



**CITY OF MONMOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

MONMOUTH
ILLINOIS

Date: Monday, August 21, 2017

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:** Aldermen Justin Thomas, Dave Rutledge, Alderwoman Susan Twomey, Aldermen Brian Daw, Bob Wells, Juan Pinedo, Dan Heatherly and Joe Clark **Also Present:** Mayor Rod Davies, City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher, City Attorney Marcum Spears, City Clerk Susan S. Trevor, MPD Chief Joe Switzer, Building and Zoning Director Wade Woodward, Woodard & Curran Public Works Director Andy Jackson and IT Director Ken Helms and Andy Bell-Baltaci from the Press. **Absent:** MFD Chief Casey Rexroat

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 7, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the August 7, 2017 minutes as presented. AYE: Aldermen Thomas, Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly and Clark **NAY:** none
MOTION CARRIED.

IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL

A. Presentations or Citizen Inquiries (All inquiries are limited to 3 minutes per City Ordinance)

Ray Gillen, owner of La Pequenita located in the 100 block of South 1st Street, presented a request on behalf of 19 business owners to be able to work with the City on providing a parking lot in the City owned vacant lot on South 1st Street where the Ballard Auction house was located in order to provide better parking for their businesses.

Mr. Josh Smith, owner of 112 Bistro, which is located at 112 South 1st Street, then addressed the Council to reiterate Mr. Gillen's concerns about the parking problems on South 1st. He said that it was his understanding from Mr. Schuytema, the former City Community Development Director, that there would be a parking lot constructed on the vacant lot next to his business, but he realizes that Mr. Schuytema is no longer with the City. He acknowledged the EPA requirements concerning construction of a parking lot on this site, but said there are a number of different types of parking lots that would satisfy these requirements and with a wide range of costs. He suggested that perhaps a one-way street on South 1st could allow for diagonal parking, which would definitely increase the number of parking spaces. He also said that the 19 business owners are willing to work with the City to find a solution for the parking issue. The Mayor thanked Mr. Gillen and Mr. Smith for their concerns and said the City would further study the parking lot issue.

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 Pinedo to approve as presented the Consent Agenda with the bills being the only item on the Consent Agenda. AYE: Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly, Clark and Thomas **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. MFD July Report – Chief Rexroat

Due to Chief Rexroat being absent for a fire, the MFD Report will be next meeting.

B. MPD July Report – Chief Switzer

- The Car Show went well with a few minor problems. It is growing each year and the Police Department would like to offer help with the planning for next year.
- The BaconFest event went great.
- Sgt. Bratcher and I went to an Emergency Planning Meeting to get updates on helping our schools' emergency responses to an active shooter in the building.
- Dispatcher Jamie Horner received the Greg Riddell Scholarship Award and was one of two people statewide to receive this award for her dedication to emergency response team and desire to further her knowledge and skills.

C. Agreement for Storage of Antique Fire Truck

Alderwoman Twomey asked for clarification in the agreement with regards to Section 4 as she had understood that firefighters would not be allowed to work on the antique fire truck while stored at the North Fire Station and were going to look into taking it elsewhere to work on it if it needed repairs. Mayor Davies said that Section 4 states that no Union members, on-duty or off and whether they signed the agreement or not, would be allowed to work on the antique fire truck while it is stored at the North Fire Station. It also states that if a Union member is caught doing repairs that they will be subject to discipline as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement between MONMOUTH and the UNION. **It was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderman Heatherly to approve the Agreement with the Monmouth Fire Union 1702 and the City of Monmouth to store a Model T Fire Engine in the North Fire Station. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly, Clark and Rutledge **NAY:** Alderwoman Twomey **PASS:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Façade Grant Approval – 123 South 1st – Flowers Are Us – Jane Switzer

Building and Zoning Director Woodward explained that Jane Switzer, owner of Flowers Are Us located at 123 South 1st Street requested a Façade Grant for a new sign for her business. She presented her request to the Façade Grant Committee on August 18th. The total cost of the sign comes to \$630.66 and the City would provide half the costs, up to \$315.33 once the work is complete, receipts have been received and the work has been verified by Wade Woodward. The Façade Grant Committee approved the request unanimously. **It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to accept the recommendation of the Façade Grant Committee and approve the above-stated request submitted by Jane Switzer. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly, Clark, Thomas, Rutledge and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

VI. ORDINANCES

A. 1st Reading

1. 17-023, Granting Variance – 310/312 South A Street

After holding a public hearing and receiving no objections, the ZBA approved unanimously to grant a variance to build a 672 square foot garage with a 5 foot property line setback for the property located at 310/312 South A Street. **It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Wells to accept the recommendation of the ZBA and approve granting a variance to build a garage on the property located at 310/312 South A Street.** **AYE:** Aldermen Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly, Clark, Thomas, Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw. **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none to be considered.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Wells to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor