

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 17, 2017

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:32 p.m.

Present: Mayor Robert Miller, Alderpersons Chad Speight, Mary O'Connor, Andrew Kitslaar, Brian Holmquist, and Doug Wood

Excused: Alderperson Jim Busse

Also Present: City Administrator April Little, Interim Library Co-Directors Sally Buffat and Matt Heindel, Project Manager/GIS Specialist Brad Bruun, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to approve the Minutes of the January 3, 2017 City Council meeting, was carried.

APPEARANCES

There were no Appearances.

PUBLIC HEARING

There is no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Applications for 2016/2017 Operator Licenses:
 - a. Sara W. Atkins, Breakwater
 - b. Gabrielle C. Bahrke, Breakwater
 - c. Yolanda M. Farmer, Speedway – Royal Avenue

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder O'Connor to remove from the table Resolution 16-11-2133 Library Parking Lot Design Approval and Resolution 16-11-2134 Amending the 2017 Capital Budget for Reconstruction of the Library Parking Lot (Tabled December 5, 2016), was carried.

Library Interim Co-Director Buffat reviewed the history of this project. The revised design maintains 37 parking stalls and two ADA-compliant stalls. There is a slope for water drainage. A raised concrete gutter allows plowing straight across the lot. The concrete center walkway and gutter will stand out in the blacktop lot so drivers won't drive over it. The walkway ends before Healy Lane to get walkers from the lot; the intent was not to get walkers from the street. There is a vegetative area for stormwater drainage. The Library Board approved this plan and the retaining wall.

Project Manager Bruun explained the wall construction will entail cutting off the existing wall leaving the footings. Keeping them is less expensive and it would be too hard to match the existing material. Stackable limestone boulders cost less than budgeted. They won't break down with road salt. This was considered as they are intended for snow storage. Removing the sidewalk from Healy Lane reduced costs and was a safety issue with the anticipation of drivers not stopping on the steeper slope. A tree and the ornamental grass were saved.

Alder O'Connor stated this plan loses only 8 stalls which is an improvement from previous plans. She suggested the cut-in area on Nichols Road be considered for parallel parking. Mayor Miller cautioned that high traffic from the swimming pool and Fire Department should be studied first.

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Speight to amend Resolution 16-11-2133 Library Parking Lot Design Approval in the fourth "Whereas" section "...cost of the project by \$41,250" and deleting the last sentence, and amending the dollar amount in the "Now, Therefore" section to \$41,250, was carried.

Alder Holmquist stated the additional funding provides 10 more stalls and doesn't include engineering for the wall. The standards set for businesses are not being met by the City. He questions whether the Council should approve this before the Plan Commission who will review with expectations of how the design goes with the building and other factors. Funding is still unknown. Project Manager Bruun stated doing this project at the same time as the City Hall parking lot would save material costs and time. If the Plan Commission wants changes and the bid is delayed that could affect getting better contractors.

Mayor Miller asks Alder Kitslaar to advocate for the stone wall at the Plan Commission. Alder Wood urges adoption of the amended Resolution tonight as there is a 3-week gap until the next Council meeting. Alder Kitslaar expressed gratitude to the Library Board and staff for their work and thinks this plan version satisfactorily addresses concerns.

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Speight to approve Resolution 16-11-2133 Library Parking Lot Design Approval 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 amend Resolution 16-11-2134 Amending the 2017 Capital Budget for Reconstruction of the Library Parking Lot in the fourth "Whereas" section "...cost of the project by \$41,250" and deleting the last sentence, and amending the dollar amount in the "Now, Therefore" section to \$238,750, was carried.

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve Resolution 16-11-2134 Amending the 2017 Capital Budget for Reconstruction of the Library Parking Lot as amended. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder O'Connor to suspend the rules and take action on the 2016/2017 Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class C" Wine License Applications For WB South LLC, d/b/a World Buffet Restaurant, 2451 West Broadway, Monona, Wisconsin, 53713, was carried.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to approve the 2016/2017 Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class C" Wine License Applications For WB South LLC, d/b/a World Buffet Restaurant, 2451 West Broadway, Monona, Wisconsin, 53713, was carried.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder O'Connor to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 17-1-2139 Approving a Three-Month Extension to the Agreement with Vandewalle & Associates, Inc. for Services Related to the Mixed-Use Waterfront Redevelopment Project, was carried.

City Administrator Little reported this is an extension to finish the contract to its budget limit for the Riverfront project. She hopes to be in negotiations with a developer by the end of March.

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REPORTS

Members announced upcoming committee meeting dates and times.

Alder Kitslaar reported the final of four Library Director interviews is this Thursday and he thanks those who have attended and participated. Mayor Miller reported the interviews will be on YouTube this week.

Alder O'Connor reported the Landmarks Committee is cancelled. The organizational meeting of the Friends of WVMO is Wednesday, February 8.

Alder Speight reported that for the first time ever there were 10,000 Monona Express riders. In 2016 there was an 8% ridership increase over 2015. Mayor Miller reported an unhappy rider has now complimented the service. City Administrator Little reported she received two additional positive comments.

Alder Wood reported next Tuesday the CDA may select a Riverfront project developer.

City Clerk Andrusz reported two large open records requests were withdrawn. There is only one office on the February 21 Spring Primary ballot but it is important: the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. There are three candidates and one registered write-in.

City Administrator Little reported on staff projects and distributed a memo regarding Spring UniverCity courses. Mayor Miller reported citizens who review the projects underway are very impressed. City Administrator Little reported the Library Foundation has raised \$8,900 to date. The Code of Ordinances has been sent to the codifier for review.

Mayor Miller expressed appreciation to the Public Works Department for their work on the icy roads. There were very few accidents. He reminds residents to maintain their sidewalks. Ice skating on the rink was wonderful last weekend but it has now been affected by the weather. Saturday, January 28 is the Library's Mardi Gras fundraiser from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and promises to be a fun event.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to adjourn, was carried. (8:13 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk