



## CITY OF MONMOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



**Date:** Monday, August 20, 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 Justin Thomas, Dave Rutledge, Brian Daw, Bob Wells, Juan Pinedo and Joe Clark **Absent:** Alderwoman Susan Twomey and Alderman Dan Heatherly **Also Present:** Mayor Rod Davies, City Clerk Susan S. Trevor, City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher, City Attorney Marcum Spears, MFD Chief Casey Rexroat, MPD Chief Joe Switzer, Building and Zoning Director Wade Woodward, IT Director Ken Helms, Woodard and Curran Public Works Director Andy Jackson.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. Approval of the August 6, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to approve the August 6, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **AYE:** Aldermen Rutledge, Daw, Wells, Pinedo and Clark **NAY:** none **PASS:** Alderman Thomas **ABSENT:** Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Heatherly **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 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 Clark and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to approve the Bills as presented. **AYE:** Aldermen Thomas, Rutledge, Daw, Wells, Pinedo and Clark **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Heatherly **MOTION CARRIED.**

### V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

#### A. MFD July Report – Chief Rexroat

- 🔥 There were 109 calls for month of July.
- 🔥 Department participated in public educational event at the Pre-K in Lincoln School.
- 🔥 While undergoing the annual testing for ladders the aerial ladder needed some repairs and is out of service until the repairs are completed.
- 🔥 All repairs on the fire station damaged in last year's October storm are completed.
- 🔥 Applications are finished for the finalized Firefighter Eligibility List.

**B. MPD July Report – Chief Switzer**

- The monthly statistics are in the web packet.
- The department participated in the Local Heroes program at the Library.
- MPD has a secure box to dispose of old medical prescriptions.
- Kari Hepner has resigned from her position as a dispatcher for the department; therefore, the department will be looking to hire another dispatcher.
- The officers participated in “Stop Bleeding” training in order to be able to apply tourniquets to stop serious bleeding prior to the arrival of an ambulance.
- In the last three weeks the department has transported nineteen arrests to Mercer County Jail in Aledo.

**C. Memo of Understanding with AFSCME Local 3071**

Administrator Steinbrecher explained to the Council that a recent Illinois Supreme Court ruling prohibits unions from requiring all employees to contribute their “fair share” of dues to the unions representing them in negotiations. The City met with AFSCME Local 3071 and reached a Memo of Understanding to honor any employee’s authorized deductions, but not automatically deduct any “fair share” without the employee’s written authorization on forms provided by the Union. The Memo of Understanding has been approved and signed by the Local AFSCME President, Greg Sage and is coming before Council with a recommendation for approval by the Administration. **It was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to approve the Memo of Understanding with AFSCME Local 3071 as presented. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Clark and Rutledge **NAY:** none **ABSTAIN:** Alderman Thomas **ABSENT:** Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Heatherly **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D. Letter of Understanding with Monmouth AFFI Local 1702**

Administrator Steinbrecher explained that this Letter of Understanding with the Monmouth AFFI Local 1702 provides additional guidance as to how the firefighters who participate in the City’s Wellness Program for reduced premiums on their insurance are handled for the annual screening for the Wellness Program. If a firefighter is on duty, they will be required to come to the site of the screening. If the firefighter is not on duty, they can have their own physician do the screening, but there will be a fifteen dollar processing fee. Those firefighters who would be on paid leave or previously approved vacation time, would have their physician conduct the screening and fill out the form, but there would not be a fifteen dollar processing fee. The AFFI Local 1702 has signed off on the Letter of Understanding and it now just requires Council approval to be implemented. **It was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to approve the Letter of Understanding with Monmouth AFFI Local 1702 as presented. AYE:** Alderman Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Clark and Rutledge **NAY:** none **ABSTAIN:** Alderman Thomas **ABSENT:** Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Heatherly **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **VI. ORDINANCES**

### **A. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

#### **1. 18-027 – Granting a Variance – 905 S. Main Street**

Building and Zoning Director Wade Woodward said that an individual purchased the property at 905 S. Main where Tooties was located and demolished. The new owner wants to construct an inside temperature controlled storage building, but cannot build on land that has been back filled for a year; therefore, he wants to construct an outdoor fenced-in storage area. There were no real setback requirements and since it was on a corner lot there was a concern as to obstructing a vehicle's view of traffic while turning on to South Main Street. It was determined that 16 feet of fence at a 45 degree angle would be allowed in order not to block the view from either side of the stop sign at 8th Street and South Main Street. It comes to Council with unanimous approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals. **It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Daw to accept the recommendation of the ZBA and approve Ordinance 18-027, Granting a Variance to 905 S. Main Street. AYE:** Aldermen Wells, Pinedo, Clark, Thomas, Rutledge and Daw **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Heatherly **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **2. 18-028 – Ordinance Clarifying North 6<sup>th</sup> Street TIF District**

Administrator Steinbrecher explained that this ordinance clarifies that the area of the N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Redevelopment Project Area located in an Enterprise Zone shall NOT qualify for any of the Abatement of Ad Valorem Taxes associated with the Enterprise Zone effective January 1, 2018. The Administration is recommending approval of Ordinance 18-028. **It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to approve Ordinance 18-028 as presented. AYE:** Aldermen Pinedo, Clark, Thomas, Rutledge, Daw and Wells **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Heatherly **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Administrator Steinbrecher announced that Building and Zoning Director Wade Woodward has turned in his resignation and this will be his last Council meeting. His final day of employment will be Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. The Council, Mayor Davies and Administrator Steinbrecher all expressed their appreciation for the outstanding job that Wade has done as the City's Building and Zoning Director and wished him well in his future employment.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote with the exception of Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Heatherly, who were absent.**

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**Mayor Rod Davies**

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**City Clerk Susan S. Trevor**