

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 18, 2019

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mary K. O'Connor, Alderpersons Chad Speight via telephone, Doug Wood, Andrew Kitslaar, Jennifer Kuhr, Molly Grupe, and Nancy Moore

Also Present: City Administrator Bryan Gadow, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson, Sherrie Gruder from the UW and State Energy Office, Project Coordinator Brad Bruun, Jeff Held from Strand Associates, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Grupe to approve the Minutes of the February 4, 2019 City Council meeting, was carried.

APPEARANCES

The following individuals appeared before the Council and spoke in favor of the 100% Clean Energy Resolution:

Don Ferber, 4700 Allis Avenue, Madison	Sarah Moran, 6300 Sylvan Lane
Laura Paprocki, 5001 Wallace Avenue	Heather Allen, 214 North Hamilton Street, Madison
Beth Esser, 6009 Ridgewood Avenue	Lisa Gundlach, 404 Midland Lane

The following individuals registered in favor of the 100% Clean Energy Resolution:

Sally Buffat, 4912 Wallace Avenue	Richard Van Dreel, 5511 Winnequah Road
Jean Van Dreel, 5511 Winnequah Road	Sue Vogt, 5502 Goucher Lane
Pat Howell, 4324 Winnequah Road	Mark Buffat, 4912 Wallace Avenue

A petition was presented to Mayor O'Connor with signatures of 60 individuals registering in favor of the 100% Clean Energy Resolution.

The following individuals registered in favor of the 100% Clean Energy Resolution via email:

Katy Kaufman, 203 Stone Terrace	Margaret McKeown Jakubczak, 201 Stone Terrace
Jennifer Stofflet, 6010 Ridgewood Avenue	Cory Schmidt, 4419 Shore Acres Road
Suzanne Scheuerman, 5606 Winnequah Road	Merritt Singleton, 6003 Queens Way
David Joranson, 605 Panther Trail	Jeremy Pieper, 6200 Winnequah Road

The following individuals registered in favor of the No Parking on Winnequah Road Resolution:

Beth Esser, 6009 Ridgewood Avenue	Lisa Gundlach, 404 Midland Lane
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## PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Applications for 2018/2019 Operator Licenses:
  - a. Tina G. BonDurant, O'Connell's Liquor
  - b. Delilah N. Kowalke, Tower Inn
2. Denial of Application for 2018/2019 Operator License:
  - a. Tai-Ese M. Gundy, Breakwater

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Works Director Stephany reported the only change on the following Ordinance is that the Public Works Committee did not approve it in a vote of 4 against to 3 in favor. Those that voted against did not feel it was needed and that parking on Winnequah Road wasn't a problem. The maker and second of the motion agree to strike the words in the 6<sup>th</sup> "Whereas" section: "...based upon the recommendation of the Public Works committee at the February 6, 2019 meeting..."

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to approve Ordinance 2-19-714 Establishing No Parking on South Winnequah Road from March 15–November 15 as amended, was carried.

Public Works Director Stephany reported the Public Works Committee did approve the following 2019 Capital Budget pickup truck purchase, using the state purchase contract. Alder Wood reported an electric Ford F150 will be out soon and that should be considered along with life-cycle costs. Public Works Director Stephany reported state pricing comes out after November, which is after the budget is set, but he will look into it and provide two prices for future consideration. Alder Moore reported the Mayor's Climate Action group signed on to a group-buy on efficient vehicles; Mayor O'Connor is a member.

A motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Grupe to approve Resolution 19-2-2324 Purchase Approval of One Current Model Year ½ Ton Pickup Truck. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Public Works Director Stephany reported the Public Works Committee approved funding for the Atwood Avenue cost-share in the 2018 Capital Budget. It has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

A motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Grupe to approve Resolution 19-2-2325 Approval of a Cost Sharing Agreement Between the City of Madison and the City of Monona for the Reconstruction of Atwood Avenue. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Recreation Director Anderson reported the following is the same type of truck the Public Works Department uses. Alder Moore stated in looking at the fuel budget for vehicles, anti-idling technology should be considered; it can be installed in existing vehicles.

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to approve Resolution 19-2-2321 Purchase Approval – Parks and Recreation Truck. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to approve Resolution 19-2-2322 Allowing Beer Sales by Parks and Recreation Staff During Special Events in City Parks, was carried.

Mayor O'Connor moved the Closed Session to the end of the meeting to accommodate those present.

### NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Grupe to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 19-2-2236 Purchase Approval – Bobcat Toolcat, was carried.

Recreation Director Anderson distributed a document with a correction to an equipment attachment that amends the base purchase price to \$63,336.94. The Parks & Recreation Board approved this at its February 12 meeting. There is a 90-day lead time for ordering. It is a very popular and versatile vehicle with interchangeable attachments for snow, trash, sand, mulch, and special events.

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Grupe to approve Resolution 19-2-2236 Purchase Approval – Bobcat Toolcat as amended. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 19-2-2237 Purchase Approval – Electric Vehicle, was carried.

Recreation Director Anderson reported this vehicle will move staff and supplies from park to park during the summer for programs and special events. The first electric vehicle was used successfully last year. It is easier on turf than a truck.

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Moore to approve Resolution 19-2-2237 Purchase Approval – Electric Vehicle. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Alder Moore provided information on Resolution 19-2-2238 A Resolution to Address Climate Change Through 100 Percent Clean Energy and Resilience. The Sustainability Committee met and accepted City Attorney Cole's edits, but not the changes tied to his comments, and approved the addition of the following definitions:

- **Clean energy** is defined as energy efficiency plus emission-free renewable energy.
- **Resiliency** is the strengthening of the ability of people and ecosystems to withstand and respond to severe events and ongoing climate changes.

She thanks the community members who are present and those who commented online, Project Coordinator Bruun, Intern Caitin Hartnett, Committee members, Mayor O'Connor, Alderpersons, and City Attorney Cole for their work on this project. She read her statement of support of this action and introduced Ms. Gruder, who is a Sustainable Design & Energy Specialist. Ms. Gruder projected and reviewed a presentation. Nuclear energy is not emission-free so is not included in the options. She reviewed studies; citizen support is in place; and explained the need for resilience in events like flooding. The goal can be achieved if the community is willing to work. The Resolution has two goals: City operations, including buildings and fleet, and Community-wide goals. Partners in these efforts include

MG&E and Dane County. Benefits were outlined, including cost saving and reduced negative health impacts.

Alder Moore stated initial efforts for carbon reductions set by 2030 weren't enough. There needs to be zero-net carbon emissions by 2070. Nuclear, wood, and gas is taken out. The Committee, working with consultants and experts, and using what other communities have done to put together a plan for vehicle and other purchases, will support the Committee's efforts and assist the Council in decision making. Ms. Gruder reported staff training is available to compare options to make more sustainable choices. Alder Moore reported the cost of this program is not based upon current use, but on reduced use and renewable use increase in tandem. Project Coordinator Bruun reported the LED retrofit saves 63% electricity at each fixture.

Alder Moore stated schools are now more interested in solar and think they can get to 35% renewables; their efforts are part of civic engagement and part of the City, and the City's effort may influence that. Mayor O'Connor stated "City" should be municipal-owned buildings; the community is separate. Ms. Gruder reported there is state funding for new building efficiencies; goals set will direct the plan. Big strategic moves are needed versus small incremental changes. She explained electricity generation. Project Coordinator Bruun reported 18% to 20% current use is from renewable energy.

Alder Wood stated if this Resolution is adopted as is or amended he doesn't want to pass it just to feel good; this makes a commitment to take action. It will be costly up front with savings realized later. He agrees schools should be part of the community goals; the City has no control over what they do. Alder Moore agreed to move schools into the community "bucket" and stated she is not sure of additional staffing needs. A team effort will be needed with staff and committees on board. Project Coordinator Bruun's time on this is only 10% with an Intern 15 hours per week. That time can be taken up just with meetings. More will be needed; she is working on grants to help meet the goal and expertise needed. Ms. Gruder agreed getting to 100% renewable energy needs to include Dane County to take some burden from municipalities.

Alder Speight stated the Resolution puts pressure on MG&E to provide renewable energy. If they are entirely renewable by 2035, municipalities may not need all these efforts. Electric vehicles require charging with carbon fuels; these two parts have to come together. Alder Kuhr thanks the Sustainability Committee for this lofty Resolution and understands their concerns with City Attorney Cole's comments. She is concerned with the actions of a different Council. This could get tossed out, which has happened with other actions like the Clean Water Act. Softened language may make it more likely to remain in place. Alder Moore responded the situation is dire, action is needed and the Resolution addresses the scope of the issue and actions needed. Alder Kitslaar also thanks the Committee and supports this action but wants to see actual action steps and how the community side can be accomplished. He is sure of the City's efforts but the non-controllable aspects concern him.

Mr. Gruder responded that a Mayor of a community issued a 3-month challenge to residents with utility company assistance with incentives based upon income. Working with businesses with an EPA portfolio manager for an assessment program that compares similar facilities is possible. Alder Moore reported MESBA is involved. Citizen and business surveys will be presented in the next few weeks on the City's website to gauge efforts already being made. The Renew Monona program focus may be toward energy efficiency. Many residents and businesses don't know what grants and information are available. Alder Grupe stated there will be up-front costs; clear communications and marketing is very important.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to suspend the rules and take action on the Final Pedestrian/Bicycle Engineering Report by Strand Associates, was carried.

Alder Wood introduced Mr. Held who provided and facilitated a Presentation and Discussion of Final Pedestrian/Bicycle Engineering Report by Strand Associates. Making walking and bicycling more convenient works well with sustainability efforts. A slide presentation was reviewed. Work is toward the City's Comprehensive Plan goals. Citizen survey results, the benefits of walking and bicycling on energy and health, and safety statistics were reviewed. Destinations and current sidewalks and the bike path were compared. Goals were reviewed; key routes were shown with traffic volumes. Low cost efforts, such as signage, versus high cost efforts, such as curb moving and sidewalks, were compared. Efforts include saving trees. Traffic calming options that don't impact emergency vehicles were reviewed. Next steps for each section were outlined.

Mayor O'Connor stated she is pleased with these results. Alder Kuhr questioned whether a stepped approach could be taken to see how each section is impacted. Mr. Held responded that streets not scheduled for reconstruction won't be done. Alder Wood stated some key streets will be done and some won't work for parking so need engineering. Each segment will be looked at individually. Alder Kitslaar questioned the impact of sidewalk placement on snowplows. Mr. Held responded it's better to have sidewalks off the curb but that can't always be done; there will be limited use of sidewalks right at the curb. Alder Moore questioned whether it would be cost effective to install sidewalks on one side of a street to cover more streets versus sidewalks on both sides of fewer streets. Mr. Held responded there is a block by block evaluation; cost may not be the deciding factor with other improvements. Alder Wood thanks Strand Associates, Public Works Director Stephany, Project Coordinator Bruun, and the Police Department for all the information and planning they provided.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to Accept the Final Pedestrian/Bicycle Engineering Report by Strand Associates, was carried.

A motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to Convene in Closed Session under Wisconsin Statute section 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (Four Lakes Yacht Club v. City of Monona, et al). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Grupe to approve the proposed settlement amount for Four Lakes Yacht Club v. City of Monona, et al, as discussed in Closed Session, contingent upon approval by the Four Lakes Yacht Club. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

## REPORTS

Alders Kuhr and Moore commend the Public Works Department for their work on snow and ice removal over the last month.

Alder Wood reported there will be an opening on the License Review Committee in May. Long-time member Jim Pflasterer is resigning as he is moving out of the City. If interested, contact Alder Wood, City Clerk Andrusz, or Mayor O'Connor. There is also an application on the City's website.

Alder Moore reported the Sustainability Committee's citizen survey will be out soon asking for practices citizen have implemented themselves and/or would like to see. The Facilities Committee has two member vacancies.

City Clerk Andrusz reminded everyone there is no Spring Primary tomorrow. The City of Madison does have a primary election, but not Monona.

City Administrator Gadow reported he will be at a MESBA Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday. The City's Twitter account has been reactivated and Facebook will be soon.

Mayor O'Connor reported the Distinguished Service Award Committee met and the Volunteer Appreciation Reception is on April 11 at the Community Center with "heavy" hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The event will be on agendas and invitations will be handed out at committee meetings in February and March. She requests committee Chairs let her and Director of Administrative Services Leah Kimmel know about any re-appointments by the end of February so they are part of the Organizational Meeting in April. Council President Wood will be Acting Mayor while she is traveling through early March.

#### APPOINTMENTS

A motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Grupe to approve the Appointment of Glen Rehberg to the Public Safety Committee (effectively immediately-April 2019), was carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Grupe to adjourn, was carried. (10:10 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz  
City Clerk