



CITY OF MONMOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



Date: Monday, June 17, 2019

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:** Alderwoman Susan Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Pinedo, Heatherly and Alderwoman Mary Kelly **Late:** Alderman Cook (7:10 p.m.) **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 Lt. Jerry Kinney, Woodard and Curran Director Andy Jackson, IT Director Ken Helms and Building and Zoning Director Joe Clark. **Also Absent:** MPD Chief Joe Switzer

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the June 3, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderwoman Twomey and seconded by Alderwoman Kelly to approve the June 3, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes with the correction of Alderman Daw being counted as present, but should have been counted as absent and not voting. **AYE:** Alderwoman Twomey and Alderwoman Kelly **PASS:** Daw, Pinedo and Heatherly **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Cook and Wells **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 consider.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Bills

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Daw to approve the payment of the bills as presented. **AYE:** Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Pinedo, Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman Thomas **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Cook and Wells **MOTION CARRIED**

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. MFD May Report – Chief Rexroat

- 🔥 The Department responded to 115 calls in May
- 🔥 Hydrant flushing is completed.
- 🔥 The Department participated in helping with Special Olympics.
- 🔥 Tower 22 had the controls of the basket repaired and there was another issue with the pulleys that was the same as the one that occurred before. Repair quotes from Alexis Fire Equipment have been requested.

Alderwoman Kelly asked why the department sent a larger truck when responding to a 911 call rather than a smaller truck that might be more economical. Chief Rexroat said that in the past when they did send a smaller truck, many times it didn't have all the equipment needed for assisting at the emergency and it became necessary to send for a larger truck with the proper equipment.

B. MPD May Report – Lt. Kinney

- The department responded to 1, 566 calls in May.
- Officer Williams attended two PTC carnivals with a squad car for the children to see.
- Lt. Bratcher and Chief Switzer assisted with the opening ceremonies for Region F Special Olympics.
- Officer Kenney gave a car seat safety class at the Warren County Library.
- Investigator Kramer attended a Less Lethal training course and the annual Pension Conference.
- Lt. Kinney added that his investigators did an outstanding job on the Pearman murder case.

C. Approval of Development Agreement with Love’s Travel Stops

Administrator Steinbrecher informed the Council that Love’s Travel Stops has been proceeding consistently with the Term Sheet Agreement that was agreed upon last November with regards to the infrastructure, developing the site and re-surfacing West 11th Avenue. Love’s has agreed to purchase the property and then will annex it into the City. Bill Gleason, who is the Real Estate Project Manager for the Monmouth Love’s Travel Stop, is present to answer any questions. If approved, this agreement would obligate the City to create a Business District and impose a 1% sales tax only on sales on this property. The tax would be collected by the City and would be used to reimburse Love’s for their costs in providing the infrastructure for this property and also for re-constructing West 11th Avenue from South D Street to Routes 34/67. **It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to approve a Development Agreement with Love’s Travel Stops to create a Business District conditioned on Love’s purchasing a 10.35 acre parcel of land located at 1001 West 11th Avenue and annexing this property into the corporate limits of the City of Monmouth. AYE:** Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Pinedo, Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman Cook **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Wells **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Leo’s Drive-Through Convenience Store Request for Class IV Liquor License

Administrator Steinbrecher explained that Esmeralda and Besnik (Niko) Aliu have requested a Class IV Liquor License for their new Leo’s Drive-Through Convenience Store to be located in the old Hardee’s on North Main Street. Their Business Plan has been reviewed and approved. **It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to authorize City Attorney Spears to draft an ordinance increasing the number of Class IV Liquor Licenses from 10 to 11. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Pinedo, Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman Cook **NAY:** Alderwoman Twomey **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Wells **MOTION CARRIED.**

E. Approval of AFSCME Contract

Administrator Steinbrecher said that AFSCME, which represents the MPD dispatchers has agreed to a new three year contract and the Union has ratified it the middle of last week. The contract provides for a 2.25% increase in general wages. It also creates a Tele-Communicator II position with a slight hourly wage increase for some additional duties being performed in this position. The Administration is recommending approval of the AFSCME Contract for the MPD dispatchers. **It was moved by Alderwoman Kelly and seconded by Alderman Heatherly to approve the 2019-2022 AFSCME Contract. AYE:** Aldermen Pinedo and Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Wells **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. United Way Street Closure Request – July 27, 2019

Jeannie Weber, United Way Director, presented a request to close the Southwest Quadrant of the square from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a small reading festival in honor of Julie McVey. This will be the first Julie McVey Reading Day. In addition, the Committee would like to close off the entire square from 8:45-9:30 a.m. for a toddler race around the square. In cooperation with a number of entities, Julie's Little Libraries will be installed throughout Warren County to honor Julie's memory as well. **It was moved by Alderwoman Kelly and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the above-stated request by the United Way. AYE:** Aldermen Pinedo and Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Wells **MOTION CARRIED.**

G. Approval of Tractor Bid

W & C Public Works Director Andy Jackson explained that the City's New Holland Tractor for mowing is fifteen years old and has only a 45 H.P. motor. It has a lot of hours on it as well. Painter Tractor Equipment would allow the 45 H.P. New Holland Tractor to be traded in for a brand new 60 H.P. New Holland Tractor with a total price of \$19,300. He is recommending acceptance of the Painter Tractor Equipment price. **It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Daw to accept the Painter Tractor Equipment price of \$19,300 for a 60 H.P. New Holland Tractor. AYE:** Alderman Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw and Pinedo **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Wells **MOTION CARRIED.**

H. Approval of Partnership with MBWI for 226 South Main Street

Building and Zoning Director Joe Clark explained that the Midwest Bank has ended up with several buildings in town and have been very conscientious about taking care of them. The bank ended up taking back the building located at 226 South Main Street. The City feels an obligation with this particular building due to several issues and would like to partner with MBWI in repairing the building and bringing it up to code to make it possible for it to be rented and not deteriorate any further. The total cost of this project is around \$47,000 and the City would like to provide \$30,000 as their share in the project. The repairs would include repairing the parapet, tuck pointing and also a water infiltration system. Part of the problem with the water in the basement is the grade of the City parking lot. W & C Public Works Director Jackson said that in Phase II of this project in the future, the City would do something with the re-grading of the parking lot. **It was moved by Alderwoman Twomey and seconded by Alderman Daw to approve entering into a partnership with MBWI for restoration work on 226 South Main Street for the City's share of \$30,000 out of the total cost of \$47,000. AYE:** Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Pinedo and Heatherly **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Wells **MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Approval of Purchase Agreement for 602 E. 6th Avenue

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderwoman Kelly to approve the purchase of a vacant lot located at 602 E. 6th Avenue by Felipe Arteaga for \$1,000.00. He intends to turn it into a soccer field for kids. AYE: Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Pinedo, Heatherly and Alderwoman Kelly **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Wells **MOTION CARRIED.**

VI. ORDINANCES

A. 1ST Reading

1. 19-011, Accumulation and Storage of Junk and Debris in Storage Containers

Mayor Davies explained that Building and Zoning Director Clark has done considerable research in surrounding communities as to how they regulated these cargo containers in residential areas. Some of the containers are as large as 40 feet. This information was submitted to City Attorney Spears. There were several drafts that were reviewed and discussed with the City Administrator with the final draft being Ordinance 19-011.

During discussion, it was brought out that perhaps there should be a time limitation on portable storage containers in commercial districts as well. Administrator Steinbrecher suggested that the Council could adopt Ordinance 19-011 as presented and then have the staff, the Mayor, the City Attorney and himself study regulations for the commercial portable storage containers. **It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderwoman Kelly to approve Ordinance 19-011 as presented.** AYE: Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Pinedo, Heatherly and Alderwoman Kelly NAY: none ABSENT: Aldermen Thomas and Wells

2. 19-013, Amending Chapter 115, Limitation on Number of Liquor Licenses

Administrator Steinbrecher explained that the Council had approved having City Attorney Spears draft an ordinance increasing the number of Class IV Liquor Licenses from 9 to 10 in order to accommodate Fareway Stores request for a Class IV Liquor License. **It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to approve Amending Chapter 115 to increase the number of Class IV Liquor Licenses from 9 to 10.** AYE: Aldermen Daw, Pinedo, Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman Cook NAY: none PASS: Alderwoman Twomey ABSENT: Aldermen Thomas and Wells

3. 19-014, Business District Plan for the Proposed W. 11th Avenue-Highway 34/67 Business District and Fixing a Time and Place for a Public Hearing

Administrator Steinbrecher explained that this ordinance is not only to designate certain areas of the City as a Business District along with preparing a Business District Plan, but to establish a time and place for a required Public Hearing on July 15th at 5:45 p.m. **It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderwoman Kelly to approve the above-stated Ordinance 19-014.** AYE: Aldermen Daw, Pinedo, Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Cook and Alderwoman Twomey NAY: none ABSENT: Aldermen Thomas and Wells

4. 19-015, Declaration of Surplus Property, MPD

It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Daw to declare two MPD old cars, a 2005 Pontiac Grand Prix and a 2003 Cadillac Deville as surplus property. AYE: Aldermen Pinedo and Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw NAY: none ABSENT: Aldermen Thomas and Wells **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. 2nd Reading

1. Ordinance 19-012, Vacation of South B Street from Tracks to West 6th Avenue

It was moved by Alderwoman Kelly and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to approve Ordinance 19-012 for the vacation of South B Street from BNSF tracks to West 6th Avenue. AYE: Alderman Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw and Pinedo NAY: none ABSENT: Aldermen Thomas and Wells **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Per Illinois Statute 5ILCS 120/2 to consider employee compensation.

1. It was moved to go into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderwoman Kelly. AYE: Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Pinedo and Heatherly **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Wells **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. It was moved to return to Regular Session at 7:05 p.m. by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey. AYE: Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Pinedo, Heatherly and Alderwoman Kelly **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Wells **MOTION CARRIED.**

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none to consider.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to adjourn the June 17, 2019 meeting at 7:05 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote with the exception of Aldermen Thomas and Wells, who were absent.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor