



**CITY OF MONMOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Monday August 1, 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:** Aldermen Justin Thomas, Tony Cook, Alderwoman Susan Twomey, Aldermen Brian Daw, Juan Pinedo, Alderwoman Mary Kelly and Alderman John VanVleet **Absent:** Alderman Jim Conard **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 July 18, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the July 18, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes as corrected to reflect Alderman Cook's *pass vote* on the approval of the July 5th minutes. AYE: Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Alderman Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman VanVleet **NAY:** none **PASS:** Aldermen Thomas and Daw **ABSENT:** Alderman Conard **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL

A. Presentations or Citizen Inquiries

Matt Lanz made a presentation requesting that Low Speed Vehicles not be included in the new ordinance regulating golf carts and non-highway vehicles as they were not at all the same. He has a Low Speed vehicle that meets all the state safety requirements and is currently operating on City streets. He has not received one complaint about his vehicle. Again, he asked that the Council remove the Low Speed Vehicle from Ordinance 22-020 that is being voted on this evening. Dustin McKee spoke in favor of Ordinance 22-020 as he and his family have a golf cart they would like to use for entertainment such as driving to the Dairy Queen for ice cream.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Bills

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

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. Building and Zoning July Report – Director Clark

- ✓ July was a very busy month with issuing permits and junk and debris notices.
- ✓ The City acquired two properties located at 829 S. 1st Street and 1128 S. 11th Street that are scheduled for demolition later this week.
- ✓ **Completed projects:** Vaughn’s building is just waiting on a fire safety device for notifying fire department in case of a fire.
- ✓ **Open projects:** Monmouth Townhomes, Methodist Church, Monmouth Park District office, Maple City Warehouse is working on enclosing the end of the building and the Storage Warehouse at 400 N. 11th is working on doors and plumbing fixtures.
- ✓ **Room Additions:** There are four room additions located at 116 N. E Street, 1016 E. 2nd Avenue, 904 W. Clinton and 1103 S. A Street that are under construction.

B. Woodard and Curran June Report – Director Jackson

- Director Jackson explained that the Public Works department is seeking approval to purchase a multipurpose machine called a Trailer mounted Hydro Vac Unit. Safe excavations with the backhoe have become more difficult due to the increased utilities installed underground in City right of ways and boulevards, which makes it necessary to hire a local contractor who has a hydro-vacuum machine to suck the excavations. Also, street valves that control the watermains tend to fill up with dirt, sand, etc. which also results in hiring a local contractor to vacuum the debris out of a valve box. A third benefit would be the ability to keep up with regular catch basin cleaning by using the vacuum on this machine. The department received two quotes, but after discussion with the three department Superintendents, their recommendation is to have the VactronLP87 as it comes equipped with a hydraulic valve exerciser for water main and standard pipe valves. The price for the VactronLP87 is \$107,494.05. **It was moved by Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderman Cook to approve the purchase of the VactronLP87 for \$107,494.05 for the Public Works department.**

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

VI. ORDINANCES

A. 1st Reading

1. 22-020, Regulating the operation of certain Golf Carts, Low Speed Vehicles and other Non-highway Vehicles within the City of Monmouth

It was moved by Alderwoman Kelly and seconded by Alderman VanVleet to approve Ordinance 22-020, which would regulate the operation of certain Golf Carts, Low Speed Vehicles and other Non-highway Vehicles with the City of Monmouth as presented.
AYE: Aldermen Pinedo and VanVleet **NAY:** Alderman Daw, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen Thomas, Cook and Alderwoman Twomey **ABSENT:** Alderman Conard **MOTION FAILED.**

In the ensuing discussion, Alderman VanVleet made the following points

- 1) Low-speed vehicles are different than golf carts. They have different equipment and can reach a higher speed than golf carts; therefore, they should be in a separate ordinance.
- 2) The \$50 annual inspection fee should be only an initial fee and not charge annually on top of the registration fee.

3) The \$100 registration fee is exorbitant. The fees in surrounding communities are \$50, \$25, \$15 or no fee.

City Attorney Spears said that if the Council wants to amend the above ordinance, a motion can be made to make these above-stated points into amendments to the failed Ordinance 22-020 and bring it back for a 1st reading at the next Council meeting. **It was moved by Alderman**

VanVleet and seconded by Alderman Cook to have City Attorney Spears draft a new Ordinance with the amendments cited by Alderman VanVleet included in the ordinance.

AYE: Alderman Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman VanVleet, Aldermen Thomas and Cook

NAY: Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw **ABSENT:** Alderman Conard **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. 22-021, Amending Sections 115.24 and 115.25 of Chapter 115, Class 6 Liquor License

Mayor Davies explained that this ordinance is creating a Class 6 Liquor License to allow for the service of alcohol by Aramark Food Service for specific Monmouth College events taking place on their campus. **It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Thomas to approve Ordinance 22-021 to add a Class 6 Liquor License to Chapter 115.**

AYE: Alderman Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Thomas, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw.

NAY: none **ABSENT:** Alderman Conard **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. It was moved by Alderwoman Kelly and seconded by Alderman VanVleet to go into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to consider Collective Bargaining.

AYE: Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Thomas, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw and Pinedo

NAY: none **ABSENT:** Alderman Conard **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to return to Regular Session at 6:48 p.m.

AYE: Aldermen VanVleet, Thomas, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Pinedo and Alderwoman Kelly

NAY: none **ABSENT:** Alderman Conard **MOTION CARRIED.**

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Alderwoman Kelly requested that regulation of motorized bicycles being ridden in the City be studied. Chief Switzer added that people need to complain immediately about incidents involving motorized bicycles as too often the complaint is received after the fact and then the department can't do anything about it.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to adjourn the August 1, 2022 meeting at 6:55 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote with the exception of Alderman Conard, who was absent.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor