

City Council Meeting Summary 02.17.2021

Next City Council Meeting – March 1st, 2021, at 6:00 PM

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0- Public Hearing for CDBG Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant

This item is a housekeeping issue dealing with a COVID-19 grant program Monmouth participated in.

Last year, the Governor imposed COVID-19 restrictions that resulted in economic loss for the area's small businesses. To lessen the loss to many small businesses, the State of Illinois restructured a portion of the Community Development Block Grant program to allow for direct payments to affected businesses that met the required criteria and mandatory financial disclosures. To close out the grant process, the City must hold a public hearing to hear any comments on the program.

No public comments were heard, and the hearing was closed.

1- Presentations or Citizen Inquiries

No presentations were made to City Council this evening.

2- Swearing-in of Newly Appointed 3rd Ward Alderman – Jim Conard

City Council was left with a vacancy in the 3rd ward following Alderman Wells' passing late last year. The vacant position has two years left in the current term. Illinois statute states that the procedure for filling the position is through a Mayoral appointment with City Council approval. Jim Conard has expressed interest in representing the residents of the 3rd ward and has over 28 years' experience in local government and community service. Conard currently serves on the Warren County Crimestoppers Board, the Warren County 911 Board, and a retired Fire Chief from Monmouth.



City Clerk Susan Trevor administering the Oath Of Office to Jim Conard

3- Fire Department Monthly Report – Chief Rexroat

- The fire department hosted an Instructor II class for the Monmouth Firefighters and area fire departments taught by instructors from the Illinois Fire Service Institute. The Instructor II class teaches firefighters how to provide training to other firefighters. The firefighters learn about writing performance objectives, developing lesson plans, preparing instructional materials, constructing evaluation devices, demonstrating selected teaching methods, completing training records and reports, and identifying reference resources. There were four firefighters from MFD and at least a dozen other firefighters from area departments who attended the training.
- A representative from the Insurance Services Office met with Chief Rexroat to obtain information in order to update the fire department's public protection classification (PPC). During the evaluation, the ISO representative receives data about the fire department, water department, and dispatch center to rate the City's fire protection services on a scale of 1-10. A rating of 1 is the best score that can be received, and a 10 means that the fire department does not meet ISO's minimum criteria. The last time Monmouth's PPC was updated was in 2014 when it went from a PPC of 5 down to a 4.
- Engine 21 and Engine 4 had minor issues involving multiple valves that were repaired.
- The fire department submitted a grant request to the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal's Small Equipment Grant Program. The state grant is administered by the Office of the State Fire Marshal and was established to provide assistance up to \$26,000 to purchase small firefighting and ambulance equipment. There is \$3.5 million available this application period. MFD has requested \$25,348 to replace the current front-line extrication equipment and to retrofit the existing equipment's connections to be compatible with newer tools. The department's current extrication equipment is over 20 years old.

4- Police Department Monthly Report – Chief Switzer

- Last month the Illinois State Legislature voted on and passed a Criminal Justice Reform Omnibus Bill. This bill will have a significant impact on law enforcement in the State of Illinois
- The department is currently accepting applications for the position of custodian
- A new blower was installed on a furnace in the building

5- Ordinance 21-005 – Special Ordinance Authorizing the Ceding of Private Activity Bonding Authority

*This ordinance is an annual request that is performed as part of a long-term regional economic development initiative. **No local tax dollars are being used.***

Every year the State of Illinois grants home rule communities the ability to bond 1 million dollars for private activity if they choose. Traditionally, smaller home rule communities in this area of the state partner with the Western Illinois Economic Development Authority on large-scale projects when private bonding authority is exercised.

When smaller communities like Monmouth pool their collective authority, it allows them to access a much larger pool of resources that may be used for projects that include housing developments and large industrial projects.

A motion was made for approval and was **approved**.

6– Executive Session Per Illinois Statute 5 ILCS 120/2 to Consider Collective Bargaining Negotiations
No action was taken upon return to the regular session.

7- Other Business

No other business was discussed tonight.

Report compiled by Ken Helms, City of Monmouth

CITY OF MONMOUTH				
Summary of Expenses				
As of February 11, 2021				
	2020-2021	Monthly	YTD	% Expended
	Budget	Expense	Expense	YTD
GENERAL FUND				
Municipal Operations	\$ 1,540,479.00	\$ 66,029.52	\$ 1,061,315.43	68.90%
IT Support	101,046.00	4,632.28	63,431.25	62.77%
Solid Waste	817,512.00	56,562.90	628,382.33	76.87%
Social Security/IMRF	123,000.00	3,690.00	83,084.98	67.55%
Boards & Commissions	5,500.00	-	1,399.04	25.44%
Police Department	3,533,670.00	115,242.29	2,705,607.61	76.57%
Zoning Department	134,800.00	3,812.78	58,421.61	43.34%
Fire Department	2,498,343.00	65,753.81	2,027,455.92	81.15%
GENERAL FUND	\$ 8,754,350.00	\$ 315,723.58	\$ 6,629,098.17	75.72%
CEMETERY FUND				
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00	0.00
FIRE TRUCK RESERVE				
	\$ 295,000.00	\$ -	\$ 366,309.21	124.17%
DEBT SERVICE FUND				
	\$ 2,295,610.00	\$ -	\$ 2,320,495.41	101.08%
MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND				
	\$ 410,000.00	\$ -	\$ 456,110.05	111.25%
LOCAL MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND				
	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ 33,920.90	22.61%
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND				
	\$ 1,011,160.00	\$ -	\$ 757,701.80	74.93%
DOWNTOWN FAÇADE				
	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,217.85	81.45%
WATER AND SEWER FUND				
	\$ 5,990,892.00	\$ 553,273.76	\$ 5,620,191.41	93.81%
Bond Proceeds (Capital Projects)		\$ -	\$ 1,148,844.91	
Smithfield \$10.6 M loan		\$ 496,255.85	\$ 4,919,822.10	
REVOLVING LOAN FUND				
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
HOMESTEAD FUND				
	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
CDAP HOUSING GRANT				
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,235.00	0.00%
TIF DOWNTOWN #1				
	\$ 230,200.00	\$ -	\$ 163,361.41	70.96%
TIF NORTH 6TH #2				
	\$ 48,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,694.35	16.03%
This is not a month end report of all funds.				