

City Council Meeting Summary 06.18.2018

Next City Council Meeting – July 2nd, 2018 at 6:00 PM

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1- Presentations Or Citizen Inquiries

No presentations or citizen inquiries tonight.

2- Fire Department Monthly Report – Chief Rexroat

- Firefighters attended the Lincoln School Carnival and spent time with children at the park. They were able to see the various equipment that is used and ask all the burning questions they had.
- The department also helped out with the Special Olympics spring games at Sunnyslane field.
- Firefighters attended the Career day which was held at Harding School. They discussed what a career in the fire service is like and what the children would have to do if they wished to become firemen.



Firefighter Scoggins is showing the children how to work a hose stream.

3- Police Department Monthly Report – Chief Switzer

- The Police Department participated in supporting the Special Olympics Spring Games that was held at Sunny lane Field last month.

- MPD Officers also took part in the career day that the M-R Junior high conducted. Officers discussed the various day to day activities that a career in law enforcement brings.
- The Downhill Derby went well, although had low attendance.
- An active shooter drill was conducted at United Junior High School.
- Narcan training for opioid overdoses was completed. Over 56 agencies attended the training.



Officers supporting the Spring games

4- Stop Sign at East 5th Avenue and South 8th Street Discussion

City Council has recently been discussing the potential placement of a stop sign at the intersection of E. 5th and S. 8th. Council was recently presented with a petition of 124 signatures by residents in the immediate area who wished to express their support for additional traffic control at the intersection. A motion was made to draft an ordinance for placement of a stop sign. The motion was approved.

5- Discussion on the proposed utility tax

- Monmouth City finances have a revenue problem.
- 2 staff positions were eliminated through attrition this year.
- \$168,000 in department expenditure requests were eliminated this year.
- A spending freeze was instituted before the end of last fiscal year as revenues were much lower than anticipated.

With the continued erosion of state-shared revenues by the Illinois legislature, local governments have had to cut services, eliminate positions and find new revenue sources. Monmouth has a systemic General Fund deficit problem, and if a new revenue source is not secured soon, **there will be issues with paying vendors and meeting payroll obligations without depleting reserves.**

Staff has been researching the potential of establishing a utility tax on electricity and natural gas. This additional utility tax has shown the ability to effectively solve the General Fund deficit challenge with a very modest tax rate.

Illinois state law allows home rule cities to establish a 5% utility tax rate, however a **1.25%** tax rate would generate sufficient revenues for the general fund to assure a long-term solution to the deficit and allow the General Fund to begin repaying the water/sewer fund for monies borrowed annually over the past several years.

With such a modest tax rate, the City would generate about **\$362,000 annually**. Most residential gas/electric customers would experience about a **\$3.00 to \$4.00 increase** in their monthly utility bill.

Keeping in mind that local energy aggregation **saved Monmouth utility customers 3.9%** on their electric utility rates this month as a member of a local governmental aggregation group, This savings is substantially higher than the suggested **1.25%** utility tax needed to solve the General Fund revenue shortfall. Council discussed that the only alternative to the proposed tax is to cut services as approximately 80% of the City budget is personnel costs.

A motion was made to authorize the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for the utility tax. The ordinance will come before City Council for approval at the next City Council meeting. The motion was approved.

6- Ordinances

A. Variance, 707 N. 11th, Roger Davis – Request for garage construction

The resident is requesting a variance to allow for the construction of a garage. The proposed garage will replace an existing smaller structure. Due to its proximity to a property line, the construction requires a variance. This item went before the Zoning Board last week and was passed unanimously.

A motion to follow the zoning board's recommendation was made and was approved.

7- Executive Session

Discussion to consider possible lease of City Property with possible action to follow upon return to regular session.

A motion was made to authorize the City Administrator to negotiate for a lease with the Crossing Church for inhabitation of the armory. A motion was approved and the lease will go before Council at the next meeting.

8- Other business

No other business was discussed tonight.

CITY OF MONMOUTH				
Summary of Expenses				
As of June 14, 2018				
	2018-2019	Monthly	YTD	% Expended
	Budget	Expense	Expense	YTD
GENERAL FUND				
Administration	1,641,593.00	141,992.34	348,229.27	21.21%
IT Support	90,000.00	6,686.37	12,368.40	13.74%
Solid Waste	816,000.00	62,324.64	67,069.64	8.22%
Social Security/IMRF	131,000.00	8,714.30	17,822.39	13.60%
Boards & Commissions	5,500.00	0.00	145.00	2.64%
Police Department	3,276,502.00	191,428.23	382,137.71	11.66%
Zoning Department	161,800.00	10,702.85	20,157.30	12.46%
Community Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Fire Department	2,236,450.00	141,976.57	298,135.14	13.33%
Swimming Pool	62,150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
GENERAL FUND	8,420,995.00	563,825.30	1,146,064.85	13.61%
CEMETERY FUND				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DEBT SERVICE FUND				
	2,250,961.00	0.00	324,993.75	14.44%
MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND				
	458,000.00	0.00	26,901.39	5.87%
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND				
	1,075,179.00	0.00	81,284.49	7.56%
DOWNTOWN FAÇADE				
	12,550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
WATER AND SEWER FUND				
	5,245,998.00	448,120.31	887,414.40	28.60%
Bond Proceeds (Capital Projects)		65,774.01	81,339.34	
Smithfield \$3 M loan		346,493.50	531,717.50	
REVOLVING LOAN FUND				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
HOMESTEAD FUND				
	311,885.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
TIF DOWNTOWN #1				
	426,244.00	0.00	11,478.23	2.69%
TIF NORTH 6TH #2				
	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	
This is not a month end report of all funds.				