



**CITY OF MONMOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**



Date: Tuesday, January 17, 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

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 3, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Johnson to approve the January 3, 2017 minutes as presented. AYE: Alderwoman Johnson, Aldermen Rutledge, Daw, Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly and Clark **NAY:** none **PASS:** Alderwoman Twomey **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 with the approval of the bills being the only item to be considered. 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 December Report – Chief Rexroat

- Month of December had a total of 117 total calls. This brought the total number of calls for 2016 to 1,306 calls. This is the highest number of calls in 5 years. The fire calls were down in 2016 as there were only 36 fires with 13 of those structural related. There was only one false alarm call in 2016. The College has helped bring down the number of prank calls through the use of security cameras and disciplining students caught creating these calls.
- For staff training in December each shift did a walk through at Smithfield Foods in order to familiarize themselves with the layout of the building.
- The installation of the overhead doors at the South Station has been completed. The doors are insulated and it has helped with the sound factor along with making the building look better.

2. MPD December Report – Chief Feithen

- The holiday season went well and the beginning of 2017 has started with very few incidents even close to being major ones.
- In January the department will receive \$3,200 from the Illinois Public risk Fund and the money will be used to purchase additional tasers and trauma kits for squad cars.
- There are two lateral transfer candidates to fill one vacant patrol position created by Bob Myers' retirement.
- Wade and I met with the Intercultural Committee as part of their educational programs for the immigrant community. Wade discussed the rental maintenance ordinances and I filled in with the law enforcement part of the program.
- The monthly data is in the web packets.

V. ORDINANCES

A. 1st Reading

1. 17-002 Granting a Use Variance – 425 N. 9th Street – Bewley

Building and Zoning Director Wade Woodward explained that the Zoning Board of Appeals met on December 14, 2016 and considered the request by the Bewleys to rezone their residence at 425 N. 9th to allow for a beauty shop to be in their existing garage. The ZBA approved the granting of a use variance for 425 N. 9th Street and is recommending approval to the Council. It will be a one chair shop and the Bewleys said that they intend to add additional parking as well as replacing the overhead garage doors with an entrance door that will be painted to match the house. Mrs. Bewley said that she will keep it looking exactly like a private residence. Mrs. Pratt, who lives next door expressed her opposition to the rezoning. She felt that it would take away from the residential atmosphere that exists across the street from the college and would not present a favorable impression to the college students and their parents. She also felt that it would add too much traffic in the area. Mrs. Bewley explained to the Council that she intends to remove garage doors and put in a standard entry door on the East side of the garage. She is adding picture windows to the garage to make it look like a sunroom and adding additional parking on the East side to accommodate her customers. She is the only beautician that will be working there and there should not be more than 6-10 customers a day. The hours the shop would be open are Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to Noon. She has looked for commercial space and either it was not the right size or was too expensive. She also explained that she contacted many of the neighbors in the area and they all expressed their support except for a few. Mayor Davies thanked everyone for their concerns. **It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to accept the recommendation of the ZBA and approve granting a Use Variance to Tim and Missy Bewley for 425 N. 9th Street. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly, Clark, Alderwoman Johnson and Alderman Rutledge **NAY:** Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. 17-003 Amending Section 78, Chapter 78, Impoundment of Motor Vehicles

City Attorney Spears explained that the State of Illinois law now makes the possession of cannabis under 10 grams a civil offense not a criminal one. The City needs to bring their ordinance to be in line with the State's; however, if an officer determines that a person is driving "under the influence of drugs" they can be arrested for driving under the influence and their vehicle impounded. **It was moved by Alderwoman Twomey and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to approve the above referenced ordinance. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly, Clark, Alderwoman Johnson, Alderman Rutledge and Alderwoman Twomey. **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

VI. RESOLUTIONS

A. 17-001 – Authorizing Sale of City Owned Property

Administrator Crow explained that the Council discussed the sale of this property at the last Executive Session and a resolution needed to be passed to authorize the sale of this property located at 1125 N. Main and a portion of land to the East of this location that was formerly owned by John Bacuzzi. A notice of the prospective sale of the afore-mentioned property has to be published in the newspaper within ten days of the passage of the resolution. The purchase agreement will be ready for approval at the next Council meeting and must be approved by a 2/3 majority. **It was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the above-stated resolution. AYE:** Aldermen Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly, Clark, Alderwoman Johnson, Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw. **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Per Illinois Statute 5ILCS 120/2 to consider the sale of Real Estate and contract negotiation with possible action to follow upon return to Regular Session.

1. It was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to go into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to consider the possible sale of Real Estate. AYE: Aldermen Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly, Clark, Alderwoman Johnson, Aldermen Rutledge and Daw, Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to return to Regular Session at 8:08 p.m. AYE: Aldermen Willhardt, Heatherly, Clark, Alderwoman Johnson, Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw and Wells **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Administrator Crow Updates

1. Rotary Fountain in Rotary Park

Administrator Crow reviewed the Rotary Club's proposal to replace the fountain in the middle of the square to commemorate their 100th Anniversary. The current fountain is old and needs to be replaced. The cost of the project is around \$100,000. The Club is seeking assistance from the City for the project. The estimated portion for the City is \$50,000. This would cover the removal of the existing fountain; replacement of water mains running underneath it and the infrastructure for the new fountain. Public Works Director Andy Jackson said that if the replacement of the underground infrastructure is done, it would completely destroy the circle sidewalks. At some point the City has been studying replacing the infrastructure in the square, but it is almost a 2.5 million dollar project. There is no plan in place as yet for this venture. Mayor Davies asked that the staff and Council continue to study this project in order to provide the Rotary Club with an answer as to whether the City is in a position to participate with them for this project.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderwoman Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Rod Davies

Assistant to City Clerk Jane Berg