



**CITY OF MONMOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**



Date: Tuesday, September 3, 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:** Aldermen Justin Thomas, Tony Cook, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly and Alderwoman Mary Kelly **Absent:** Alderwoman Twomey (**Arrived late at 6:15 p.m.**) **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 and Curran Director Andy Jackson, IT Director Ken Helms and Building and Zoning Director Joe Clark.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the August 19, 2019 Public Hearing and Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderwoman Kelly to approve the August 19, 2019 Public Hearing and Council Meeting Minutes. AYE: Alderman Thomas, Cook, Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly and Alderwoman Kelly **ABSENT:** Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL

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

1. Robert Purchase of Monmouth gave his input towards the consideration of allowing retail store sales of cannabis. He would rather have the sales done legally in retail settings rather than illegally in residential neighborhoods.

2. Mike Sheid gave updates on the growth of Midwest Pet Foods. He informed the Council that in the next several weeks, construction will begin on a new addition to the facility as a result of growth and expansion. This growth will also bring new jobs to the Monmouth area. The 6th street road project, which will be starting soon, will be a big benefit to Midwestern Pet Foods, but will create a number of logistical issues that will need to be addressed once construction is underway.

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: Aldermen Cook, Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman Thomas **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. Building and Zoning August Report – Director Clark

- ✓ Notices for junk and debris as well as weeds and unmown grass are still be issued.
- ✓ The new building for Parkins Trucking on Rte. 67 is moving forward with the floors having been poured this past week along with bathrooms being roughed in.
- ✓ Smithfield has completed the construction of the parking lots between the cooler and rendering building. They have put out for bid for a new maintenance building and chemical containment building, but will not be starting construction on either project until next year. Their new 300,000 gallon hot water tank is almost completely piped up.
- ✓ Work is continuing on the Y.M.C.A. pool with concrete having been poured for part of the deep end.
- ✓ Tuck pointing and repair of the basement walls at 226 S. Main Street is almost complete.
- ✓ We are still in the process of receiving Certificates of Liability from all contractors doing work in the City.
- ✓ Midwest Pet Foods continues to re-purpose buildings.

B. Woodard and Curran July Report – Director Jackson

- Met today with the Superintendent from Brandt Construction regarding the beginning of the MFT overlay project. The 2019 project will begin in the Northwest section of the City in the next several weeks and then will move to the South B and West 6th Avenue intersection by Midwest Pet Foods. This will be a significant project as it will involve some drainage issues.
- Met with the principals of Lincoln and Harding schools to familiarize them with how the MFT overlays will affect the traffic around their buildings.
- The new 2,700 feet of water main in the South side of Monmouth is completed. The entire project was grant funded with the City only paying for the engineering.
- WIRC has helped the City complete the next water main application for CDBG grant to replace the water main between North 1st Street and North 6th Street. Unfortunately, the portion of E. Euclid between North 6th Street and North 9th Street is not grant eligible due to more affluent homes and the college football field bordering that stretch of road.
- The City has received and is posting for 30 days their waste water discharge permit. The EPA did grant an extension of three years versus 9 months to the City to comply with their new discharge regulations. The City was also granted an extension of 36 months versus 15 to 18 months to submit an in depth Capacity Maintenance and Management Sewer Collection System (CMOM) plan.

C. MC Fusion Theater Request for Street Closure – Doug Rankin

Professor Doug Rankin, Director of Theatre at Monmouth College presented a request to close the 200 block of South Main Street on September 21st from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the 6th annual FusionFest Theatre Festival to be held in front of the Fusion Theatre. The stages will be in the Theatre windows. All businesses have been contacted and invited to participate in the event by offering specials, including food, coupons or other promotions before and during the event. All affected businesses have given their approval for the street closure and the event. **It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Wells to approve Monmouth College’s request to close the 200 block of South Main on September 21st from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the FusionFest Theatre Festival. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen Thomas and Cook **NAY:** none **PASS:** Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

VI. ORDINANCES

A. 1st Reading

1. 19-024, Declaration of Surplus Property

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Wells to approve declaring a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria as surplus property to sell. AYE: Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen Thomas, Cook and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. 19-025, Amending Chapter 51.20, Application for Connection Permit (C), (2),

Woodard and Curran Public Works Director Andy Jackson explained that this amendment will match our Ordinance with City policy regarding the connection of larger than 1 inch water pipes which will require the owner to be responsible for paying for the installation of the water meter. **It was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderman Heatherly to approve Ordinance 19-025 as presented. AYE:** Aldermen Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen Thomas, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Administrator Steinbrecher thanked Mike Sheid and Midwest Pet Foods for their continued investment in the Monmouth community.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Cook to adjourn the September 3, 2019 meeting at 6:25 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor