

MONMOUTH ILLINOIS

Council Meeting Summary 02.05.18

Next City Council Meeting: 02.20.18 at 6:00 PM

1- Presentations or Citizen Inquiries to Council

No presentations were done this meeting.

2- Housing Study Presentation – NIU Center For Governmental Studies

This presentation was postponed due to weather conditions and has been rescheduled for the February 20th meeting.

3- Building and Zoning January Report – Director Woodward

January was a good month with Farmland starting construction of their new rendering building last week. Contractors are boring over 100 concrete support piers due to the stability of the soil. Farmland plans to have the slab poured by April and ready for the trade contractors by May.

Monmouth College has also started renovation work on Greer hall which will make the entire building ADA compliant. These improvements will include an elevator, fire suppression, and HVAC units.

The fire on East 5th which resulted in a total property loss has had numerous delays with total demolition; Zoning has been working with the City Attorney to pursue a resolution for that particular property and should see final demolition soon.

Director Woodward's full report can be found at www.cityofmonmouth.com

4- Community Engagement Report – Director Helms

The local Cub Scouts stopped by City Hall last month to visit with Mayor Davies and staff about how government operates. The visit was very informative, and we hope to take them on a tour of the water plants next.

Various staff at City Hall and Public Safety will also have career shadows coming later this month from the High School to learn more about careers in government.



5- Woodard and Curran December Report – Director Jackson & Jennifer Anders

The Smithfield force main replacement project was awarded to Legacy Construction out of East Moline. Legacy is currently in the process of getting their performance bond and insurance requirements to satisfy the contract documents.

December saw two plow events with approximately 8 inches of snow being removed.

Woodard and Curran have also been working on a mapping program that will allow for collation of a large amount of data. This program would allow the street department to locate where assets are and sort through flow data, etc. Director Jackson would like to take do a more in-depth presentation to Council after the program is further developed.

The new well and water softener project from last year is now fully completed and came in \$42,000 under budget.

Director Jackson's full report can be found at www.cityofmonmouth.com

6- Approval of an amendment to W&C Engineering agreement

An amendment to the engineering agreement which was passed last year was discussed. This contract details the scope of services for the improvements at the pre-treatment facility which services Smithfield's waste product. The amendment adjusts the agreement to better reflect the project as a phased approach vs. an all-encompassing agreement. These changes will allow the City to fund the project in a more economical approach. A motion for approval was made and was approved.

7- Approval of Engagement Letters with WIPFLI Auditors for City Financial Statements and Fire and Police Pension Funds as well as actuarial agreements with Lauterbach and Amen

Every year the City retains a professional firm to conduct an audit of the City finances and public safety pensions. WIPFLI (www.wipfli.com) has been the firm of choice for the last few years. A motion was made for approval and was approved. These detailed reports from prior years can be found on our website, and when the new report is released, it will also be posted.

7- Other Business

Administrator Steinbrecher discussed an annual request from Monmouth College to close a portion of East Broadway on May 13th for student graduation. Council did not object to delegating the decision to City Staff.