

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 4, 2022

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

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

Also Present: City Administrator Bryan Gadow, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Public Works Project Manager Brad Bruun, Darrin Pope with Vierbicher, Finance Director Marc Houtaker and City Clerk Alene Houser

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Goforth, to approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2022 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES

Sara Alvarado, One City Schools, appeared before the Council for informational purposes regarding Own It – Building Black Wealth. This program is a two part down payment assistance program that offers homeownership courses in addition to a \$15,000 down payment. Unlike other assistance programs there is no payback clause and comes with fewer restrictions. Program is currently offered to all families of One City Schools which serves 85% of families of color.

Jake Rivard, Monona resident, appeared before the Council for informational purposes regarding Pirate Island Channel Dredging.

Alyssa Stiles, Monona resident, appeared before the Council for informational purposes regarding Pirate Island Channel Dredging.

Kevin Sperberg, Monona resident, appeared before the Council for informational purposes regarding Pirate Island Channel Dredging.

PUBLIC HEARING and CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Public Hearing or Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G.1.a. Consideration of Resolution 22-3-2546 Acceptance of 2022 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)

Alder Wood explained that Alder Thomas recommended changing or removing the word residents from Goal 1 on page 13 to be more welcoming to all who visit and stay in Monona. Discussion followed regarding edits the Parks Board and Mayor submitted along with bicycle being spelled wrong in Goal 5.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Grupe, to amend Resolution 22-3-2546 Acceptance of the 2022 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) to remove the word resident from Goal 1 on page 13 in the packet. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Kuhr, to approve Resolution 22-3-2546 Acceptance of the 2022 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP). Motion carried.

G.1.b. Consideration of Resolution 22-3-2547 Approval of Facility Use Agreement with the Lake Monona Sailing Club

Director Anderson reported the sailing club is planning to get the pier in the water in the new few weeks.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Grupe, to approve Resolution 22-3-2547 Approval of Facility Use Agreement with the Lake Monona Sailing Club. Motion carried.

G.1.c. Consideration of Resolution 22-3-2548 Approval of Facility Use Agreement with PaPa's BBQ

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Moore, to approve Resolution 22-3-2548 Approval of Facility Use Agreement with PaPa's BBQ. Motion carried.

G.1.d. Consideration of Resolution 22-3-2549 Approval of Facility Use Agreement with Monona Swim and Dive

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Thomas, to approve Resolution 22-3-2549 Approval of Facility Use Agreement with Monona Swim and Dive. Motion carried.

G.1.e. Consideration of Resolution 22-3-2552 Acceptance of City Administrator Gadow's Letter of Resignation

Motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Goforth, to approve Resolution 22-3-2552 Acceptance of City Administrator Gadow's Letter of Resignation. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

G.2.a. Consideration of Resolution 22-4-2553 Providing for the Sale of \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022B

Director Houtakker explained that this is done in two stages which gives our bond administrator the ability to start the process. The breakdown of this borrowing is \$200,000 for Sewer, \$660,000 for TIF, \$3,140,000 for General, and \$2,000,000 for debt repayment. The \$2,000,000 for debt repayment is strictly a timing issue while we wait for the \$2,000,000 grant from Dane County.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Thomas, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-4-2553 Providing for the Sale of \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022B. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Grupe, to approve Resolution 22-4-2553 Providing for the Sale of \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022B. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

G.2.b. Consideration of Resolution 22-4-2554 Providing for the Sale of \$3,400,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022C

Director Houtakker explained that this resolution is to refinance this bond to long term debt as the payment on this bond comes due this year.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Grupe, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-4-2554 Providing for the Sale of \$3,400,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022C. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Grupe, to approve Resolution 22-4-2554 Providing for the Sale of \$3,400,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022C. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

G.2.c Consideration of Resolution 22-4-2551 Award of Contract for 2022 South Winnequah Road Project

Director Stephany explained that three bids were received and Wolf Paving submitted the low bid. Total project cost is \$1,220,906 including Alternate 1 bid to complete mill and overlay on Winnequah Trail and South Tonyawatha Trail. Landscaping is included in the total construction cost. Requesting full budgeted amount in case there are issues with the sidewalk.

G.2.d Consideration of Ordinance 4-22-750 Amending Chapter 216 of the Monona Code of Ordinances Regarding Erosion and Storm Water Runoff Control

Project Manager Bruun explained that Dane County has revised their ordinance and the City needs to meet or be more stringent than the County ordinance. Discharge management or controls wasn't previously addressed. Mr. Pope explained the County is reacting to the storms that have been happening by revising storm water grades for new and redevelopment sites as well as adding a chapter on discharge.

G.2.e Consideration of Ordinance 4-22-751 Amending Chapter 335-8 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Noise Disturbing the Peace

Alder Goforth explained this Ordinance amendment would change the time construction can end from 9pm to 7pm. Most municipalities in the area restrict construction noise past 7pm. With four large apartment developments in the works, 9pm is too late for residential areas. The Administrator is able to give permission for extended hours if necessary. Discussion followed regarding the unintended consequences of restricting construction noise past 7pm for residents doing minor work on their own homes.

G.2.f Consideration of Ordinance 4-22-752 Amending Chapter 263-6 of the Code of Ordinances to Allow "No Mow May"

Alder Wood explained this would be a simple change of the Ordinance allowing people to not mow during the month of May. May is a critical month for pollinators and this will help improve their habitat. Sustainability Committee and Parks Board will be discussing this at their next meeting.

REPORTS

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

Alder Goforth reported artist applications for the vibrant hydrants project are due by June 13.

Alder Grupe reported this is the last week in the Justified Anger class. She's grateful for being able to take the class.

2. Update/Discussion on Sustainability Efforts.

There were no updates.

3. Committee Reports.

Alder Thomas reported there will be meetings about the Beltline on April 12 and 13. This is a long term study looking at the future of the Beltline from the Interstate to 14 in Middleton.

Alder Kuhr reported Public Works Committee meets April 6. There are 12 openings on city committees right now. The time commitment is about an hour a month. Apply online or pick up a paper application at City Hall.

Alder Wood reported the MPO meets April 6 and will be getting an update on the flex lane.

Alder Moore reported the Sustainability Committee is hosting the second annual Electronics Recycling event on April 23 from 8am-noon. Visit the City's website for more information.

Alder Grupe reported the Parks Board meets April 12 and Transit Commission meets April 13. She's currently working with Senior Center Director Mikelbank to make the Recycling event more accessible.

Alder Goforth reported she invited Jake and his neighbors to come tonight. She's visited the area and it is not safe. The Landmarks Committee meets April 13. There are two openings on Transit Committee.

Mayor O'Connor reported there are still committee openings and encourages everyone to share the link.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Wood, to adjourn. Motion carried (8:26 p.m.).

Alene Houser
City Clerk