



**CITY OF MONMOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Monday April 4, 2022

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 Tony Cook, Brian Daw, Jim Conard, Alderwoman Mary Kelly and Alderman John VanVleet **Absent:** Aldermen Justin Thomas, Juan Pinedo and Alderwoman Susan Twomey **Also Present:** Mayor Rod Davies, City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher, City Clerk Susan S. Trevor, City Attorney Marcum Spears, Building and Zoning Director Joe Clark, Communications Director Ken Helms, MFD Chief Casey Rexroat, MPD Chief Joe Switzer and Woodard & Curran Public Works Director Andy Jackson

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of March 21, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman VanVleet and seconded by Alderman Cook to approve the March 21, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. AYE: Aldermen Cook, Conard, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman VanVleet **NAY:** none **PASS:** Alderman Daw **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Pinedo and Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL

A. Presentations or Citizen Inquiries

Mayor Davies read and presented to Deborah Land from WIRC a Proclamation recognizing the month of April as Sexual Violence Awareness Month.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Bills

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

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. ICS Request to Close 200 Block of West Archer for Drive-Thru Dinner

ICS Principal Randy Frakes presented a request to close the 200 Block of West Archer from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a Serenata Drive-Thru Dinner on Friday, April 22nd. **It was moved by Alderwoman Kelly and seconded by Alderman VanVleet to approve the above-stated request. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Conard, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet and Cook **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Pinedo and Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. United Way Request to Close NE Quadrant of the Square for 50th Open House

Jeannie Weber, Executive Director of United Way, presented a request for the NE Quadrant of the Square to be closed off from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on May 7th for the Grand Opening of the new United Way office and in celebration of their 50th Anniversary. There will be food, children activities, music and a ribbon cutting at 12 Noon. The neighboring businesses will be contacted and accommodated for the event. **It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Daw to approve the above-stated request by the United Way.**

AYE: Aldermen Daw, Conard, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet and Cook **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Pinedo and Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Y.M.C.A. Memorial Weekend 5K Run

Staci Bass from Warren County Y.M.C.A. requested Council approval to hold a 5K Run on May 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. 10% of the proceeds will go to the VFW and the American Legion. Chief Switzer has reviewed the run route and given his approval. **It was moved by Alderman Conard and seconded by Alderwoman Kelly to approve the above-stated request by the Y.M.C.A.** **AYE:** Alderman Conard, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Cook and Daw **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Pinedo and Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Building and Zoning March Report – Director Clark

- ✓ The Department is continuing to issue Junk and Debris notices.
- ✓ Information is still being gathered on potential demolition of neglected and unsafe properties.
- ✓ **Open projects are:** First United Methodist Church, OSF Holy Family New Emergency Room and Helipad, Monmouth Town Homes, and Park District Office
- ✓ **Completed for Occupancy:** Courtyard Estates Memory Care Wing, Eagle View Teen Center and Land Management Partners (LMP) Office

E. Woodard and Curran February Report – Written in Web Packets

F. North Water plant Softener Vessels Refurbishment – Richard Nelson

Mr. Nelson explained that several months ago there was a hole in one of the Ion Exchange tanks, but it was repaired. Then two weeks ago a filter collapsed in another tank and couldn't be repaired. These softeners run almost 24/7 for the North plant, which provides water to Smithfield. Because of the salt and age of the tanks, significant corrosion has occurred. The tank manufacturing company is recommending rebuilding from the inside of all of the tanks. This is an emergency situation and the Administration is requesting authorization from the Council to have Mayor Davies or Administrator Steinbrecher to negotiate with the company to carry out these repairs. **It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Daw to authorize Mayor Davies or Administrator Steinbrecher to enter into negotiations with Tonka to repair the tanks.** **AYE:** Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Cook, Daw and Conard **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Pinedo and Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

G. Monthly Airport Hangar Fee

Administrator Steinbrecher informed the Council that the new airport hangar that is being built to replace the old one destroyed by fire is nearing completion. It will be compartmentalized with electricity and security for each airplane stall rather than one wide open space like the old hangar. In comparison with other airport hangars with similar amenities, the Administration felt that an increase in rental fees from \$60 per month to \$100 per month was fair and is asking Council's approval to direct the City Attorney draft an ordinance to amend Chapter 123 of the Municipal Code to increase the hangar rental fees from \$60 per month to \$100 per month. The ordinance will be brought back to Council for approval at a future meeting. **It was moved by Alderwoman Kelly and seconded by Alderman Cook to have the City Attorney draft an ordinance as stated above. AYE:** Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Cook, Daw and Conard **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Pinedo and Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. ORDINANCES

A. 1ST Reading

1. 22-011, Adoption of FY 2022-2023 Budget

It was moved by Alderman Conard and seconded by Alderman Daw to approve adoption of the FY 2022-2023 Budget as presented. AYE: Aldermen VanVleet, Cook, Daw, Conard and Alderwoman Kelly **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas, Pinedo and Alderwoman Twomey

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Per Illinois Statute 5ILCS 120/2 to Consider Collective Bargaining

1. It was moved by Alderman Daw to go into Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. to consider Collective Bargaining. AYE: Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Cook, Daw and Conard **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Pinedo and Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Conard to return to Regular Session at 6:50 p.m. AYE: Aldermen VanVleet, Cook, Daw, Conard and Alderwoman Kelly **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Thomas, Pinedo and Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none to consider

X. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman VanVleet to adjourn the April 4, 2022 meeting at 6:50 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote with the exception of Aldermen Thomas, Pinedo and Alderwoman Twomey, who were absent.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor