



**CITY OF MONMOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**



Date: Monday, July 16, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: 100 East Broadway
Monmouth, Illinois

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A motion was made by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Wells to appoint Alderman Dan Heatherly as Mayor Pro-Tem in Mayor Davies absence. AYE: Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Clark and Rutledge **NAY:** none **ABSTAIN:** Alderman Heatherly **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas and Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Heatherly 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 Dave Rutledge, Brian Daw, Bob Wells, Juan Pinedo and Joe Clark **Absent:** Alderman Justin Thomas and Alderwoman Susan Twomey **Also Present:** Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Heatherly, 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. **Also Absent:** Mayor Rod Davies

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the July 2, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Rutledge and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to approve the July 2, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. AYE: Aldermen Rutledge, Daw, Wells, Pinedo and Clark **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas and Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

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

Bob Simmons, 801 N. 10th Street, addressed the Council with his concerns about the proliferation of signs with some being flashing, temporary placed and the many newer designed "feather signs" and especially those advertising slots. He feels that all these signs other than those adhered to their place of business are an indication of a lack of confidence by business owners in their business and send the wrong message to those who come to Monmouth as visitors.

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

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. MFD June Report – Chief Rexroat

- 🔥 There were 90 calls in the month of June bringing the total of yearly calls to 662.
- 🔥 There were three fires responded to on the same day with a MABAS response to Roseville, a shed fire and a car fire here in town that is still under investigation.
- 🔥 The firefighters assisted with the Relay for Life event as well as the Healthy Kids Day sponsored by OSF Holy Family Hospital.
- 🔥 Free smoke alarms have been placed in 70 homes to date with more left to be given out.
- 🔥 Emergency evacuation training was given to staff at Legacy Estates.
- 🔥 Testing for the Fire fighter eligibility list was held with six people testing. Now when testing the candidates must have their basic EMT certification in order to be eligible for the list. Next week interviews will be conducted with those who qualified.
- 🔥 Plans need to be made for fire truck replacement as two engines are 14 years old; the tower truck is 18 years old and another truck is 20 years old. It is important to not have trucks break down while responding to an emergency. From 2016 to present, the department has gone over budgeted amounts of \$17,000 to \$20,000 by \$5,000 to \$8,500 in repairs for the existing trucks.

B. MPD June Report – Chief Switzer

- Monthly statistics are in web packet.
- On June 15th, MPD assisted the “Run for Fallen Heroes” runners who were running from Burlington to Galesburg on Route 34. MPD escorted them from edge of town to as far as Cameron.
- I gave a talk to the Triad group at Strom Center for Seniors.
- Testing for the eligibility list for hiring new police officers was scheduled for June 16th, but since only three people applied, the testing was postponed in order to try to attract more interested candidates. This shortage of potential interested people is a nationwide problem.
- Officers attended a community event at Lincoln Homes.
- Two arrests for possession of meth were made.
- Several officers attended training in Youth Mental Health First Aid and Crisis Intervention Team Training.

C. BNSF Sale and Service Agreement for Crossing on North Main Street

Administrator Steinbrecher explained that several months ago the City filed a complaint with the ICC concerning the removal of the railroad tracks on North Main Street due to the lack of cooperation by BNSF. After much negotiation, BNSF is going to cost share with the City for removal of the tracks with BNSF paying \$50,035 and the City paying \$14,965. Public Works Director Andy Jackson said that Laverdiere Construction has been given the project for a cost of \$65,000 and are planning to begin around the middle of September with the actual removal taking about a week to complete. According to Administrator Steinbrecher in order to move forward with the removal of the tracks, the City needs to approve the sale of the crossing and a service agreement with BNSF.

It was moved by Alderman Rutledge and seconded by Alderman Wells to approve both the Sale and Service Agreement with BNSF. AYE: Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Clark and Rutledge **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas and Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Alderman Rutledge and seconded by Alderman Wells to authorize the City to enter into a contract for \$65,000 with Laverdiere Construction for the removal of the railroad tracks on North Main Street. AYE: Aldermen Wells, Pinedo, Clark, Rutledge and Daw **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas and Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

VI. ORDINANCES

A. 1st Reading

1. 18-024, Amending Chapter 126, Motor Fuel Tax

Administrator Steinbrecher explained that the funds realized from a proposed gas tax will be placed in a restricted account to be used only for street maintenance. The tax being proposed is at the rate of one cent (\$0.01) of each U.S. gallon sold. It is difficult to predict exactly how much revenue it will generate as it unknown at this point exactly how many gallons are being sold at each station. An estimate is that it will bring in an additional \$22,000 per year. Public Works Director Andy Jackson added that the City currently is allocated around \$240,000, which is determined by the City's population, from the State for street maintenance. **It was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to approve Ordinance 18-024, but due to lack of majority for approval it would need to be moved to August 6th Council Meeting for a 2nd Reading. AYE:** Aldermen Pinedo, Clark, Rutledge, Daw and Wells **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas and Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

After further discussion, **it was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to amend Ordinance 18-024 to increase the proposed one cent (\$0.01) tax to two cents (\$0.02) per each U.S. gallon sold. AYE:** Aldermen Clark, Rutledge, Daw, Wells and Pinedo **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas and Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none to be considered.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote with the exception of Alderman Thomas and Alderwoman Twomey, who were absent.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor