

MONMOUTH ILLINOIS

City Council Meeting Summary 01.16.2018

Next City Council Meeting February 5th at 6:00 PM

1– Presentations or Citizen Inquiries

There were two citizen inquiries to Council tonight. The first was by Monmouth resident Hewy Steagal who expressed the idea of utilizing TIF district funds to refinance the currently depleted revolving fund loan program which was used for business assistance in the past. Mr. Steagal also expressed a desire to receive more information on the current initiative to renew the TIF district and extension to North 6th street. An idea of utilizing TIF funds to improve the public owned Strom Center building was also presented to Council. Administrator Steinbrecher requested a meeting with Steagal to discuss the items of concern and will meet with him at a later date.

The second presentation to Council was made by Warren County resident Justin Lipes. Mr. Lipes expressed concerns regarding the construction planning of the new YMCA outdoor pool. The concern was expressed that Harlem Avenue is a busy street and since the proposed pool is located in the trailer park across the street, it may present a situation that is dangerous for children crossing the street. Mr. Lipes stated that he was still in the process of gathering additional information and may return to present ideas at a later time. Mayor Davies informed Mr. Lipes that it was not the City which was building the pool and that it was the private YMCA and encouraged additional discussion with the YMCA board on their construction planning.

2- Swearing in of New MPD Patrol Officer – Lindsey Kenney



Officer Lindsey Kenney is a recent lateral transfer and a welcome addition to the department.

3- MFD December Report – Chief Rexroat

During December, the Fire Department participated in the “Keep the wreath red” program which is a nationwide campaign by Fire departments to raise fire prevention awareness and education during the holidays. During the campaign, a wreath is decorated with red lights and hung on the front of the fire station. Each time that the fire department responds to a structure fire during the month of December one of the red lights is replaced with a white light. Luckily however in Monmouth, there were no structure fires during the month of December.

The Fire department was also able to use a grant from the Illinois Public Risk Fund to purchase a new Thermal camera. Thermal cameras are utilized by the fire department on numerous calls, so it was great to be able to purchase an additional camera to complement their existing one.

The Fire Department responded to **48 fires** and **921 medical assistance calls** for the year.

Chief Rexroat’s monthly report can be found at www.cityofmonmouth.com

4- MPD December Report – Chief Switzer

The Police Department had a couple of incidents of note during the month of December. There was a murder on Christmas Eve which resulted in suspect apprehension. Monmouth Police also assisted the State Police with a large marijuana drug bust that resulted in suspect apprehension and plane seizure at Monmouth Airport. Chief Switzer also noted that due to the extreme cold some targeted traffic details had been delayed due to Officer safety concerns.

The Fraternal Order Of Police also volunteered at the “Power For Seniors” event which was held at Strom Center. This was a large event where the Officers served a meal to local seniors, and the event included raffles at the end. The F.O.P. also conducted the Annual Shop With A Cop which helps to provide a positive interaction with law enforcement and children over the holidays. The children are taken to a department store and get to pick out their Christmas presents with one of the officers.

Chief Switzer’s monthly report can be found at www.cityofmonmouth.com



Officers did not wear Santa uniforms but still granted the children wishes.

5- Mayoral Appointments

A number of existing Mayoral appointments were re-appointed. An additional member was also added to the Zoning board. A motion for approval of the appointments was called and was approved.

A list of the Mayoral Appointments can be found at www.cityofmonmouth.com under the council files for tonight's meeting.

6- Resolution establishing a time and place for a public hearing to consider a TIF plan and 6th street redevelopment area

City staff and elected officials have been engaged in the long-term project of renewing the current downtown TIF district and expanding the district to encompass a parcel across the highway on North 6th Street. The resolution currently discussed and voted on tonight was to establish a time and place for the public hearing on the project. The time and date requested is **March 5th at 5:45 PM**

A motion for approval of the resolution was made and was approved.

In case you, the reader have missed our updates on this project we have an article on it in our December 2017 newsletter as well as Council Summary updates in November and December. If you would like information sent to you, feel free to email info@cityofmonmouth.com for specific content.

7- Resolution modifying Cloverleaf Agreement

This resolution was a housekeeping matter to clarify language from an existing resolution in March of 2014. In 2014, the current enterprise zone was in the process of expiring. As part of an economic incentive package to encourage Cloverleaf Cold Storage to invest in the community, all the local taxing bodies agreed to 10 years of tax abatement on the assessed value of the property. The resolution proposed tonight clarified the abatement by standardizing the language to allow for taxing interpretation like the current other properties in the renewed enterprise zone.

A motion for approval was made, and the motion was approved.

8- Ordinances

1. Granting Smithfield subdivision tract b into two lots

Smithfield would like to purchase a portion of the lot directly west of Shopko to construct a new employee parking lot. Farmland has requested approximately 6 acres of the 9-acre lot. This ordinance allows the subdivision of the lot to facilitate the purchase. A motion was made for approval and was approved.

2. Zoning change on Smithfield lot 1 from b4 to m2

This change closely follows the first ordinance and allows for a change in zoning from b4 to m2. This change is necessary to facilitate the construction of the parking lot which will be required as the current parking lot will be displaced during future construction. A motion was made for approval and was approved.

3. Variance for 606 N 11th Street – Patterson

This variance was requested to accommodate a 20x32 foot garage at a residence. The variance is required because the property currently has a 250-foot setback requirement.

A motion was made for approval and was approved.

All ordinances voted on tonight were also recommended for approval by the Zoning Board & Planning Commission.

CITY OF MONMOUTH				
Summary of Expenses				
As of January 12, 2018				
	2017-2018	Monthly	YTD	% Expended
	Budget	Expense	Expense	YTD
GENERAL FUND				
Administration	4,124,438.00	153,802.66	2,226,087.67	53.97%
IT Support	90,640.00	1,098.03	62,894.39	69.39%
Solid Waste	760,968.00	15,843.46	540,243.71	70.99%
Social Security/IMRF	133,000.00	4,275.29	87,364.75	65.69%
Boards & Commissions	5,500.00	415.00	2,160.08	39.27%
Police Department	1,970,928.00	67,688.55	1,374,161.60	69.72%
Zoning Department	140,050.00	4,316.81	85,547.28	61.08%
Community Development	126,175.00	0.00	30,763.50	24.38%
Fire Department	1,196,850.00	41,578.70	849,605.39	70.99%
Swimming Pool	60,000.00	0.00	62,209.28	103.68%
GENERAL FUND	8,608,549.00	289,018.50	5,321,037.65	61.81%
CEMETERY FUND				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DEBT SERVICE FUND				
	2,009,324.00	0.00	1,915,519.47	95.33%
MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND				
	126,000.00	0.00	77,216.71	61.28%
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND				
	1,060,398.00	0.00	543,856.48	51.29%
DOWNTOWN FAÇADE				
	25,000.00	0.00	13,640.33	54.56%
WATER AND SEWER FUND				
	8,295,566.00	352,893.25	2,706,420.07	74.75%
Bond Proceeds (Capital Projects)		487,757.30	2,808,692.02	
Sunny Lane Project		0.00	270,531.19	
Sewer Improvements		0.00	415,471.90	
REVOLVING LOAN FUND				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
HOMESTEAD FUND				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
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	286,500.00	0.00	150,368.65	52.48%

This is not a month end report of all funds.