

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 6, 2017

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:30 p.m.

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

Excused: Alderperson Brian Holmquist

Also Present: City Administrator April Little, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Police Chief Walter Ostrenga, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder O'Connor to approve the Minutes of the January 17, 2017 City Council meeting, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Lindsay Wood Davis appeared before the Council and provided a Community Media and WVMO Update, distributing a report of the 32,878 public service announcements broadcast in 2016.

PUBLIC HEARING

There is no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Application for 2016/2017 Operator License:
 - a. Eleanor L. Knipfer, Breakwater
2. Application for Temporary Operator License:
 - b. Michael W. O'Brien, Lake Monona 20K

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda items were taken out of order to accommodate discussion.

Public Works Director Stephany provided information on Resolution 17-2-2140 Award of Bid for 2017 Road Reconstruction Project. Four bids were received with Homburg Contractors, the low bid, approved by the Public Works Committee and Strand Associates. It is \$7,000 higher than the estimate that was calculated in July and has been revised through the fall as material costs have increased. He will provide a report on the cost differences at the next meeting.

Public Works Director Stephany provided information on Resolution 17-2-2141 Amending the 2017 Capital Budget for the 2017 Road Reconstruction Project. The revision applies to the contingency for the project. The higher costs left a 2% contingency and the standard 5% to 7% is needed. The project includes DNR-required work on Well #2. Water mains are buried at 3 feet and the DNR requirement is 6½ feet. Modern equipment can now get through bedrock. Strand Associates is confident the figures are accurate but until digging begins the outcome is unknown. If not needed the contingency funds will not be used. Finance Director Houtakker reviewed project allocations to each affected account and the borrowing effects. Mayor Miller reported a large part of the increased cost is the deeper water main.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 17-2-2145 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$1,640,000 Water System and Sewer System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2017C, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker reported borrowing is increased because of project cost increases. The fiscal note was reviewed and he explained how the funding amount needed was calculated. The increase will affect water utility rates. More debt will be paid off in 2017 than is borrowed. This Resolution provides approval for Financial Advisor Jeff Belongia to begin negotiations. Mayor Miller praised the work Mr. Belongia has done in the past.

A motion by Alder O'Connor, seconded by Alder Speight to approve Resolution 17-2-2145 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$1,640,000 Water System and Sewer System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2017C. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder O'Connor to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 17-2-2146 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$3,200,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2017A, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker reported the amount requested has changed. Quarles & Brady's work with bids was delayed by personnel changes. The fiscal note and changes were reviewed.

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Speight to amend the amount on Resolution 17-2-2146 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$3,200,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2017A to \$3,050,000, was carried. (Please note: This preliminary amount was corrected to \$3,080,000.)

A motion by Alder O'Connor, seconded by Alder Speight to approve Resolution 17-2-2146 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$3,080,000 (amended amount) General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2017A. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder O'Connor to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution No. 17-2-2147 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$3,665,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017B, was carried.

Finance Director Houtakker reported this relates to TIF 4, Monona Drive. Refinancing can now be done without penalties. Financial Advisor Jeff Belongia projects rates will be 2% to 3%, a savings of \$303,000 from the current rate of 4% to 5%. The maker of the motion and the second agree to amending the resolution amount to \$3,440,000.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Speight to approve Resolution No. 17-2-2147 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$3,440,000 (amended amount) General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017B. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Public Works Director Stephany provided information on Ordinance 2-17-685 Amending Section 10-1-26 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Parking Restrictions During and After Snowstorms. Alders had asked for clarification on snow removal and parking to make the Ordinance more enforceable. Changes and portions that remain the same were reviewed. City Attorney Cole recommended removal of the “2 inch” rule as unenforceable because snow levels vary from street to street. Removal of this rule will not affect the number of snow emergencies called.

City Administrator Little stated the Ordinance needs to reflect what is actually done and includes making it clearer which City park parking lots can be used by residents. Police Chief Ostrenga stated the current wording is too impractical. Mayor Miller reported announcements are made on all media sources and the Police Department does some door-to-door contact and windshield flyers. Alder O’Connor questioned whether the end of the snow emergency is announced. Police Chief Ostrenga responded they usually include time frames that leave enough time for Public Works to clear the snow, but he could start announcing cancellations. Alder Busse questioned why the “clean” copy doesn’t include towing or a penalty amount. Police Chief Ostrenga responded the original didn’t have that language. Penalties are in a separate Ordinance but he will look into adding it to this section.

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 17-2-2142 Approval to Enter into an Agreement with TRITECH CAD for Emergency Communications, was carried.

Police Chief Ostrenga reported the Department is in a technology group with other area communities. Global CAD is now used but will be discontinued. The group voted to purchase the equipment Dane County uses. The City will purchase two stations, software, and fees and then be reimbursed. Positive outcomes include connection to Dane County, reduced maintenance fees, and an easier changeover to Dane County’s 911 system if that occurs.

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Speight to approve Resolution 17-2-2142 Approval to Enter into an Agreement with TRITECH CAD for Emergency Communications, was carried.

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder Speight to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 17-2-2143 Amending the 2017 Capital Budget for the Purchase of TRITECH CAD for Emergency Communications, was carried.

Police Chief Ostrenga reported this is a budget amendment to fund the equipment approved in the previous action. It was budgeted based upon borrowing equipment from Dane County but now that is not an option so it has to be purchased.

A motion by Alder Kitslaar, seconded by Alder O’Connor to approve Resolution 17-2-2143 Amending the 2017 Capital Budget for the Purchase of TRITECH CAD for Emergency Communications, was carried.

Alder Busse reported approval of Resolution 17-2-2144 Approving a Memorandum of Understanding for Participation in an Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the Group Purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus was delayed at tonight’s Finance & Personnel Committee. There was concern about committing a future City Council to a Capital Budget expenditure and what the exit strategy is if a decision is made by that Council to not approve this.

City Administrator Little reported this MOU is to apply for a mutual Federal grant for a group purchase. The City of Fitchburg will handle the purchase. The Resolution would be amended from 2019 putting the expenditure in the 2018 budget. This is necessary because the process takes so long and there is a requirement to commit to the funding in advance.

REPORTS

Members announced upcoming committee meeting dates and times.

Alder Kitslaar was happy to announce that the new Library Director, Ryan Claringbole, will begin his duties in March.

Alder O'Connor reported the Community Media Committee will meet at the kick-off meeting of the Friends of WVMO this Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Municipal Room. The Loud in the Library event was fun and very successful raising \$8,000 in funds, which was more than expected.

Alder Speight reported the Parks & Recreation Board will meet one week later than its regular schedule.

City Clerk Andrusz reported Open Book dates are set for April 24 and 25 and the Board of Review will be held on May 31. The new special needs ExpressVote ballot printing equipment will be available for use by all voters beginning with the February 21 Spring Primary.

City Administrator Little reported that the UniverCity held its spring semester meeting. The mural project group met and elements will include Native American heritage and water.

Mayor Miller reported the mural fabric size exactly matches the building's panel size. Drafts of 32 or 33 separate UniverCity projects will be reviewed by the committees they involve. The Parks & Recreation Department is already implementing some ideas. The City is receiving national and international attention for this effort. The UW is trying to get other universities to offer this type of program. The City received a great rate for being a beta site. Mayor Miller is saddened to announce the unexpectedly swift passing of former Firefighter Gary Clark. \$25,000 was raised in a very short time to help the family. The remembrance at his funeral service was wonderful and very moving. The Recreation Department along with Madison Parks and the Aldo Leopold Nature Center will host the Candlelit Snowshoe Hike this Saturday.

Mayor Miller reported that on a future agenda he wants to discuss with staff and the Council agreement on a uniform style and posting time for minutes. City Administrator Little reported she spoke about this timing at today's staff meeting and with City Attorney Cole.

APPOINTMENTS

A motion by Alder Speight, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to approve Teresa Radermacher to the Sustainability Committee (effective immediately–May 2019), was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Busse, seconded by Alder Kitslaar to adjourn, was carried. (8:43 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk