



**CITY OF MONMOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**



Date: Monday, March 20, 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, Brian Daw, Bob Wells, Dennis Willhardt and Dan Heatherly **Absent:** Alderwoman Susan Twomey and Alderman 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, Woodard & Curran Public Works Director Andy Jackson, Community Development Director Paul Schuytema, Director of Building and Zoning Wade Woodward and Andy Bell-Baltaci from the Review Atlas.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 6, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderwoman Johnson to approve the March 6, 2017 minutes as presented. AYE: Alderwoman Johnson, Aldermen Rutledge, Daw, Wells, Willhardt and Heatherly **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Clark **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL

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

1. Citizen Comments

Mr. Hewey Stegall addressed the Council to offer his assistance in fixing many of the City's problems. According to Mr. Stegall, he has many contacts with Agencies that could help with a variety of issues that the City faces such as with infrastructure problems. He knows of many businesses that want to come to Monmouth and have been turned away because no one wants them. South-town businesses are gone and the City needs more jobs. At this point the City is twenty years behind times. The Mayor thanked Mr. Stegall for his concerns and comments.

2. Junior Achievement Proclamation

Mayor Davies read and presented to Peg Kulczewski a proclamation recognizing Junior Achievement of the Heartland's purpose to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. Mrs. Kulczewski thanked the Council and the people of Monmouth for their support of the Junior Achievement program.

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 Wells 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, Daw, Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly and Alderwoman Johnson **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Clark **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

1. Community Development February Report – Director Schuytema

- ✚ Paul attended the Institute of Rural Affairs Economic Development Conference in Springfield on March 8-9th. It was great to discover through attending the different sessions that the City's current economic development efforts and its efforts in downtown revitalization are aligned very well with the best practices in the industry.
- ✚ Paul, Amy and Lynn Conway attended a CEO Program "on boarding" training for new communities in the national entrepreneurship program. Locally, there was great response with 34 applications for participation being submitted and 20 were accepted.
- ✚ The fourth co-working event was held on March 9th with very good attendance.
- ✚ The Façade Committee will meet in late March to wrap up decisions on Jason Robbins (Bowman-Colwell building) and Shovel Piper (Shyvel's Photography).
- ✚ Amy has completed a major update to our marketing and branding site: ShopsOfMonmouth.com. This new site will replace the GoMonmouth.com site. With the new upgrade it will promote a single polished local marketing site.

2. Woodard & Curran January Report – Director Jackson

- Steel bollards were installed at the corner of West 6th Avenue near Wells Pet Food in order to keep the semi-trucks from cutting across citizen's yards.
- A drainage problem on North I Street was fixed.
- A new culvert is going to be installed tomorrow, March 21st, on North 11th in the 700 block.
- At present Public Works is 5% under budget on costs.
- Tomorrow, March 21st, there will be a meeting with Smithfield to discuss the design on the North Plant upgrade.

3. Buchanan Center for the Arts Request – Kristyne Gilbert

Kristyne Gilbert from BCA requested permission to close off the 100 block of West Broadway on Friday, May 5th from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 6th from 5:00 p.m. to Midnight to celebrate the Pattee Plaza Grand Opening. There will be two nights of music and movies with food and art activities. Chief Feithen saw no problems with blocking off the 100 block for the two nights as people will still be able to go around the square to exit off North and South Main as well as East Broadway. Andy Jackson said he would drop off the barricades for street closure prior to the event. **It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to approve the above-stated request. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly, Alderwoman Johnson and Alderman Rutledge **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Clark

4. Recognition of Lt. Kinney's Graduation from FBI Academy

Chief Feithen recognized Lieutenant Jerry Kinney for his graduation from the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia. The Chief informed the Council that Lt. Kinney had 27 years on the MPD force. He was a graduate of Western Illinois University and also the Northwestern University Public Safety Institute Course. It is quite an honor to be accepted to the Academy as well as graduate from the program. The entire cost for each participant is paid for by the FBI.

Lt. Kinney gave a short program detailing his experience, presented each Council member and Department Head with a DVD about the FBI Academy as well as some printed material covering the specific aspects of the 10 week program. He thanked Chief Feithen, Administrator Crow, the Council, Mayor Davies and two of his co-workers, Officer Brandon Blackman and Julie Richards, for all the assistance and support they gave him to enable him to be able to attend the Academy. He felt it was an extremely enriching experience that will not only enable him to serve the department better, but would add many resources to assist in many areas of law enforcement for the community.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Administrator Crow Updates

1. Executive Administrative Assistant, Jan Helms has returned to work after her surgery.
2. Zoning and Building Director Wade Woodward will be on vacation next week.

VI. 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 with the exceptions of Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Clark, who were absent.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor