



**CITY OF MONMOUTH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**



**Date:** Tuesday, January 19, 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, Alderwoman Susan Twomey, Aldermen 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 Feithen, Woodard & Curran Public Works Director Andy Jackson and Community Development Director Paul Schuytema.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. January 4, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes**

**It was moved by Alderwoman Twomey and seconded by Alderman Wells to approve the January 4, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. AYE:** Alderwoman Johnson, Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly and Godina. **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

**IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL**

**A. Presentations or Citizen Inquiries**

**1. Proclamation – Big Brother/Big Sisters**

Mayor Davies read a proclamation declaring January 2016 as Mentoring Month in the City of Monmouth and encouraging all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, religious and educational institutions to support mentoring and giving young people in our community the gift of time and friendship through Big Brothers Big Sisters. He then presented the Proclamation to Rich White and Jacob, who were present on behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

**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 Alderwoman Twomey to approve the bills as presented. 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 December Report – Chief Rexroat**

Chief Rexroat highlighted his report as follows:

- There were a total of 124 calls in the month of December, which brings the total of all calls to 1,260 for the year. The total number of calls for the year 2015 is 100 more than in 2014.
- The department participated in the “Keep the Wreath Red” campaign to raise awareness about the increased risk of home fires around the holidays. The fire department did respond to a total of six structure fires during December.
- Chief Rexroat attended a meeting hosted by Monmouth College to discuss emergency plans being put into place at the College.

**2. MPD December Report – Chief Feithen**

Chief Feithen highlighted his report as follows:

- The Chief and the FOP hosted a “Power for Seniors” event at Strom Center with about 125 Seniors in attendance. A raffle was conducted to help Seniors in need of assistance with their power bills.
- In December the FOP had their annual “Shop with a Cop” event and provided 38 children the opportunity to be able to buy presents for family members.
- Unit 3, which is one of the oldest squad cars in the MPD fleet is out with transmission problems. But on the positive side, repairs to squad cars are way down due to the number of newer vehicles in the fleet.
- On January 31<sup>st</sup>, the department will be participating in an educational presentation to the Chin immigrants in our community concerning public safety aspects of our community.
- A snow emergency was declared for tonight due to predictions of an increase in the number of inches that the community is to receive.
- In Part I statistics, crimes involving burglary in 2015 were up with 34 more committed than in 2014. These statistics determine the City’s crime rates.
- However, Part II crimes which include domestic battery, criminal damage to property and liquor control violations, etc. are down from 2014.

**V. ORDINANCES**

**A. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**1. 16-003, Granting Variance for 219 W. Euclid, Brandon Caldwell**

Community Development Director, Paul Schuytema explained that the owner of the property located at 219 W. Euclid appeared before the ZBA to request a variance to operate a small scale tire shop at this address. Mr. Caldwell explained that he will only work on cars and small trucks and will store all tires inside his shop. A neighbor spoke in favor of allowing the business there and was pleased with the improvements that Mr. Caldwell has made so far with the property. Director Schuytema further explained that Mr. Caldwell is aware that the business must follow all B-2 residential requirements and that the ZBA recommended granting the variance. **It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Godina to accept the recommendation of the ZBA and approve Ordinance 16-003. AYE:** Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly, Godina, Alderwoman Johnson and Alderman Rutledge. **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Per Illinois Statute 5ILCS 120/2 to consider MFD contract negotiations.**

**1. It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Godina to go into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to consider MFD contract negotiations. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly, Godina, Alderwoman Johnson, Alderman Rutledge and Alderwoman Twomey. **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

**2. It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Daw to return to Regular Session at 7:38 p.m. AYE:** Aldermen Willhardt, Heatherly, Godina, Alderwoman Johnson, Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw and Wells. **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Administrator Crow**

**a. Monmouth College Interns**

At present, there are 5 Monmouth College Interns working at City Hall in various capacities. It is proving to be a valuable experience for the City, the College and the students.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Godina to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.**

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**Mayor Rod Davies**

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**City Clerk Susan S. Trevor**