



**CITY OF MONMOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**



Date: Monday, December 18, 2017

Time: 6:00 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 6:00 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:** Aldermen Justin Thomas, Dave Rutledge, Alderwoman Susan Twomey, Aldermen Brian Daw, Bob Wells, Juan Pinedo, Dan Heatherly and Joe Clark **Also Present:** Mayor Rod Davies, City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher, City Attorney Marcum Spears, City Clerk Susan S. Trevor, MFD Chief Casey Rexroat, MPD Chief Joe Switzer, Building and Zoning Director Wade Woodward, Woodard & Curran Public Works Director Andy Jackson, IT Director Ken Helms and Andy Bell-Baltucci of the Review Atlas.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the December 4, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the December 4, 2017 Council Minutes as presented. **AYE:** Aldermen Thomas, Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Heatherly and Clark **NAY:** none **PASS:** Alderman Pinedo **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL

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

There were none to be heard.

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 Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **AYE:** Aldermen Thomas, Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly and Clark **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. MFD November Report – Chief Rexroat

- 🔥 There were 106 calls for the month of November.
- 🔥 The department is in the process of applying for a communications grant to purchase new portable radios and pagers for the department. The grant is being managed through the Western Illinois Firefighter Association. The local 20% match has been budgeted for.
- 🔥 The insurance adjuster has contacted the contractor for the work to repair the damage from the October 14th wind storm and they are working on a cost estimate for the repairs.
- 🔥 The Union has completed repairs on the antique fire truck and has it in operating condition. They will be moving it soon to the North Station where it will be stored.
- 🔥 Assistant Chief Spears has worked diligently on obtaining a grant for equipment to aid firefighters who respond to an active shooter situation and was able to secure one from a local foundation.

B. MPD November Report – Chief Switzer

- The monthly statistics are in the web packet.
- The department has begun the process of transitioning from Cintas over to maintaining cleaning supplies and toiletries at the Department level. This will result in a cost savings of approximately 50% monthly.
- The department is allowing officers to grow facial hair with certain parameters on a trial basis for 90 days. At the end of that time a reassessment will take place to determine if the officers will be able to continue growing facial hair.
- The Thanksgiving Traffic campaign resulted in 53 traffic tickets being issued and 5 drug arrests being made.
- ALICE Training was conducted at PASS for teachers and staff.
- Investigator McVey has been a tremendous asset to the Illinois State Police, assisting them on the recent murder investigation in Henderson County. His efforts have been recognized by the Illinois state Police and are a great reflection on himself and the MPD.

Mayor Davies removed the Approval of the Smithfield Forced Main Project Bid as extra time is needed for proper vetting of the bidders. There were seven companies who submitted bids. The bid approval will be ready for the January 2nd meeting.

VI. ORDINANCES

A. 1st Reading

- 1. 17-035, Abating Tax Levied for 2017 on \$665,000 G.O.B. Series 1999A**
- 2. 17-036, Abating Tax Levied for 2017 on \$5,000,000 G.O.B. Series 2007**
- 3. 17-037, Abating Tax Levied for 2017 on \$1,500,000 G.O.B. Series 2010A&B**
- 4. 17-038, Partially Abating Tax Levied for 2017 on \$6,640,000 G.O.B. Series 2010C**
- 5. 17-039, Abating Tax Levied for 2017 on \$5,000,000 G.O.B. Series 2011**
- 6. 17-040, Abating Tax levied for 2017 on \$8,335,000 G.O.B. Series 2014**
- 7. 17-041, Abating Tax levied for 2017 on \$7,200,000 G.O.B. Series 20915A**

Mayor Davies explained that six of the Ordinances abate taxes on the bonds, while 17-038, abates partially, which helps the Water/Sewer Fund. **It was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderman Daw to approve collectively Ordinances 17-035 through 17-041 as presented. AYE:** Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly, Clark, Thomas and Rutledge **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

8. 17-042, Tax Levy for Fiscal Year May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019

Mayor Davies explained that the City's portion of the tax levy was lower by around \$106 on a \$2,000 tax bill. This year it became necessary to raise our levy which will result in about a \$35 or \$40 per year increase on a \$2,000 bill. This raise will permit the City to meet its obligations for the coming fiscal year. **It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Wells to approve Ordinance 17-042, Tax Levy for Fiscal Year May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019 as presented. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly, Clark and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **PASS:** Aldermen Thomas and Rutledge **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none to be considered.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor