



City Council Meeting Summary 7.3.2017

1-Building and Zoning Report

Director Woodward talked about the construction of the western Illinois animal shelter. He stated that the progress is moving along great. The demo at 217 south 6th was completed last week and demolition has started on the Glastec/Howard Medical facility on the south side of town. There were parts of the building that were unstable and presented a clear danger.

2- Woodard and Curran May Report

Director Jackson informed council that the permits for the water construction and expansion project were received. He stated that there had been delays by the EPA which prolonged the first stages of the project. The raw water main permit which will tie the new well construction was also received and they will be able to begin construction on that project as well. When the water main is constructed a section of north 6th street will be closed for approximately 2 weeks due to safety and timing concerns. The softener was also delivered last week and the slab has been thickened to support the additional weight.

3- Approval Of South Sunny Lane Bid

Jackson talked about the bids for 1100 feet of road on south sunny lane in the area of Big River. This road was in severe disrepair due to truck traffic and drainage issues. The road has begun to present a road hazard to traffic. A lowbid of 375k was submitted by Gunther Construction. The city's contribution is 10%. The remainder of the project costs will be absorbed by Big River, a local foundation and grant funding. This will be a concrete road to withstand the heavy traffic. The improvements also include runoff remediation. A motion was made for approval and passed unanimously.

4- BCA request for street closure

Kristyne Gilbert presented a plan to council for a private event at the Pattee plaza park off the square on the 29th of this month. The event will involve closing down the section of Broadway directly in front of the park. A large screen projector would be used to show a film on their large exterior wall. Motion was made for approval and passed unanimously.

5- Baconfest request

Amy Patterson presented to council the 3rd annual Baconfest event. The business council is requesting a special permit for the closure of the town square during the event. They are also requesting the use of the festival ordinance to allow a beer tent and the ability to have alcohol within the confines of the marked areas. Motion was made for approval and passed unanimously.

6- Ordinance Amendment for liquor licenses

A reading was made of the request by the owners of the Maple City Restaurant for an additional liquor license. The request was made due to concerns that they have been losing revenue since they are not able to serve alcohol at dinner time. A motion was made to add a liquor license to accommodate and passed unanimously. Since there were not 6 council members present the motion will require a second reading at the next council meeting.

7- Zoning clarifications for Monmouth College

Director Woodward talked about the zoning clarifications that are being made in regards to Monmouth College. He spoke to the fact that there are conflicting records that do not show public service. The request is being made to have a more consistent record of their properties. The planning commission approved the clarification at their last meeting. A motion was made for approval and passed unanimously.

8- Police Chief contract and Oath Of Office

A unanimous motion and approval was made to appoint Joe Switzer Police Chief of Monmouth. City Clerk Susan Trevor administered the Oath of Office following the motion.

