Year Collective Bargaining Agreement with Wisconsin Professional Police Association/Law Enforcement Employee Relations Division. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Radermacher, to approve Resolution 22-11-2601 Approving the Terms of a One-Year Collective Bargaining Agreement with Wisconsin Professional Police Association/Law Enforcement Employee Relations Division. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

G.2.g. Consideration of Resolution 22-11-2602 Approving the Terms of a One-Year Collective Bargaining Agreement with International Association of Firefighters Local 311.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder DePula, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-11-2602 Approving the Terms of a One-Year Collective Bargaining Agreement with International Association of Firefighters Local 311. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Radermacher, to approve Resolution 22-11-2602 Approving the Terms of a One-Year Collective Bargaining Agreement with International Association of Firefighters Local 311. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

REPORTS

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

Alder Wood commented that the ADA Transition Plan discussed this evening is part of our DEI efforts. Mayor O'Connor updated that she is currently interviewing applicants for the DEI Implementation Committee.

2. Update/Discussion on Sustainability Efforts.

There were no updates.

3. Committee Reports

Alder DePula reported that there is another public information meeting regarding the proposal to switch to Madison Metro. The meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 10 am at the Senior Center. The Transit Commission is also planning another survey regarding the issue.

Alder Holmquist reported that current parking restrictions at the dog park are being reconsidered by the Public Works Committee. The Committee is planning to post a survey at the dog park to reach frequent users.

Alder Moore reported that the Plan Commission had a tour of the Chief's Auto Parts property, the site of a proposed development.

Alder Wood reported that the Park and Recreation Board will meet on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Library to take public input regarding pickleball. He also reported that License Review Committee has been rescheduled to Nov. 15.

Alder Radermacher reported that Sustainability Committee meets on Thursday to determine their next seasonal focus. Landmarks Commission will not meet this month. Eric Jandro, an employee of Monona Community Media who was essential in the operation of WVMO, passed away on Friday evening. Alder Radermacher expressed her condolences on behalf of the Community Media Committee to Eric's family.

Attorney Cole reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day.

Mayor O'Connor reported the passing of Bruce McConnell, a long-time member of the Public Works Committee, and expressed her condolences to his wife and family. San Damiano cleanup is scheduled for this Saturday from 9 am to noon. More information can be found at sandamianomonona.org. Budget amendments are due to Finance Director Houtakker by Thursday, Nov. 17.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Alder Radermacher, seconded by Alder Moore, to approve the following appointments.
Motion carried.

1. Marsha Herman – Election Inspector, effective immediately – December 31, 2023.
2. Vicki Jordan – Election Inspector, effective immediately – December 31, 2023.
3. Richard Larson – Election Inspector, effective immediately – December 31, 2023.
4. Marilyn Windschiegl – Election Inspector, effective immediately – December 31, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Radermacher, to adjourn. Motion carried (9:23 p.m.)

Leah Kimmell
Director of Administrative Services