



**CITY OF MONMOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**



Date: Monday, July 19, 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:** Alderman Dave Rutledge, Alderwoman Susan Twomey, Aldermen Brian Daw, Bob Wells, Juan Pinedo, Dan Heatherly and Joe Clark **Absent:** Alderman Justin Thomas **Also Present:** Mayor Rod Davies, City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher, City Attorney Marcum Spears, City Clerk Susan S. Trevor, MFD Chief Casey Rexroat, MPD Chief Joe Switzer, Building and Zoning Director Wade Woodward, Woodard & Curran Public Works Director Andy Jackson, IT Director Ken Helms and Andy Bell-Baltucci from the Press.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 3, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to approve the July 3, 2017 minutes as presented. AYE: Aldermen Rutledge, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly and Clark **NAY:** none **PASS:** Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas **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 heard.

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 Alderwoman Twomey to approve the Consent Agenda as presented for the approval of the bills with the removal of the Waste Management Bill for further discussion and with the bills being the only item on the Consent Agenda. AYE: Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly and Clark **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.** Alderman Daw questioned the May curbside pickup bill from Waste Management for \$32, 311.32 as there were so many complaints that people's trash had not been picked up. Mayor Davies authorized holding the bill and asked Sustainability Coordinator Chad Braatz, City Attorney Spears and Administrator Steinbrecher to meet and determine whether the invoice was a correct amount for the service delivered.

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. MFD June Report – Chief Rexroat

- Ⓜ It was busy month with 26 fires and one was a MABAS call to Wataga.
- Ⓜ Due to the fierce storm that Oquawka experienced last week, they requested MABAS equipment: three light towers, electrical shelter and a de-con shelter.
- Ⓜ There were no calls concerning fireworks over the 4th.
- Ⓜ The department purchased a very heavy door for training purposes.
- Ⓜ The annual ladder testing was last month and a minor issue with the aerial truck was discovered and repaired.

B. MPD June Report – Chief Switzer

- Chief Switzer thanked the Council and the Mayor for showing confidence in him and giving him the opportunity to serve the community as Chief.
- He is gathering information on the purchase of a new squad car.
- Officer Kramer completed FPO training.
- Chief Switzer said he met with the officers and dispatchers to let them know his expectations and vision for the department. He conveyed that the department's main focus would be on customer service with interaction within the community and improving intercultural relations.
- Chief Switzer also expressed to the Council that he wants the department to be more pro-active on getting information out to the community and to be more active with non-emergency issues on social media through Facebook and Twitter.
- Two old non-functioning squad cars were totaled out with all parts being removed and the MFD used them for extrication training.
- In response to Alderman Rutledge's question as to whether the new squad vehicles would be four wheel drive, Chief Switzer replied that they would be.

C. MACC New Executive Director – Amy Patterson

Amy introduced herself to the Council as the new Executive Director of the Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce. She wanted the Council to know that she and the Chamber are looking forward to working closely with the City to help sustain current businesses and also with bringing in new businesses. The Chamber will continue to be very involved with the Monmouth Business Council and assisting with holding events benefitting the citizens of Monmouth.

D. The Great Pumpkin Color Run – Chris McLaughlin

No one was present on behalf of the Great Pumpkin Color Run request. Mayor Davies asked the Chief if he had any concerns with the route that was presented. Chief Switzer said that he was concerned about the route crossing East Broadway twice as well as where the colored starch was going to be applied to the runners as he didn't want it causing visual problems with vehicles on the street. He also needed to know how many volunteers were going to be involved and where they would be stationed. Mayor Davies asked that Chief Switzer talk to the organizers prior to the event being put on the next agenda.

E. “Ride for Ryder” Bike Ride – MBWI – Chris Gavin

Chris Gavin, President of MBWI, presented a request to use East Broadway from MBWI extending out of City Limits for the start of a fundraiser bike ride for Ryder Armstrong, son of Firefighter Ryan Armstrong and his wife Caylin. The ride is to be held on Saturday, July 29th from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The completion of the ride will come back in City limits on West 11th Avenue to South 11th Street, turn West on East Broadway and finish at MBWI, 200 East Broadway. **It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the routes within City limits on the 29th of July.** AYE: Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly, Clark and Rutledge. NAY: none ABSENT: Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. Façade Grant Recommendation – 123 South 1st Street – Flowers Are Us

Director Woodward presented the recommendation from the Façade Grant Committee to approve the request by Jane Switzer, owner of Flowers Are Us at 123 South First Street to install a fabric awning on an aluminum-welded tubular frame over the three store front windows. It would be installed by Midwest Awnings of Galesburg for \$3,020 with the City of Monmouth portion to be \$1,510. Reimbursement will be made once the work is complete and inspected by Director Woodward. **It was moved by Alderman Rutledge and seconded by Alderman Daw to approve the recommendation by the Façade Grant Committee to grant the request for 123 South First Street to install an awning over the store-front and to commit \$1,510 towards the total installation cost of \$3,020 once installation is complete and verified by Director Woodward.** AYE: Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly, Clark, Rutledge and Alderwoman Twomey NAY: none ABSENT: Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

G. Grace Bible Church Street Closure Request – Gary Robertson

Gary Robertson presented a request by Grace Bible Church to close West 1st Avenue from the street corner of South H Street and West 1st Avenue going East for 100 feet to be able to serve food and allow safe access from the church to the church owned vacant lot at that corner for activities at their community outreach event on August 12th from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a rain date of August 17th. The only residence affected by this closure would be the parsonage of the church. **It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to approve the above-stated request by Grace Bible Church.** AYE: Aldermen Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly, Clark, Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw NAY: none ABSENT: Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

VI. ORDINANCES

A. 1st Reading

1. 17-022, Declaration of Surplus Property

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Wells to approve the declaration as surplus property of two 37 cubic yard compactor containers. AYE: Aldermen Pinedo, Heatherly, Clark, Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw and Wells NAY: none ABSENT: Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. 2nd Reading

Mayor Davies explained that due to the lack of majority of a quorum at the last meeting that was needed to pass Ordinances 17-020 and 17-021, they are being presented for a second reading.

1. 17-020, Amending Chapter 115, Limitation on Number of Class III Liquor Licenses for Maple City Restaurant

17-021, Zoning Clarifications for Monmouth College with re-zoning twelve Monmouth College properties to Public Service

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to approve collectively Ordinances 17-020 and 17-021 as stated above. AYE: Aldermen Heatherly, Clark, Rutledge, Aldermen Daw, Wells and Pinedo **NAY:** Alderwoman Twomey **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none to be considered.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (with possible action to follow)

A. Per Illinois Statute ILCS 120/2 to consider possible sale of real estate

1. Executive Session

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to go into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. AYE: Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly and Clark **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Return to Regular Session

It was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to return to Regular Session at 7:35 p.m. AYE: Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly and Clark **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote with the exception of Aldermen Thomas, who was absent.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor