

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 1, 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 Brian Holmquist, Nancy Moore (via Zoom), Doug Wood, Kathy Thomas, Teresa Radermacher, and Patrick DePula

Also Present: Police Chief Brian Chaney, Fire Chief McMullen, City Attorney Bill Cole, Interim Administrator/Finance Director Marc Houtakker and City Clerk Alene Houser

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alder Holmquist noted the following corrections: Under the Appearance section remove the word offensive or change to say she believed the sign was offensive; Under G.2.c the video can record both in front of the vehicle and the back passenger at the same time – not an either or; G.2.e encourage everyone to sign up – everyone being businesses and residents.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood, to approve the Minutes of the July 18, 2022 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES

Dane County Executive Joe Parisi provided updates on dredging, sustainability, and renewable energy initiatives in Dane County.

Alder Moore joined the meeting at 7:27 p.m. via Zoom.

PUBLIC HEARING and CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Public Hearing or Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G.1.a Consideration of Resolution 22-7-2581 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Portable Audio Video Recorder Policy.

Police Chief Chaney explained that there are two cameras, one to record in front of the vehicle and one to record the back passenger.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder DePula, to approve Resolution 22-7-2581 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Portable Audio Video Recorder Policy. Motion carried.

G.1.b Consideration of Resolution 22-7-2582 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Body Worn Camera Policy.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder DePula, to approve Resolution 22-7-2582 Approval of Revisions to the Monona Police Body Worn Camera Policy. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

G.2.a. 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 is likely to become involved (Broadway Hotel Partners, LLC v. City of Monona; Kinsler, et al. v. City of Monona; Walmart Real Estate Business Trust v. City of Monona).

Motion by Alder Radermacher, seconded by Alder DePula, 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 is likely to become involved (Broadway Hotel Partners, LLC v. City of Monona; Kinsler, et al. v. City of Monona; Walmart Real Estate Business Trust v. City of Monona). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

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

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

G.2.c Consideration of Resolution 22-8-2584 Adopting the Dane County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan: 2022 Update.

Fire Chief McMullen explained that there are no significant changes to the previous plan and updates come out every five years. Dane County needs approval by August 30. Adoption of this plan is for Dane County Emergency Management but is also used at the City level to look at our emergency response and how we work with the county.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder DePula, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-8-2584 Adopting the Dane County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan: 2022 Update. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Wood, to approve Resolution 22-8-2584 Adopting the Dane County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan: 2022 Update. Motion carried.

G.2.d Presentation/Discussion of 2023 and 2024 Budgets, Levy Limit, and Public Safety Building.

Director Houtakker provided Council an update on the 2023 and 2024 budgets. The levy limit imposed by the state allows for taxes to be increased, excluding debt services, by net new construction. With the City being landlocked, it has less new construction. The 2023 allowable increase is 1.94% or \$103,000 and the estimated increase for 2024 is .0021% or \$7,000. The predicted health insurance increase for 2023 is \$109,000, which is already over the allowable increase. This does not include wage or Wisconsin Retirement increases. Discussion followed regarding the potential need for a referendum, cutting services, implementing a wheel tax, and feasibility of a new public safety building.

REPORTS

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

There were no updates.

2. Update/Discussion on Sustainability Efforts.

Alder Moore would like staff and committees to get into a regular routine reporting sustainability efforts. The reason this is a standing agenda item is to report out and bring more light to the sustainability efforts the City is making. Several big things she has learned in the last few weeks regarding sustainability are asphalt recycling being done by Public Works, and two new bikes for Parks and Recreation to cut down on truck usage.

3. Committee Reports.

Alder Moore reported that there will be no Plan Commission meeting this coming Monday.

Alder Wood reported that the MPO will be meeting August 3 at 6:30 pm and then at 7:00 pm there will be the annual joint meeting with the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission via Zoom.

Police Chief Chaney reported that National Night Out will be on August 9.

Fire Chief McMullen reported that National Night Out will start at 4 pm.

Clerk Houser reported that in person absentee voting is going on now through August 5 for the August 9 Partisan Primary.

Mayor O'Connor reported that she will not be at the next meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alder DePula, seconded by Alder Holmquist, to adjourn. Motion carried (9:25 p.m.).

Alene Houser
City Clerk