



**CITY OF MONMOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**



Date: Monday, February 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:** Alderwoman Dawn Johnson, Aldermen Dave Rutledge, Alderwoman Susan Twomey, Aldermen Brian Daw, Bob Wells, Dennis Willhardt, Dan Heatherly and Joe Clark **Also Present:** Mayor Rod Davies, City Administrator Lowell Crow, City Attorney Marcum Spears, City Clerk Susan S. Trevor, MFD Chief Casey Rexroat, MPD Chief Bill Feithen, Community Development Director Paul Schuytema, Director of Building and Zoning Wade Woodward and Gary Conlin from the Press.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 21, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the February 21, 2017 minutes as presented. AYE: Alderwoman Johnson, Aldermen Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Willhardt, 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)
There were none to be considered.

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 Aldermen Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to approve the Consent Agenda as presented for the approval of the bills with that being the only item on the Consent Agenda. AYE: Aldermen Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly, Clark and Alderwoman Johnson **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

1. MFD January Report – Chief Rexroat

- There were no fires in the month of January.
- Due to the warm weather causing the ice to be unstable, the department was not able to conduct ice rescue training.
- Captain Peeler is working on setting up more ISI classes for the department. The last class had 50 area firefighters in attendance.
- Firefighter Turnquist is preparing to send fire protection renewal letters out.
- There was an air leak in the parking brake of Engine 21, which has been repaired.

2. MPD January Report – Chief Feithen

- In 2016 there was a slight increase in Part I Crimes due to a rash of car thefts, but overall Part I Crimes experienced a decrease.
- Chief Feithen met with Knox County officials to see about implementing a Teen Court in Warren County. Warren County Sheriff Edwards and States' Attorney Andy Doyle believe it is a good idea and will support having one in Warren County.
- An Active Shooter training was held at United High School.
- Lieutenant Kinney is one half of the way through the F.B.I. Academy and will graduate on March 17th.
- The twenty-one (21) burglaries that occurred at the Bruce Foote storage units have been solved with three arrests made and an additional two suspects still being sought. A majority of the stolen property was recovered. Chief Feithen praised the investigative work of Officer Brandon Blackman, Investigators Terry Hepner and Jimmie McVey in solving this case.

3. Façade Grant for Wildflower Natural Store

Community Development Director Paul Schuytema explained that there were two applications to be considered by the Façade Committee with one being from Jason Robbins for the old Bowman Colwell building that he owns and one from Ginger Smith for her Wildflower Natural Store. At this point, Ginger's request for a 17 foot wide awning for the front of her store on West 1st Avenue is the only application for consideration. The Committee approved her request. The total cost of the awning is \$4,054. Ginger's share would be \$2,027. **It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to accept the recommendation of the Façade Grant Committee and approve Mrs. Smith's application. AYE:** Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly, Clark, Alderwoman Johnson and Alderman Rutledge **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Rotary Park Fountain Project

Mayor Davies asked W & C Public Works Director to explain the infrastructure issue underneath the fountain in Rotary Park. Director Jackson explained that there are four water mains running underneath the fountain located in Rotary Park in the middle of the downtown quadrants. The Rotary Club is wanting to build a new fountain to commemorate their 100 year anniversary. The water mains are also close to 100 years old and this would present a good opportunity to upgrade the mains. There are three options available to the City:

- 1) Do nothing and wait until the pipes break to repair them.
- 2) Install four valves around the circle, not fix the pipes and hope they won't fail any time soon.
- 3) Install four individual control valves – one in each quadrant - and replace the pipes.

The replacement of the pipes can be done with minimal disturbance to the road or fountain in Rotary Park and this is the option that Woodard and Curran is recommending as the best solution. The project can be done in-house with a rough estimated cost of \$50,000. The sidewalk work would be hired out. This is an opportunity to update the infrastructure in conjunction with a worthwhile project by Rotary. Administrator Crow added that it is a State law that those businesses or citizens affected must be notified at least fourteen days ahead of beginning such a project. **It was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to approve the Rotary Fountain Project as long as the Rotary Club has all their**

funding in place prior to beginning the project. AYE: Aldermen Daw, Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly, Clark, Alderwoman Johnson, Alderman Rutledge and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Monmouth College Request to close 800-900 blocks for Graduation

Andrew Davis, Director of Safety and Security for Monmouth College requested that the City allow East Broadway to be closed from 6th Street to 9th Street on Sunday, May 14, 2017 from 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. for graduation. The college will use their own barriers and staff to place them. In addition, they are asking to be able to place “no parking” signs on North 7th Street in order to use this as a handicapped drop-off site. Chief Feithen commented that it is a well thought out plan and last year’s closure of East Broadway was a positive experience for not only the College but the Police Department as well in that the department could interact with people in a positive way. **It was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the Monmouth College Request for closing the 800-900 blocks of East Broadway on May 14th from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. AYE:** Aldermen Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly, Clark, Alderwoman Johnson, Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

V. ORDINANCES

A. 1st Reading

1. 17-005 – Amendment to Chapter 78, Impoundment of Certain Vehicles

City Attorney Spears explained that when he drafted Ordinance 17-003, which was passed at the January 17, 2017 Council Meeting, he didn’t allow for possession over 10 grams of cannabis to make it possible to impound the vehicle of the person arrested. Ordinance 17-003 was passed in order to bring it in line with the new State law that states possession of cannabis under 10 grams is not a criminal offense, but only a civil offense. **It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the above-stated amendment to Chapter 78, which would allow for the impoundment of the vehicle of a person arrested for possession of 10 grams or over of cannabis. AYE:** Aldermen Willhardt, Heatherly, Clark, Alderwoman Johnson, Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw and Wells. **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Administrator Crow Updates

1. Administrator Crow recognized Zoning and Building Director Wade Woodward for having passed his certification as an electrical inspector for the City. In the past it has cost the City \$4,800 for electrical inspections, but now all inspections can be done by Zoning and Building Director Woodward except for the plumbing inspections.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor