



**CITY OF MONMOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**



Date: Monday, March 19, 2018

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the March 5, 2018 Council Meeting and Public Hearing for N. 6th Street TIF Redevelopment Area Project Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the March 5, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes and the Public Hearing for the N. 6th Street TIF Redevelopment Project Area Minutes collectively as presented. AYE: Aldermen Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Heatherly and Pinedo **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Wells **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

A. Presentations or Citizen Inquiries (All inquiries are limited to 3 minutes per City Ordinance)
There were none to be considered.

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

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. MFD February Report – Chief Rexroat

- 🔥 The department participated with the MPD in training on how to respond to the new illegal more potent drugs that pose a danger to the first responders when responding to drug overdose calls.
- 🔥 The department participated with the University of Illinois Extension program to give ride-a-longs to future firefighters.
- 🔥 A grant to replace aging extrication equipment on Engine 93 has been applied for. \$26,000 is the limit allowed for a department.
- 🔥 The department should be hearing soon as to whether MFD will receive the AFT Grant for funds for a new truck.

B. MPD February Report – Chief Switzer

- The monthly statistics are in the web packet.
- MPD conducted ALICE training at M-R High School with M-RHS staff.
- As Chief, I participated in security meetings with the First Christian Church, the Lutheran Church and United High School.
- Nine new Auxiliary Officers were accepted to the Monmouth/Warren County Auxiliary Police Corp to help rebuild the program.
- Plans were established for the MPD Chaplain Service.
- Four officers from the department participated in Officer Involved Deadly Force Investigation training.
- MPD is on the list to receive Narcan that is used to combat drug overdoses. When the Narcan is received each officer will carry it while on duty.

C. Joint Economic Development Cooperation Agreement with MACC

Administrator Steinbrecher explained that this agreement would formalize the relationship with the City staff and the Chamber of Commerce in Economic Development efforts, business retention and entrepreneurship. The agreement has been reviewed by all parties involved and it comes with his recommendation for approval. **It was moved by Alderman Rutledge and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the Joint Economic Development Cooperation Agreement with the Monmouth Chamber. AYE:** Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Pinedo, Heatherly, Clark and Rutledge **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Wells **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Development Agreement with Fareway Stores, Inc.

Administrator Steinbrecher said this Development Agreement is an agreement between the City and Fareway Stores, Inc. for the construction of a 21,000 square foot store that will cost five million dollars. It is a performance based agreement. There will be a rebate at 12 ½ percent of the total project based solely on Fareway paying their property taxes. There will not be any public money involved. There will be an easement agreement with the project. **It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to approve entering into an agreement with Fareway Stores, Inc. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Pinedo, Heatherly, Clark, Rutledge and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Wells **MOTION CARRIED.**

E. Presentation of FY 2018-2019 Budget – Administrator Steinbrecher

Administrator Steinbrecher gave an overview of the City's Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget of \$18,205,812.

- General Fund - \$8,420,995.00 accounts for 46% of the Budget.
- Water and Sewer Fund - \$5,245,998 accounts for 29% of the Budget.
- Debt Service - \$2,250,961 accounts for 12% of the Budget.
- Health Fund - \$1,075,179 accounts for 6% of the Budget.
- Downtown TIF - \$426,244 accounts for 2% of the Budget.
- Homestead - \$311,885 accounts for 2% of the Budget.

Administrator Steinbrecher further explained that the Fire and Police Department accounted for 2/3 of the General Fund Budget. Labor Costs constitute 96% of the total Fire Department Budget along with the Pension Costs making up 33% of the Fire Department Budget. For every \$1.00 the City spends on payroll for active Firefighters, it spends another 78 cents on pension benefits for retired firefighters. Labor Costs for the Police Department account for 95% of the total Police Department Budget and Pension Costs account for 20% of the Police Department Budget. For every \$1.00 the City spends on payroll for active Police Officers, it spends another 54 cents on pension benefits for retired Police Officers.

In highlighting Budget issues, Administrator Steinbrecher emphasized that the City started out with an initial deficit in the General Fund of over \$160,000, which is now balanced primarily with cuts of \$138,000 in departmental expenditure requests. In addition, there have been increases in fees in several departments to help with presenting a balanced budget. But to be clear, the City has a revenue problem not an expenditure one. Alderman Heatherly commented that the Debt Service costs came from EPA mandates not from City Administration. Alderman Rutledge added that he would like to discuss not opening the Municipal Pool to save the projected \$62,150 in operating costs. In closing, Administrator Steinbrecher commended the departments in their efforts to make strategic cuts to assist in balancing the Budget.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

A. 18-007 – Campground Rental Fee Increases

As part of helping to balance the 2018-2019 Budget, Administrator Steinbrecher recommended approving Resolution 18-007, which would raise the rental fees at Citizens Lake Recreation Area Campground as follows:

Nightly fee would go from \$16 to \$19

Weekly fee would go from \$92 to 105

Monthly fee would go from \$314 to \$330

It was moved by Alderman Rutledge and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve Resolution 18-007 as presented. AYE: Aldermen Pinedo, Heatherly, Clark, Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw. **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Wells **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. ORDINANCES

A. 1st Reading

1. **18-005 – Approving the TIF Redevelopment Plan and Project for N. 6th Street Redevelopment Project Area**
2. **18-006 – Designating the N. 6th Street Redevelopment Project Area**
3. **18-007 – Adopting TIF for the N. 6th Street Redevelopment Project**

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to approve collectively the above-stated Ordinances 18-005, 18-006 and 18-007 as presented.

AYE: Aldermen Pinedo, Heatherly, Clark, Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw

NAY: none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Wells **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Davies explained that the next four ordinances are being presented primarily for discussion purposes and that Council can vote on these ordinances tonight or wait to vote on them at the next Council meeting. It was decided to vote on the following ordinances at the next Council meeting.

4. **18-008 - Amending Chapter 53, Entitled Solid Municipal Waste**

Sustainability Coordinator Chad Braatz explained that since we do not have a scale at the transfer station our waste is processed by cubic yard and the City did 20,000 plus cubic yards last year. Problems occur when we have tree service businesses and people bringing brush to our facility from an area stretching out to Henderson and Knox Counties; thus, we are servicing outside the City for free, but still having to pay to get rid of the residue weight from the brush loads. After discussion, it was decided to study the issue further and bring it back for a vote at the next Council Meeting.

5. **18-009 - Amending Section 123.03 of Chapter 123, Rental Registration and Inspections**

Building and Zoning Director Wade Woodward explained that surrounding communities have rental charges with Galesburg and Macomb charging \$15 per unit while Monmouth currently charges \$25 per unit. The Amended ordinance would charge \$10 per unit for individual family homes; \$20 for 2-5 unit complexes and \$30 for 5 unit and above complexes. A \$75 fine would be instituted for not registering a rental property.

6. **18-010 - Amending Chapter 72, Entitled Traffic Rules**

Chief Switzer explained that the purpose of the City establishing ordinance violation fines for talking on cell phone while driving and not wearing a seat belt is to have all the money go to the City. Without the City writing a City ordinance violation ticket, 40% of the fine money goes to the State of Illinois. The fine for not wearing a seat belt would go from \$65 to \$80 and the fine for talking on a cell phone while driving would increase to not less than \$150.00

7. **18-011 – Amending Section 131.36 of Chapter 131, Drug Paraphernalia Prohibited**

It was explained by Chief Switzer that the fine for possessing drug paraphernalia would increase from \$150 to \$300.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none to be considered.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote with the exception of Aldermen Thomas and Wells, who were absent.