



**CITY OF MONMOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**



Date: Monday, August 15, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: 100 East Broadway
Monmouth, Illinois

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rod Davies called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 100 East Broadway at 7:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor called the roll and those answering **Present were:** Alderwoman Dawn Johnson, Aldermen Dave Rutledge, Brian Daw, Bob Wells, Dennis Willhardt, Dan Heatherly and Jaime Godina **Also Present:** Mayor Rod Davies, City Administrator Lowell Crow, City Attorney Marcum Spears, City Clerk Susan Trevor, MFD Chief Casey Rexroat, MPD Chief Bill Feithen and Director of Building and Zoning Wade Woodward **Absent:** Community Development Director Paul Schuytema and Woodard & Curran Public Works Director Andy Jackson **Late Arrival (7:05 p.m.):** Alderwoman Susan Twomey

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 1, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderwoman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Heatherly to approve the August 1, 2016 minutes as corrected. **AYE:** Alderwoman Johnson, Aldermen Rutledge, Daw, Aldermen Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly and Godina **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL

A. Presentations or Citizen Inquiries

Monmouth citizen Richard Johnston addressed Council to thank them for the good job that they are doing on behalf of the citizens of Monmouth. He felt that too often the Council receives complaints rather than compliments. Mr. Johnston wanted the Council to know that there are people who do appreciate the job they are doing. Mayor Davies thanked Mr. Johnston for taking the time to come before the Council to show his appreciation of their efforts.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Bills (Items on Consent Agenda will not be discussed unless a request is made to remove an item for discussion)

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Godina to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the approval of the bills being the only item to be considered. **AYE:** Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly, Godina and Alderwoman Johnson **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Committee of the Whole Discussion Items – possible action to follow

1. MFD July Report – Chief Rexroat

- Monthly department responses of 100 are detailed in the July web report
- Chief Rexroat participated in a meeting with the Western Illinois Home Fire Campaign Coalition, which the American Red Cross organized to be able to offer free smoke detectors to communities in order to reduce the number of fire related deaths in the country.
- The department's ground ladders and aerial ladder received their annual inspections. There were several issues with the aerial ladder that needed to be addressed.
- The department assisted the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners in administering the entry level firefighter testing to four people. One person failed the physical agility test; therefore, there are only three people on the eligibility list for the next two years.

2. MPD July Report – Chief Feithen

- The monthly statistics are contained in the July web report.
- A flyer detailing the upcoming Bassett training is being sent to all liquor license holders. Eventually all bartenders, servers, and checkers will be required to have Bassett training.
- There were no issues with either the Car Show or the Bacon Fest.
- July 28th the department along with the fire department conducted an expanded active shooter training at M-R High School.
- The two new vehicles that Council authorized for the MPD are due to be here in about three weeks.
- There was a minor accident with one of the squad cars at 10th and S. Main Street. Fortunately, the squad car only received some scuffs and scrapes on the left front bumper.
- Chief Feithen has been in contact with Tiffany Cole from the W.C.P.B.F regarding the set-up of the Beer Tent. All conditions are the same as last year and Chief Feithen asked to be notified when the set-up was complete in order for him to make sure that it has been done according to all the required specifications.
- Alderman Heatherly asked Chief Feithen to see if any police officers would like to march in the Festival parade with the VFW. Alderman Heatherly also extended the invitation to the fire department.
- There has been a change in the State cannabis law. The new law raises the possession amount from 2.5 grams to 10 grams before it becomes a felony. This will allow the department to write tickets as a civil case just like writing a traffic ticket. The new law also gives the department and the Circuit Clerk some time to deal with the expungement portion of an offender's record. City Attorney Spears and Chief Feithen will work on an amendment of the City's ordinance with regards to arrests for possession of cannabis and the corresponding fine schedule.
- Alderman Wells expressed his concern to Chief Feithen as to the security of the beer area at the Bacon Fest. Alderman Wells thought that the area was too wide open with no one checking to see if people remained in the

area designated for consumption of beer. He also was concerned if the City would be liable for any incidents involving beer outside of the designated area. After discussion, Alderwoman Twomey said that the point was well taken and she, as a member of the Bacon Fest committee, would bring this matter up at the event wrap-up meeting.

3. Approval of TONKA Water Softener for North Water Treatment Plant

Administrator Crow explained that the City has received the bid for the TONKA Water Softener and it has been reviewed and approved by the engineers at Woodard & Curran. It will take four weeks to design and the cost is \$172,750 including the fittings and bolts. TONKA is what the City currently has and this will add to it. A contractor will be hired to do the installation. TONKA will do the testing of the water lines, but a separate contractor will be hired to actually tie in the TONKA water softener to the water lines. Administrator Crow further explained that by State law the City can't tie in the lines to the well until it has 48 hours of testing of the water and then the IEPA has 60 days to process the testing and issue a permit. For that reason, the lines are currently scheduled to be tied in the first week of March 2017. **It was moved by Alderman Godina and seconded by Alderman Wells to approve the purchase of a TONKA Water Softener for the North Water Treatment Plant at the cost of \$172,750.**

AYE: Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly, Godina, Alderwoman Johnson and Alderman Rutledge. **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Administrator Crow Updates

1. The aggregate for Well #10 will be on site this week, but the actual drilling will not begin until the first week in September.

B. Mayor Davies

1. Bacon Fest

Mayor Davies read a letter from Community Development Director Paul Schuytema expressing Paul's appreciation of the Monmouth Business Council and the more than fifty volunteers who came together to make this event a huge success. Director Schuytema also expressed his appreciation to Smithfield Foods for their donation of nearly a ton of bacon. Mayor Davies added his thanks as well and said that he had received a number of compliments for the success of this year's Bacon Fest. He also stated that he was very proud of the volunteer effort that made this event such a success for the community.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor