

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
August 15, 2022

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor Thomas at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Acting Mayor Kathy Thomas, Alderpersons Doug Wood, Teresa Radermacher, Brian Holmquist, and Nancy Moore

Excused: Mayor Mary K. O'Connor and Alderperson Patrick DePula

Also Present: Police Chief Brian Chaney, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Interim Administrator/Finance Director Marc Houtakker and City Clerk Alene Houser

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alder Radermacher noted an addition in the Sustainability Efforts section: Would like staff and committees to get into a regular routine reporting sustainability efforts; this is a standing agenda item to bring light to the sustainability efforts the City is making.

Alder Wood noted a correction in the Committee Reports section: Nation Night Out should be National Night Out.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Holmquist, to approve the Minutes of the August 1, 2022 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES

Amber Drewieske with CLA presented a summary of the 2021 Financial Audit.

PUBLIC HEARING, CONSENT AGENDA, and UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Public Hearing, Consent Agenda or Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

**G.2.a Consideration of Premise Extension Application for 2022/2023 for Leskes Inc, d/b/a Tully's II Food & Spirits, 6401 Monona Drive.**

Alder Wood explained that this extends the premise to include the patio that was recently approved.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Radermacher, to suspend the rules and take action on Premise Extension Application for 2022/2023 for Leskes Inc, d/b/a Tully's Food & Spirits, 6401 Monona Drive. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Moore, to approve Premise Extension Application for 2022/2023 for Leskes Inc, d/b/a Tully's II Food & Spirits, 6401 Monona Drive. Motion carried.

**G.2.b Convene in Closed Session under Wisconsin Statute 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 (DOT Agreement for Lagoon Du Nord Bridge).**

Motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Holmquist, to convene in Closed Session under Wisconsin Statute 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 (DOT Agreement for Lagoon Du Nord Bridge). On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

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

Upon reconvening in Open Session:

**G.2.d Consideration of Resolution 22-8-2585 A Resolution to Enter into Agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation for Improvements to Lagoon Du Nord Bridge.**

Alder Wood explained that the DOT requires this to be in closed session when they are providing funding.

Motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder Wood, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-8-2585 A Resolution to Enter into Agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation for Improvements to Lagoon Du Nord Bridge. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Moore, seconded by Alder Radermacher, to approve Resolution 22-8-2585 A Resolution to Enter into Agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation for Improvements to Lagoon Du Nord Bridge. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

**REPORTS**

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

There were no updates.

**2. Update/Discussion on Sustainability Efforts.**

There were no updates.

**3. Committee Reports.**

Alder Radermacher reported there was no sustainability meeting in August and the Mayor will be attending the September meeting to have a discussion regarding the focus of this committee. There is not yet a new staff person but will hopefully have someone on board for the September meeting. The Community Media Committee is making fantastic progress and the newsletter is looking beautiful. Members are taking on tasks including the newsletter and writing PSA's for WVMO. Committees can expect these members to attend at least one meeting to introduce themselves and ask for contributions for the newsletter and PSA's. At the Landmarks Commission meeting, Planner Plowman presented a brochure that lists current and lost Monona landmarks along with state landmarks. The committee is also

working on outreach for the Historic Frost Woods Neighborhood and will potentially hold an event where residents can learn about the benefits of a historic landmark designation.

Alder Wood reported the MPO approved 60% funding for reconstruction of Nichols Road from Monona Drive to Winnequah Road in 2024.

Alder Moore reported Transit Commission met last week and discussed the Madison Metro proposal. There will be three open houses, one occurring at the Senior Center, to share what changes will occur, costs, and comparison to what we have now. Plan Commission will meet on August 22 with prehearings and hearings for the Bloom project on the agenda. Thank you to the Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of San Damiano for hosting another successful beer garden at San Damiano. Over 1,000 people in attendance with a large amount coming by bike. The next event will be September 24.

Alder Holmquist reported that the Senior Committee met and reviewed capital requests for the upcoming years. Public Works Committee reviewed the agreement with the DOT for the Lagoon Du Nord Bridge Project and capital equipment. Provided the Mayor with a draft of how information can be presented to the Council regarding committee appointments.

Police Chief Chaney thanked everyone that helped, attended and donated at National Night Out. A brand new hybrid squad is in patrol now, which will use less gas to help preserve the environment. Squad cars have to remain running because the equipment inside requires power all the time. The Police Department is accepting applications through the end of the week, there are currently no vacancies but creating a list for potential retirements. Chief Chaney is pleading for voluntary compliance regarding stop signs and the Winnequah Road closure.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Alder Radermacher, seconded by Alder Moore, to approve the following appointment. Motion carried.

1. Ashley Gries to the Sustainability Committee (effective immediately – May 2025).

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alder Holmquist, seconded by Alder Wood, to adjourn. Motion carried (7:48 p.m.).

Alene Houser  
City Clerk