

## MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 17, 2023

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 Doug Wood, Teresa Radermacher, Patrick DePula, and Brian Holmquist

Excused: Alderperson Nancy Moore

Also Present: Interim Administrator/Finance Director Marc Houtakker, Public Works Director Dan Stephany(via Zoom), Public Works Project Manager Brad Bruun(via Zoom), and City Clerk Alene Houser

### ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Radermacher, to approve the Minutes of the March 20 and April 3, 2023 City Council meetings. Motion carried.

### APPEARANCES

Dick Adler, Monona resident, appeared before the Council to speak for informational purposes regarding honoring Kathy Thomas and renaming Squaw Circle.

### PUBLIC HEARING, CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Public Hearing or Consent Agenda.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### **G.1.a Consideration of Resolution 23-4-2620 Award of Design and Bidding Services for the 2023-2024 Street and Utility Improvements Project.**

Motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder DePula, to approve Resolution 23-4-2620 Award of Design and Bidding Services for the 2023-2024 Street and Utility Improvements Project. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **G.2.a Consideration of Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class B" Wine Retailer's Licenses for the Friends of Monona Senior Center, Vice President Susan Manning, 1108 Nishishin Tr. NE, Monona, WI 53716, for the Period of July 18, 2023 and August 1, 2023.**

Alder Wood explained that there are two agenda items for the four summer concerts. The state law limits the number of Temporary "Class B" Wine licenses that groups are allowed to get per 12-month period to two. Wine is classified as liquor so it is more restricted than beer. This would allow for both beer and

wine at two events. Past events were exempt from the fencing requirement due to the Parks Department selling the beer.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder DePula, to suspend the rules and take action on Temporary Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage and “Class B” Wine Retailer’s Licenses for The Friends of Monona Senior Center, Vice President Susan Manning, 1108 Nishishin Tr. NE, Monona, WI 53716, for the Period of July 18, 2023 and August 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Radermacher, to amend approving Temporary Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage and “Class B” Wine Retailer’s Licenses for the Friends of Monona Senior Center, Vice President Susan Manning, 1108 Nishishin Tr. NE, Monona, WI 53716 for the Period of July 18, 2023 and August 1, 2023, and exempt these two events from the fencing requirement. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Radermacher, seconded by Alder Wood, to approve Temporary Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage and “Class B” Wine Retailer’s Licenses for The Friends of Monona Senior Center, Vice President Susan Manning, 1108 Nishishin Tr. NE, Monona, WI 53716, for the Period of July 18, 2023 and August 1, 2023 as amended. Motion carried.

**G.2.b Consideration of Temporary Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage Retailer’s License for The Friends of Monona Senior Center, Vice President Susan Manning, 1108 Nishishin Tr. NE, Monona, WI 53716, for the Period of July 25, 2023 and August 8, 2023.**

Alder Wood explained that this is for the two beer only events.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Radermacher, to suspend the rules and take action on Temporary Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage Retailer’s License for The Friends of Monona Senior Center, Vice President Susan Manning, 1108 Nishishin Tr. NE, Monona, WI 53716, for the Period of July 25, 2023 and August 8, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder DePula, to approve Temporary Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage Retailer’s License for The Friends of Monona Senior Center, Vice President Susan Manning, 1108 Nishishin Tr. NE, Monona, WI 53716, for the Period of July 25, 2023 and August 8, 2023, and exempt these two events from the fencing requirement. Motion carried.

**G.2.c Consideration of Resolution 23-4-2621 Recognizing World Migratory Bird Day.**

Alder Wood explained that this Resolution is part of our Bird City USA requirement.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder DePula, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 23-4-2621 Recognizing World Migratory Bird Day. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder DePula, to approve Resolution 23-4-2621 Recognizing World Migratory Bird Day. Motion carried.

**G.2.d Discussion and Confirmation of Direction to Public Works Committee on Renaming of Squaw Circle.**

Director Stephany explained that the Public Works Committee is looking for clarification on which of the two directives Council would like them to follow. Is the new directive added into the process or does it

supersede the first directive. Discussion followed regarding Councils intention of superseding the first resolution from February with the resolution in April.

Motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder DePula, to suspend the rules and take action on Confirmation of Direction to Public Works Committee on Renaming of Squaw Circle. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder DePula, to amend the original motion to approve directing the Public Works Committee to follow the resolution from April 3, 2023 and have that supersede the Resolution from February 20, 2023 in consideration of renaming Squaw Circle. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder DePula, to approve Confirmation of Direction to Public Works Committee on Renaming of Squaw Circle as amended. Motion carried.

**G.2.e Consideration of Resolution 23-4-2622 Authorizing a Representative of the City of Monona to Submit the Grant Application and Sign Necessary Documents to be Eligible for the Runoff Management Grants Offered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.**

Manager Bruun explained the grants will help fund the City's Storm Water Quality Improvement Plan in 2024. The City will be seeking a grant amount of \$55,100 with a 50/50 cost share.

Motion by Alder, seconded by Alder, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 23-4-2622 Authorizing a Representative of the City of Monona to Submit the Grant Application and Sign Necessary Documents to be Eligible for the Runoff Management Grants Offered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder, seconded by Alder, to approve Resolution 23-4-2622 Authorizing a Representative of the City of Monona to Submit the Grant Application and Sign Necessary Documents to be Eligible for the Runoff Management Grants Offered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

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

Alder Radermacher reported the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences is hosting a virtual meeting on April 18 with Sara Smith. She will be talking about resilience and how climate change has affected those people of the first nations.

Interim Administrator/Finance Director Houtakker reported that City staff met with Nehemiah to continue working through goals.

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

Alder Radermacher reported that it is international dark sky week. While light pollution seems harmless, it is actually far reaching. The Dane County Regional Housing Strategy is hosting a webinar regarding the need for housing developments to be sustainable.

Manager Bruun reported the City applied for an \$80,000 grant to retrofit residential streetlights to LED. There are two more projects for conversions and the City will apply for the grant for each project. LED

lighting is more efficient and can be directed better than ornamental lighting, which the City currently has a lot of.

### **3. Committee Reports.**

Alder Radermacher reported the electronics recycling event that occurred on April 15 had a steady stream of traffic. Sustainability Committee will be focusing on No Mow May. No Mow May helps the early season pollinators, if you have little flowers do not mow them. Landmarks visited and discussed the pagoda. The Monona Go app is now available on your phone.

Alder Wood reported the second public information meeting is April 19 at the High School. The MPO discussed the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). The Joint Finance decided that MPO's could only finance certain categories; concerns have been raised about the legal ramifications of limiting what the federal program allows.

Alder DePula reported that Mass Transit Commission met and discussed the results of the survey, which were split almost equally between in favor of and opposed to Madison Metro. Shout out to Addy for all time she has spent crafting the survey and going through all the data after the survey closed.

Clerk Houser reported the April election had a 72.19% voter turnout in Monona.

Mayor O'Connor reported that staff is still working on the details of complying with the Short Term Rental (STR) ordinance. Director Houtakker explained that staff is still working to get a meeting with the software company to assist with STR compliance. The San Damiano public input meeting is April 19 and MSA will be showing three concepts. After the meeting, a survey will be released. A recorded presentation will be available on the City's website for anyone unable to attend in person. Condolences to the family of Charlotte Smith, a long time Library employee who passed away. Her family will be having a memorial service on May 20. The Reorganizational meeting will be April 18 at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

### APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alder Radermacher, seconded by Alder DePula, to adjourn. Motion carried (7:52 p.m.).

Alene Houser  
City Clerk