

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 2, 2011

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Robert Miller, Aldermen Scott Munson, Jim Busse, Jeffrey Wiswell, Doug Wood, and Dennis Kugle

Excused: Alderman Chad Speight

Also Present: City Administrator Patrick Marsh, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alderman Wiswell, seconded by Alderman Busse to approve the minutes of April 18, 2011, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Susan Manning, 1108 Nishishin Trail NE appeared before the Council and spoke in favor of Resolution 11-04-1774 A Final Resolution Authorizing Street Improvements and Levying Special Assessments Against Benefited Properties on Tecumseh Avenue, Neponset Trail, Nishishin Trail, Nishishin Trail NE, and Pocahontas Drive.

Larry Miller, 1110 Nishishin Trail NE appeared before the Council and spoke for informational purposes about Resolution 11-04-1774.

Bill Arnold, 1222 Birch Haven Circle registered in favor of Ordinance 4-11-623 Amending Section 6-1-12 of the Code of Ordinances Concerning Waterway Maintenance.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Kugle reported legal plat property records were reviewed to determine frontage for 2011 street improvements. Discrepancies can be appealed as outlined in the Ordinances. Public Works Director Stephany reported erosion control is required by the DNR, the contractor has maps (which don't include the electrical layout), and fencing has been placed on the right of way lines in accordance to plans and State regulations. Power lines were located prior to Bobcat use. BT Squared oversees the construction site and safety procedures. Project updates and contact information will be on the City's website, and can be published on the Belle Isle neighborhood website.

A motion by Alderman Kugle, seconded by Alderman Wiswell to approve Resolution 11-04-1774 A Final Resolution Authorizing Street Improvements and Levying Special Assessments Against Benefited Properties on Tecumseh Avenue, Neponset Trail, Nishishin Trail, Nishishin Trail NE, and Pocahontas Drive, was carried.

Alderman Kugle reported Ordinance language needed to be clear on lagoons, rivers, and channels. Dredging costs will be shared 70% by residents and 30% by the City. Large amounts of stormwater run-off would allow residents to ask for an adjustment to this split.

A motion by Alderman Kugle, seconded by Alderman Wood to approve Ordinance 4-11-623 Amending Section 6-1-12 of the Code of Ordinances Concerning Waterway Maintenance. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

City Administrator Marsh reported Meriter Hospital, Inc. requested vacation of property on Femrite Drive east to the end of the development. The City Attorney advised waiting until plans for extension of the project occur, and to instead grant a right-of-way privilege, which will include beautification of the area. The upfront payment of \$1,000 will be followed by \$500 yearly payments for the length of the privilege. The agreement expires in one year and can be easily terminated. Computer reminders can be set up to review this agreement after a few years, with changes approved by the Council.

A motion by Alderman Busse, seconded by Alderman Wood to approve Resolution 11-04-1777 Approving an Agreement Granting a Privilege in a Right of Way to Meriter Hospital, Inc., was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 11-05-1778 Approval to Adopt Wisconsin Department of Transportation Equipment Rates, was carried.

Public Works Director Stephany reported there is no current policy on equipment rates. The DOT annually updates and publishes a Highway Maintenance Manual with hourly rates for all equipment and tools which is trusted and preferred by FEMA for use for storm cleanup reimbursement. Use of these rates is standard practice for many municipalities and the City would automatically assume new rates without the need to re-approve the policy.

A motion by Alderman Kugle, seconded by Alderman Busse to approve Resolution 11-05-1778 Approval to Adopt Wisconsin Department of Transportation Equipment Rates, was approved.

A motion by Alderman Busse, seconded by Alderman Wood to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution No. 11-05-1779 Terminating Tax Increment District No. 3 and Authorizing the City Finance Director to Distribute Excess Increment to Overlying Taxing Districts, was carried.

Alderman Wood reported TID District 3 is the Industrial Drive area that was extended for one year for the Renew Monona Loan Program, and needs to be closed by May 15. Finance Director Houtakker reported this follows State guidelines. City Administrator Marsh reported 100% of the funds have most likely been used but if not will be refunded to the taxing districts (Monona schools, MATC, etc.).

A motion by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Busse to approve Resolution No. 11-05-1779 Terminating Tax Increment District No. 3 and Authorizing the City Finance Director to Distribute Excess Increment to Overlying Taxing Districts. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor Miller proposed a June start to the Summer Meeting Schedule, maintaining the current schedule as mandated by the Ordinances but only meeting the first Monday of the month unless a second meeting is required. Members agreed, and also agreed to have meetings affected by a Monday holiday (Fourth of July and Labor Day) moved to the following Tuesday.

REPORTS

Alderman Kugle reported all are invited to the Public Works Committee meeting this Wednesday, May 4, which will include a tour of the City garage.

Alderman Wiswell reported the Building Inspector has dealt with unsightly premises and the Public Safety Commission looked at how other municipalities handled these issues. More reports will follow.

City Clerk Andrusz reported on the City's successful outcome at the Statewide Voter Recount which began last Wednesday and will continue daily at the Dane County Clerk's office, including weekends, until May 9. Chief Inspectors volunteered their time to help out, and they and all Election Inspectors did an outstanding job.

City Administrator Marsh reported he will attend a dinner this week along with the project's engineer from Strand Associates to receive an American Planning Association Highway Project of the Year award for Monona Drive. This is one of several awards the project has been granted.

Mayor Miller reminds members to be respectful and considerate of citizen committee members' schedules. The Council President, Alderman Wood, is charged with procuring transportation for Council members for the Memorial Day Parade, and will report at the next meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

A motion by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Busse to approve the following Appointments, was carried:

1. To the Park and Recreation Board:
 - a. Jessica Ace (May 2011–May 2014).
 - b. Pat Howell (May 2011–May 2014).
 - c. Greg Anderson (May 2011–May 2014).
2. To the Public Works Committee:
 - a. Tom Stolper (May 2011–May 2014).
 - b. Leslie Busse (May 2011–May 2014).
 - c. Tim Turino (May 2011–May 2014).
3. Chris Homburg to the Plan Commission (May 2011–May 2014).
4. Robb Kahl, Chair, Community Development Authority (May 2011–May 2015).
5. Robb Kahl to the Ad-Hoc Monona Drive Advisory Committee.
6. Kathy Thomas to the Committee on Family Attraction, Retention, and City Promotion (May 2011–May 2014).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alderman Wiswell, seconded by Alderman Wood, to adjourn, was carried. (8:27 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk