

MINUTES 01.15.2024 CITY OF MONONA

**CITY OF MONONA**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024**  
The Monona, Iowa, City Council met in regular session Monday, January 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Monona City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Grant Langhus presided with John Elledge, Bridget Schlein, Erin Friedley, Tim Wright, and Preston Landt present.  
Guests Present: Jared Burkle, (PeopleService), Jo Amsden (Police Chief), Ardie Kuhse (MCED), and Heidi Landt (Library)  
1) Approve Consent Agenda  
Moved by Elledge, seconded by Schlein, to approve consent agenda as submitted. Carried Unanimously.  
• Agenda  
• Council Minutes ~ January 2, 2024  
• Treasurer/Budgetary Reports ~ December 2023  
• Library Report ~ December 2023  
• Utility Billing Reconciliation ~ December 23/January 24  
2) Hearing of Delegations  
Ardie Kuhse informed the council that the MCED monthly/annual meeting will be held Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.  
3) PeopleService Report  
PeopleService operator Jared Burkle discussed written Operations and Maintenance (O&M) reports for water and wastewater departments for December 2023.  
Water O&M  
• Talked with a couple of contractors and reviewed photos of the inside of the water tower since it will need to be recoated during FY 24/25.  
Wastewater O&M  
• Had issues with the DO probes on the aeration basins. Pulled, cleaned, and are currently working now.  
• Worked with city staff to diagnose issues with the sewer line for the city shop.  
• Jettied the sewer line at the city shop so it could be televised.  
4) Police Report  
Police Chief Jo Amsden reviewed the December monthly police activity summary. Also reviewed a detailed annual report of all police calls and related responses during 2023. Calls for service in 2023 were down by 67 calls from 2022. Chief Amsden also talked about what type of calls increased or decreased in the last year. There was also talk about the possible need for reserves.  
5) Police Budget  
Police Chief Jo Amsden, went over her proposed budget for FY 24/25. The budget included in-

creases in wages, liability insurance, minor equipment and amount transferred to capital equipment. She also mentioned that she would need to replace her in-car camera during this fiscal year. She is waiting for a quote.  
6) Resolution 2024-04 Adopting Wellmark Section 125 Premium Only Plan  
It was moved by Elledge, seconded by Wright to approve Resolution 2024-04 adopting the Wellmark Section 125 Premium Only Plan effective December 1, 2023. ROLL CALL: AYES – Five, NAYES – None; Motion Carried.  
7) Resolution 2024-05 Authorizing the Destruction of City Records  
It was moved by Wright, seconded by Schlein to approve Resolution 2024-05 authorizing the destruction of records that have no further value to the City of Monona. ROLL CALL: AYES – Five, NAYES – None; Motion Carried  
8) Discuss Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance  
With the approval of the City of Monona imposing a 7% hotel and motel tax at the November 23 election, City Administrator Collins talked about the need for an ordinance inserting a chapter 126 HOTEL/MOTEL TAX in the city ordinance book. This ordinance would include the tax imposed, definitions, effective date of tax, collection, and restrictions of the use of the revenue. After some discussion, it was moved by Wright, seconded by Friedley to approve moving forward with writing a new ordinance Chapter 125 HOTEL/MOTEL TAX stating among other things that 50% of the revenue would be used for the promotion and encouragement of tourist and convention business in the City and surrounding areas and that the other 50% would be spent by the City for any lawful purposed for which revenues derived from ad valorem taxes may be expended. Carried Unanimously.  
9) Review Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures  
City Administrator Collins presented the council with the final annual independent accountant's report on applying agreed-upon procedures and their detailed findings and recommendations for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. After some discussion regarding the report, it was moved by Elledge, seconded by Wright to approve the report. Carried Unanimously.  
Mayor/Council/Clerk Notes:  
• City Administrator Collins in-

formed the council that she had received a call asking if it was all right to take some of the wood from the city burn pile.  
• Collins also informed the council of a meeting with some students involved in the MORE program through school. The meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at Monona City Hall.  
Hearing no further comments, Mayor Langhus declared the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.  
Next regular council meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Monona City Hall Council Chambers with a budget work session to follow.  
A-Tec Recycling, Inc.  
*Barbara Collins, City Admin/Clerk*  
**Monthly Revenues**  
**for December:**  
GENERAL TOTAL ..... 34,552.02  
LIBRARY TOTAL ..... 2,230.26  
ROAD USE TAX TOTAL .....  
..... 17,795.23  
TRUST & AGENCY TOTAL .....  
..... 3,252.72  
T.I.F. TOTAL ..... 609.83  
LIBRARY MEMORIAL TOTAL ..... 20.00  
DEBT SOURCE CASH TOTAL .....  
..... 2,235.97  
WATER TOTAL ..... 25,656.98  
SEWER TOTAL ..... 52,280.32  
AIRPORT TOTAL ..... 30.59  
GARBAGE TOTAL ..... 16,482.11  
LITTLE BULLDOG - SINKING  
TOTA ..... 1,058.00  
LITTLE BULLDOG - RESERVE  
TOTA ..... 106.00  
**MONTHLY REVENUES** .....  
..... **\$156,310.03**  
**Monthly Expenditures**  
**for December:**  
GENERAL TOTAL ..... 67,308.61  
LIBRARY TOTAL ..... 6,760.88  
ROAD USE TAX TOTAL .....  
..... 11,031.00  
TRUST & AGENCY TOTAL .....  
..... 14,431.69  
LIBRARY MEMORIAL TOTAL .....  
..... 130.82  
MONONA PUBLIC GARD & TRL  
TOTA ..... 41.95  
DEBT SOURCE CASH TOTAL .....  
..... 252.00  
2017 O.HOUSING CDBG FUND  
TOTA ..... 14.00  
PHASE IV BTRAIL HARDSURFA  
TOTA ..... 141.55  
WATER TOTAL ..... 16,417.71  
SEWER TOTAL ..... 32,582.41  
21/22 SEWER LINING FUND  
TOTAL ..... 2,747.18  
GARBAGE TOTAL ..... 20,696.35  
LITTLE BULLDOG - SINKING  
TOTA ..... 1,058.00  
**MONTHLY EXPENDITURES** .....  
..... **\$173,614.15**  
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