



CITY OF MONMOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



Date: Monday, June 18, 2018

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:** Alderman Dave Rutledge, Alderwoman Susan Twomey, Aldermen Dan Heatherly, Joe Clark and Justin Thomas **Absent:** Aldermen Brian Daw, Bob Wells and Juan Pinedo **Also Present:** Mayor Rod Davies, City Clerk Susan S. Trevor, City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher, City Attorney Marcum Spears, MFD Chief Casey Rexroat, MPD Chief Joe Switzer, Building and Zoning Director Wade Woodward, IT Director Ken Helms, Woodard and Curran Public Works Director Andy Jackson and Andy Bell-Baltaci of the Review Atlas.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the June 4, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderwoman Twomey and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to approve the June 4, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **AYE:** Aldermen Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Heatherly and Clark **PASS:** Alderman Thomas **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Daw, Wells and Pinedo **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

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

There were none to be considered.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Bills (Items on Consent Agenda will not be discussed unless a request is made to remove an item for discussion)

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the Bills as presented. **AYE:** Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Heatherly, Clark and Thomas **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Daw, Wells and Pinedo **MOTION CARRIED.**

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. M.F.D. May Report – Chief Rexroat

- 🔥 The department participated with OSF in Hazmat training
- 🔥 Firefighters attended an Opioid Awareness training that was held at the Police Department.
- 🔥 Firefighters also attended the Lincoln School Carnival and spent time with the children in Pattee Park.
- 🔥 Assistant Chief Pat Spears and I participated in Career Day at Harding School and talked with each class about what it is like to be a firefighter.
- 🔥 The department assisted with the Special Olympics.
- 🔥 The hydrant flushing is almost complete.
- 🔥 The construction repairs for the damage caused by the storm last October at the North Station started last week.

B. M.P.D. May Report – Chief Switzer

- I took part in the opening ceremony for the Special Olympics.
- Active Intruder Drills were conducted at United Junior High School.
- MPD Officers participated in Career Day at M-R Junior High School.
- The Downhill Derby was held on May 26th with 20 kids participating.
- Narcan training was completed with all MPD officers now carrying Naloxone Kits.
- The first distant learning class was held at MPD. Class was actually presented in East Moline and pushed out to MPD via the Internet. MPD is now fully operational as a distant learning site.
- IPRF Grant monies were used to purchase 14 outer vest carriers that the officers will begin wearing in July.
- The new squad car that was budgeted for this year was ordered through Morrow Brothers Ford, which is the State contract holder for the Ford Interceptor Utility vehicle, in Greenfield, Illinois. The vehicle will arrive in approximately 12 weeks.

C. Stop Sign at East 5th Avenue and South 8th Street Discussion

Mayor Davies explained that there has been a request to place a stop sign on East 5th Avenue at the intersection of East 5th Avenue and South 8th Street. Currently there is a yield sign on East 5th. A petition of signatures asking for the placement of a stop sign at this intersection has been submitted to the City as there are many children in this area and people are concerned for their safety as well as the many near miss accidents that have occurred. After discussion, **it was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to have City Attorney Spears draft an ordinance for placement of a stop sign on East 5th Avenue at the intersection with South 8th Street.** AYE: Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Heatherly, Clark, Thomas and Rutledge NAY: none ABSENT: Aldermen Daw, Wells and Pinedo **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Discussion on Proposed Utility Tax

City Administrator Steinbrecher explained that the City is still having a significant revenue problem. The State is continuing to use monies that should be going to local municipalities, which impacts local budgets. The City's large revenue budget deficit has two main causes:

- 1) Significant insurance claims two years ago.
- 2) Loss of State Revenue

Home Rule communities have the power to levy up to 5% tax increases. Administrator Steinbrecher is proposing a 1.25% utility tax. He also pointed out that in June the electrical aggregation started a new contract with a 2.9% savings for its customers. As a final point, Administrator Steinbrecher said that he believes that a utility tax is the fairest way to give the City additional revenue to help fill its revenue deficit. Mayor Davies added that this tax does cut across the entire community and is not one that would only affect property owners. The ultimate goal has always been to contain costs before raising taxes or fees. **It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to direct City Attorney Spears to draft an ordinance establishing a gas and electric utility tax of 1.25% for the City of Monmouth.** AYE: Aldermen Heatherly, Clark, Thomas, Rutledge and Alderwoman Twomey NAY: none ABSENT: Aldermen Daw, Wells and Pinedo **MOTION CARRIED.**

VI. ORDINANCES

A. 1st Reading

1. 18-019, Variance, 707 N. 11th Street, Roger Davis

City Attorney Spears explained that due to a lack of majority of Council members present, Ordinance 18-019 would need to be brought back for a second reading at the next Council meeting.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Per Illinois statute 5ILCS 120/2 to consider possible sale/lease of City Property with possible action to follow upon return to Regular Session.

1. It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. AYE: Aldermen Heatherly, Clark, Thomas, Rutledge and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Daw, Wells and Pinedo **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. It was moved by Alderman Rutledge and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to return to Regular Session at 6:45 p.m. AYE: Aldermen Heatherly, Clark, Thomas, Rutledge and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Daw, Wells and Pinedo **MOTION CARRIED.**

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

It was moved by Alderwoman Twomey and seconded by Alderman Clark to direct City Administrator Steinbrecher to negotiate a lease for the City owned Armory building with the Crossing Church and to have the City Attorney draft the negotiated lease for consideration at the July 2nd Council Meeting. AYE: Aldermen Clark, Thomas, Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Heatherly **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Daw, Wells, and Pinedo **MOTION CARRIED.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote with the exception of Aldermen Daw, Wells and Pinedo, who were absent.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor