

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 6, 2022

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mary K. O'Connor, Alderpersons Teresa Radermacher, Patrick DePula, Brian Holmquist, Nancy Moore, Doug Wood, and Kathy Thomas

Also Present: Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Police Chief Brian Chaney, Parks Director Jake Anderson, Fire Chief Jerry McMullen, City Attorney Bill Cole, Public Works Project Manager Bruun, Jayson Chung, Finance Director Marc Houtaker and City Clerk Alene Houser

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Thomas, to approve the Minutes of the May 16, 2022 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES

Mayor O'Connor read a Proclamation Recognizing Juneteenth

PUBLIC HEARING and CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Public Hearing or Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G.1.a. Consideration of Resolution 22-2-2250 Amending the 2022 Capital Budget for Library HVAC Upgrades.

Director Houtakker explained that this project was approved in February and the budget amendment was tabled to determine how to pay for the project. The recommendation is to reduce the public safety building design by \$71,000 in 2022 since the project has not started and increase the 2023 budget by \$71,000.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood, to approve Resolution 22-2-2250 Amending the 2022 Capital Budget for Library HVAC Upgrades. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

G.2.a. Consideration of Resolution 22-6-2568 Approval to Submit 2021 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) Review and Recommendations.

Director Stephany explained that this is an approval of our annual sanitary report card, which is required by the Department of Revenue. The system currently has a 4.0 rating.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Moore, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-6-2568 Approval to Submit 2021 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) Review and Recommendations. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder DePula, to approve Resolution 22-6-2568 Approval to Submit 2021 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) Review and Recommendations. Motion carried.

G.2.b. Consideration of Resolution 22-6-2573 Accepting a Final Report from the Ad Hoc Work Group on Diversity and Equity Issues.

Mr. Chung provided an overview of the final report from the Ad Hoc Work Group. This Work Group is the most diverse body ever put together by the City and met for a total of nine months. There is still a lot left to do but Monona has made a huge step from where we were last summer. The Community needs to start somewhere and stick with it.

G.2.c Consideration of Resolution 22-6-2574 Allocation of American Rescue Plan Funds for Library Duct Cleaning and HVAC Controls.

Director Houtakker explained that this work will fix the thermostat in the Municipal Room by hooking it into the HVAC system. The upper level duct cleaning will occur later this summer after the HVAC project is completed

G.2.d Convene in Closed Session under Wisconsin Statue section 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (San Damiano agreements with MSA Professional Services and Friends of San Damiano, San Damiano Grant Contract with WDNR, and San Damiano Deed Restrictions with Dane County).

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder DePula, to Convene in Closed Session under Wisconsin Statue section 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (San Damiano agreements with MSA Professional Services and Friends of San Damiano, San Damiano Grant Contract with WDNR, and San Damiano Deed Restrictions with Dane County). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

G.2.e Reconvene in Open Session Under Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(2).

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

G.2.f Consideration of Resolution 22-6-2575 Approving an Agreement with MSA Professional Services for San Damiano Master Planning Services.

Director Anderson explained that seven submissions were received from the RFP. Four proposals were selected to present to the steering committee. The committee unanimously recommended MSA Professional Service. Some of the variables considered were community engagement, previous local master planning, and recognizing the house as an important piece.

G.2.g Consideration of Resolution 22-6-2576 Approving an Agreement with the Friends of San Damiano for Reimbursement of Master Planning Costs.

Attorney Cole explained that this is an agreement between the City and the Friends of San Damiano to cover the costs of master planning.

G.2.h Consideration of Resolution 22-6-2577 Approving an Outdoor Recreation Aids Grant Contract with the Wisconsin DNR for San Damiano.

Attorney Cole explained that this is an agreement between the City and the Wisconsin DNR to provide the City with the Knowles-Nelson grant for \$249,999.

Motion by Alder DePula, seconded by Alder Wood, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-6-2577 Approving an Outdoor Recreation Aids Grant Contract with the Wisconsin DNR for San Damiano. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder DePula, to approve Resolution 22-6-2577 Approving an Outdoor Recreation Aids Grant Contract with the Wisconsin DNR for San Damiano. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

G.2.i Consideration of Resolution 22-6-2578 Approving a Declaration of Deed Restrictions with Dane County for San Damiano.

Attorney Cole explained that this is a deed restriction to San Damiano to restrict usage.

G.2.j Consideration of Resolution 22-6-2579 Amending the 2022 Capital Budget for San Damiano Master Planning Services.

Director Houtakker explained that the City will pay for the master planning services and then get reimbursed by the Friends of San Damiano.

G.2.k Consideration of Resolution 22-6-2569 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Canine Policy 4.006.

Police Chief Chaney explained that this is the second time this policy has seen a revision. Approval is for the policy Lexipol created with Monona additions.

G.2.l Consideration of Resolution 22-6-2570 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Personnel Complaints Policy 1010.

Police Chief Chaney explained that the policy is completely renamed; Monona police serve more than just citizens of the United States and it is important to recognize that. The new policy is easy to read with a clear, concise, step-by-step process for someone to follow. All policies include what is best practice or what is State Statute. Lexipol is currently working on hundreds of policies for Monona and dozens of changes have already been made.

G.2.m Consideration of Resolution 22-6-2571 Amending the 2022 Operating Budget for the Addition of Part-Time Police Officers.

Police Chief Chaney explained that part time police officers will be utilized to supplement our current staff. These part time officers will be hired through the Public Safety Committee and will be contacted after current full time employees pass on the hours. Part time officers will be from other agencies in the area or recently retired employees.

G.2.n Consideration of Resolution 22-6-2572 Urging Federal and State Legislators to Adopt Gun Control Legislation.

Motion by Alder Radermacher, seconded by Alder Thomas, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-6-2572 Urging Federal and State Legislators to Adopt Gun Control Legislation. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Radermacher, seconded by Alder DePula, to amend the title of Resolution 22-6-2572 to Urging Federal and State Legislators to Adopt Gun Responsibility Legislation. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder DePula, seconded by Alder Wood, to amend Resolution 22-6-2572 Urging Federal and State Legislators to Adopt Gun Responsibility Legislation to add bullet point: Raise the minimum age to purchase long guns to 18 and hand guns to 21. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Radermacher, seconded by Alder DePula, to approve Resolution 22-6-2572 Urging Federal and State Legislators to Adopt Gun Responsibility Legislation as amended. Motion carried.

REPORTS

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

Alder Radermacher reminded the community that the Monona ARC group is always looking for new members. ARC stands for Anti-Racist Circles and Awareness Relationship commitment. Can get involved by signing up on the website. It is a great way for people who have always had privilege in life to think about what that means.

Mayor O'Connor reported that discussion sections for the Libraries and the racism readings are starting this week. Books are still available.

2. Update/Discussion on Sustainability Efforts.

Alder Moore reported there was a good turnout for No Mow May. 75 yard signs were made and most were used. People were also participating without having the yard signs.

Alder Radermacher encourages people to look on the website for a follow up on what to do after No Mow May to encourage healthy lawns all year long.

3. Committee Reports.

Alder DePula reported Transit Commission will meet June 15.

Alder Holmquist reported Public Works Committee was cancelled this month due to lack of agenda items.

Alder Moore reported that Plan Commission has approved two developments have been approved with affordable housing.

Alder Wood reported that CDA had been discussing the Slinde and Monona Gardens proposals.

Alder Thomas commended Fire Chief McMullen for his winning of the Bob Brunning Award of Excellence with more than 60,000 hours volunteering for ambulance coverage at Deer-Grove EMS.

Alder Radermacher reported Public Safety Committee discussed amendments to the policies.

Fire Chief McMullen thanked all the staff that made the Memorial Day Parade a success. Retired Chief Van Etten passed away and there will be a visitation this week to pay respect.

Director Houtakker reported the Building Inspectors hours will be going back to Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays starting this week.

Mayor O'Connor gives her condolences to the Van Etten family and friends. Budget preparations will begin this week and go through December. Juneteenth event on June 17. Appointing a committee for the City Administrator position to do an initial evaluation on the received applications.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist, to adjourn. Motion carried (9:49 p.m.).

Alene Houser
City Clerk