

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 21, 2022

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council, via Zoom, was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mary K. O'Connor, Alderpersons Nancy Moore, Doug Wood, Jennifer Kuhr, and Kristie Goforth

Excused: Alderpersons Molly Grupe, and Kathy Thomas

Also Present: City Administrator Bryan Gadow, Parks Director Jake Anderson, Police Chief Brian Chaney Austin, City Attorney Bill Cole, and City Clerk Alene Houser

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Goforth, to approve the Minutes of the March 7, 2022 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES, PUBLIC HEARING and CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Appearances, Public Hearing or Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

G.2.a. Consideration of Resolution 22-3-2546 Adoption of 2022 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Director Anderson explained that this planning document is updated every five years and is a requirement for grant funding and applications. Overall this document analyzes what the city has and provides an overview of the goals and objectives for the parks and open space system. The main recommendations from this document are maintaining what the city currently has and a storm water project at Maywood Park with a 2023 master plan, 2024 design and 2025 construction.

G.2.b. Consideration of Resolution 22-3-2547 Approval of Facility Use Agreement with the Lake Monona Sailing Club

Director Anderson explained that the Lake Monona Sailing Club was unable to have a pier for the 2021 season because of the Stone Bridge Park construction. This agreement extends their contract through the 2022 season with the same pricing structure as the previous agreement. The one-year extension allows for the usability of the park to be studied.

G.2.c Consideration of Resolution 22-3-2548 Approval of Facility Use Agreement with Pa Pa's BBQ

Director Anderson explained that Pa Pa's BBQ is a minority owned, long standing food cart vendor on Broadway. This is a three-year agreement for exclusive mobile food vending at Ahuska Park. Rent is \$2,500 the first year with an escalation clause for subsequent years.

G.2.d Consideration of Resolution 22-3-2549 Approval of Facility Use Agreement with Monona Swim and Dive

Director Anderson explained that this is an annual agreement with Monona Swim and Dive which stayed similar to previous years. The fee per swimmer is adjusted yearly and with having close to 300 swimmers they pay a large amount in rental fees.

G.2.e Consideration of Resolution 22-3-2552 Acceptance of City Administrator Gadow's Letter of Resignation

G.2.f Convene into 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 likely to become involved (Broadway Hotel Partners, LLC v. City of Monona; Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust v City of Monona; Keonote Furdge v. City of Monona, et al.; Moriva v. City of Monona, et al.)

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Kuhr, 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 likely to become involved. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

G.2.g Reconvene in Open Session

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

REPORTS

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

Mayor O'Connor reported she recently visited several civil right sites in Birmingham and Montgomery. All were very moving and she recommends anyone traveling in the area stop to see the civil right sites.

2. Update/Discussion on Sustainability Efforts.

There were no updates.

3. Committee Reports.

Alder Moore reported the Sustainability Committee will be hosting the second annual Electronics Recycling event on April 23 from 8am-noon. Plan Commission voted to recommend the GDP for the Owen Road development with the recommendation that it not exceed 40 units per acre with a maximum of 161 units.

Alder Kuhr reported the Community Development Authority meeting for March is cancelled. Meeting March 22 with the City of Madison about a potential bike path.

Alder Goforth reported that Landmarks Commission and Transit Commission will meet April 13. The meeting with the City of Madison about a potential bike path will be virtually at 6pm.

Police Chief Chaney Austin thanked Attorney Cole for giving good guidance, members of the community for their ongoing support and health critique, and the Council and Mayor for all their support.

Clerk Houser reported that early in person absentee voting starts March 22 and goes through April 1.

Administrator Gadow reported the City Council meeting in April will be in person

Mayor O'Connor reported there are 12 openings for committees. Not many applications have come in and she encourages everyone to share. Organizational Meeting will be on April 19 with more information to come.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Goforth, to approve the following appointments.
Motion carried.

1. Robert Gonzalez – Election Inspector, Effective Immediately – December 31, 2023
2. Laura Northrup – Election Inspector, Effective Immediately – December 31, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Goforth, to adjourn. Motion carried (8:09 p.m.).

Alene Houser
City Clerk