

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 21, 2022

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

Present: Mayor Mary K. O'Connor, Alderpersons Jennifer Kuhr, Kathy Thomas, Kristie Goforth, Molly Grupe, and Nancy Moore

Excused: Alderperson Doug Wood

Also Present: City Administrator Bryan Gadow, City Planner Doug Plowman, Police Chief Brian Chaney Austin, Fire Chief Jeremy McMullen, Public Works Project Manager Brad Bruun, Library Director Ryan Claringbole, Bert and Jeff Slinde with Slinde Realty Company, Devin Renner with MESBA, and City Clerk Alene Houser

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Grupe, to approve the Minutes of the February 7, 2022 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES, PUBLIC HEARING and CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Appearances, Public Hearing or Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G.1.a Consideration of Ordinance 2-22-749 Approval of a Rezoning Request and Map Amendment from Retail Business District (Monona Municipal Code of Ordinance Sec. 480-28) to Community Design District (Monona Municipal Code of Ordinance Sec. 480-30) at 112-208 Owen Road as Requested by Slinde Realty Company

Planner Plowman explained this request is to rezone 112-208 Owen Road from Retail Business to Community Design District which would allow the applicant to move forward with a two phase redevelopment project. General development plan is moving through Plan Commission with possible consideration at the March 14th meeting.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Moore, to approve Ordinance 2-22-749 Rezoning Request and Map Amendment from Retail Business District (Monona Municipal Code of Ordinance Sec. 480-28) to Community Design District (Monona Municipal Code of Ordinance Sec. 480-30) at 112-208 Owen Road. Motion carried.

G.1.b Consideration of Resolution 22-2-2538 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Canine Policy 4.006

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Grupe, to approve Resolution 22-2-2538 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Canine Policy 4.006. Motion carried.

G.1.c Consideration of Ordinance 2-22-748 Amending Chapter 321 of the Code of Ordinances Regulating the Commercial Use of Parks and Requiring a Permit

Motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Kuhr, to approve Ordinance 2-22-748 Amending Chapter 321 of the Code of Ordinances Regulating the Commercial Use of Parks and Requiring a Permit. Motion carried.

G.1.d Consideration of Resolution 22-2-2540 Authorizing Beer Sales by Parks and Recreation Staff During 2022 Special Events

Motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Grupe, to approve Resolution 22-2-2540 Authorizing Beer Sales by Parks and Recreation Staff During 2022 Special Events. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

G.2.a. Consideration of Resolution 22-2-2542 Award of Contract for Library HVAC Upgrades

Project Manager Bruun explained that the low bid came in \$56,000 over what was estimated in 2019. The alternative bid for unit one replacement could be delayed a year but would result in paying for more engineering services, another crane rental, and unit repairs to keep it operational. Facilities Committee and staff recommend replacing all four units this year. Repairs to the roof will occur as needed while units are being replaced. Discussion followed regarding the following funding options: ARPA, TIF or Public Safety building design money.

Motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Kuhr, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-2-2542 Award of Contract for Library HVAC Upgrades. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Kuhr, to approve Resolution 22-2-2542 Award of Contract for Library HVAC Upgrades. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

G.2.b. Consideration of Resolution 22-2-2543 Amending the 2022 Capital Budget for Library HVAC Upgrades

Resolution was continued until April meeting by the Finance and Personnel Committee.

REPORTS

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

Alder Moore completed the second session of a Black History for a New Day and is grateful for the opportunity to be participating in this course.

Alder Grupe reported that evaluation is underway for committee reappointments and encourages people to apply.

2. Update/Discussion on Sustainability Efforts.

Alder Grupe reported that in celebration of Earth Day the Sustainability Committee and the Parks Department will be hosting an E-Cycle event on April 23rd.

Alder Goforth provided information about Assembly Bill 588 and Senate Bill 573 which gives private companies full control of the EV charging infrastructure. EV chargers the City has would be illegal even though they are sponsored by MG&E.

3. Committee Reports.

Alder Goforth reported the Tourism Committee will meet February 22nd to discuss the Friends of San Damiano's request and the DEI Committee will be meeting the week of March 4th.

Alder Kuhr reported that CDA and Library Board will meet February 22nd.

Alder Grupe reported that Transit, Parks and Sustainability will all meet the week of March 7th.

Alder Moore reported the Plan Commission has been extraordinarily busy the last six months with the average meeting lasting about three hours. She thanked the Commission for their efforts, the developers for listening to the Commission and the Community, and Administrator Gadow and Planner Plowman for all their work. The public is welcome to listen to any past meeting or attend any future meeting. Snow Snake games will be held at San Damiano on February 25th with Public Works bringing in snow.

Alder Thomas reported February 23rd is the Public Safety meeting and Dane County will be there to present their report.

Police Chief Chaney Austin reported his staff has been enjoying the community engagement events they have been a part of, most recently the Special Olympics. He also respects the judge's ruling in the federal civil suit against the city and would like to reaffirm his and the Police Departments commitment to this community – will continue to grow and improve to better serve everyone in this community.

Fire Chief McMullen reported that Governor Evers has applied almost 30 million to reinvest in the state with his portion of ARPA funding. Funding for next year will be about four times what we normally get. He'll also be attending the Sustainable Vehicle Expo in Naperville to look into new technology.

Director Claringbole thanked Brad for all his help with the HVAC project. The community read on antiracism will launch May 14th from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. A new board game collection will be available for checking out soon.

Mayor O'Connor reported that the Parks and Recreation Department has a lot of summer jobs open. Apply through the website if interested.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Grupe, to adjourn. Motion carried (7:37 p.m.).

Alene Houser
City Clerk