

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
January 6, 2020

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 Doug Wood, Jennifer Kuhr, Kathy Thomas, Molly Grupe, Nancy Moore, and Andrew Kitslaar

Also Present: City Administrator Bryan Gadow, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, Fire Chief Scott Sullivan, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Gregg Borucki and Leah Rhodes from MSA Professional Services, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Moore to approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2019 City Council meeting, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Mayor O'Connor read A Proclamation Recognizing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to approve the following, was carried:

1. Approval of Application for 2019/2020 Operator License:
  - a. Jenna L. Russell, Ken's Meats & Deli
  - b. Jason A. Ellingson, Speedway – Monona Drive
  - c. Michael Hoyer, Jr., Speedway – Monona Drive
  
2. Approval of Application for 2019/2021 Operator License:
  - a. Kevin J. Grinvalsky, Breakwater
  - b. Kelly V. Yates, Breakwater
  - c. Hannah R. Hensley, Buck & Honey's

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Finance Director Houtakker distributed a report projecting debt service for bonds versus revenue into the future. With the current borrowing, to stay within the law's requirement that revenues must exceed 1.25% of debt service, a water rate increase is needed. There is a natural rate increase in public fire charges because that is based on the land improvement value, which increases every year. Smart meters and monthly bills will catch I and I issues and leaks much sooner. The \$10,000 increase in postcards and

postage for monthly billing will be split between three accounts: water, sewer, and stormwater. Online fees for credit cards and checks are charged by most communities. Some online payers want a bill copy. He will ask the PSC if the fee could be added to the utility cost.

Members voted unanimously to approve Resolution 19-12-2387 Authorization to Proceed with a Water Rate Increase.

### NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 20-1-2389 Approving the Purchase of a Zoll “X” Series Manual Defibrillator, was carried.

Fire Chief Sullivan reported this equipment is also a heart monitor and upgrades the current machine which is used on almost every hospital transport. The current machine will go into the back-up ambulance and the back-up model will go into the engine. City Administrator Gadow explained that because this item is under the amount approved in the Capital Budget, at the end of the year the leftover funds will rollover into the Undesignated Fund.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to approve Resolution 20-1-2389 Approving the Purchase of a Zoll “X” Series Manual Defibrillator. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Public Works Director Stephany began the Presentation, Update and Possible Discussion on the 2020 Pirate Island Bridge Replacement Project, reporting design funding was in the 2019 Capital Budget with work on the project in 2020. He introduced Mr. Borucki and Ms. Rhodes who reviewed their summary of the project. The bridge needs replacement; there will be a new girder structure to work on half of the bridge at a time so a lane will be open at all times for traffic and emergency vehicles. The railing will be the same as Bridge Road for consistency. The water main will be underground. Sidewalk or pedestrian striping could be added later. 10 bids have already been received; the bid opening is on February 1. Public hearing and meeting dates are set; construction begins on June 15 with completion in November.

The bridge will allow boats to pass under but can't be made higher, in anticipation of possible water level increases, because the slopes at the ends would be too steep and cause a visibility issue. Additional access to Broadway is not possible because of the slope. Public Works Director Stephany reported the City is the only applicant for a Dane County grant, so the City will most likely receive the funds for reimbursement.

### REPORTS

Members announced upcoming committee meeting dates and times.

Alder Kuhr reminded everyone that tickets for the January 25 Loud in the Library fundraising event are available at the Library and City Hall. This year's theme is “All Things Wisconsin”, which includes beer, cheese, and sports. The Landmarks Commission has tabled the San Damiano discussion until February, after members tour the building.

Alder Kitslaar announced the Recreation Department has a combined ice rink and swimming pool season pass available.

Fire Chief Sullivan reported that Mike Jawson, a 30-year career Fire Fighter, who retired from the Monona Department, passed away on Saturday; funeral arrangements are pending. EMS calls have increased 8% and Fire calls 19%. Fire Fighter/Paramedic Alex Bodin recently resigned; the last qualified candidate is being reviewed. Fire Fighter/Paramedic Alex Roznik will be on surgical leave; 3 LTEs will be brought on to cover these 2 positions. He formally announces his retirement, effective March 31. He has had a 30-plus year career with the last 10 years in Monona. Raising the Department to Paramedic level was a successful group effort with staff and the City Council. He is grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve.

City Clerk Andrusz reported there are 4 registered candidates so far and nomination papers are due to her office tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. She urges everyone to check their voter registration status on the MyVoteWisconsin website, or call her office. If any changes have been made to a voter's name, or if a resident has moved to a new address within Monona or is new to Monona, voter registration is required and she urges everyone to do that now, or well before the February 18 Spring Primary.

City Administrator Gadow reported there will be Census 2020 training provided to staff this week regarding ways to get the word out to residents.

Mayor O'Connor reported the next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21, due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on January 20. She congratulates City Administrator Gadow on his 1-year employment anniversary this week.

#### APPOINTMENTS

A motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Grupe to approve the following, was carried:

1. Jean Verschay, Election Inspector, effective January 1, 2020–December 31, 2021.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Grupe, to adjourn was carried. (7:42 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz  
City Clerk