



**CITY OF MONMOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Tuesday July 5, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: 100 East Broadway
Monmouth, Illinois

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of June 20, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Conard and seconded by Alderwoman Kelly to approve the June 20, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. AYE: Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman VanVleet **NAY:** none **PASS:** Aldermen Thomas and Daw **ABSENT:** Alderman Cook **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL

A. Presentations or Citizen Inquiries

There were none to be heard.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Bills

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

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. Building and Zoning June Report – Director Clark

- ✓ The department is continuing to issue notices for Junk and Debris and Mowing.
- ✓ Open Projects: Methodist Church, Monmouth Townhomes and Park District Office
- ✓ Grant funded Demolitions: 1128 S. 11th and 829 S. 1st Street notice for bids have been published with a bid opening set for July 15th at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall.
- ✓ Completed Projects: Merkadito is open for business and is essentially complete with the exception of a fire safety alarm system linked to a third party who then notifies Public Safety to dispatch the fire department.

B. Woodard and Curran May Report

- The City has received notice that it has received a \$550,000 CDBG Grant and a Federal Grant of \$550,000 through Senator Durbin's office for the West Harlem water main replacement project. There is some capital reserve money that can be used to supplement any shortage in funding the project.
- The street painting has now been started on North and South Main Street along with the downtown area. Only 75% of the City's paint order was received. East and West Broadway will be started with what is left of the initial paint received.
- The water pump motors that Council approved for the water treatment plant have arrived. The VFD's have been on backorder and are due to arrive around August 1st. Ameren is supplying \$65,000 towards the funding of this project.
- The old Maple City Dairy redevelopment project notice for bids is going out tomorrow in the local papers with a bid opening scheduled for July 26th at 11:00 a.m. in City Hall. Approval for awarding of the bid should come before Council at the first meeting in August.
- The MFT Street Program cost estimate for 60 blocks came in at \$1.8 million, which is two times as much as in our fund. The project was pared down to 40-45 blocks with a cost of \$1.3 million. The City can tap into their capital reserve funds to make up the difference.

C. Approval of Service Agreement with C & D Electric for Electrical Inspections

Director Clark explained that Brian Blackman of Blackman Electric had been doing our electrical inspections, but has taken a job with Ameren Electric and discontinued his electrical business. The City has approached Bob Evans of C & D Electric to contract with him for doing the electrical inspections for the City as an independent contractor. If the City approves this contract, then he will form an LLC that will operate separate from his C & D Electric business in order to conduct the electrical inspections. **It was moved by Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderman Conard to approve the Service Agreement with Bob Evans to conduct electrical inspections for the City. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo and Thomas **NAY:** none **PASS:** Alderwomen Twomey, Kelly and Alderman VanVleet **ABSENT:** Alderman Cook **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Proposal for North Pre-treatment Plan Biogas Feasibility Study

Administrator Steinbrecher explained that he met with Smithfield to discuss the possibility of containing the methane gas that is being constantly flared at the lagoon. About six years ago a study was conducted and the marketability for such a project just wasn't there. Smithfield is willing to reimburse the City for the cost of a study to be done by Woodard and Curran to determine if there is now a market for the bio-gas. The cost of the study is \$14,900. **It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the service agreement with Woodard and Curran to conduct a Bio-Gas study. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Thomas and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Cook **MOTION CARRIED.**

E. Regulating Brush and Tree Disposal at Landfill Site Discussion

Mayor Davies explained that the current ordinance regulating brush and tree disposal at the landfill is 25 years old and was designed to address the disposal of limbs as a result of a storm. Unfortunately, large commercial trees are being dumped at the landfill and are way too large to be burned or chipped, which we no longer do. There needs to be signage placed to prohibit commercial tree removal dumping. The Administration is asking the Council to direct City Attorney Spears to draft an ordinance to clean up the language regarding what is acceptable for the dumping of trees that have been commercially removed. **It was moved by Alderwoman Twomey and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to have City Attorney Spears draft an ordinance to provide for the restriction of commercially removed trees being dumped at the City's landfill.** **AYE:** Aldermen Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Thomas and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **PASS:** Alderman Daw **ABSENT:** Alderman Cook **MOTION CARRIED.**

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none to be considered.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman VanVleet and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to adjourn the July 5, 2022 meeting at 6:25 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote with the exception of Alderman Cook, who was absent.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor