



CITY OF MONMOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



Date: Monday, September 21, 2020

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:** Aldermen Justin Thomas, Tony Cook, Alderwoman Twomey (remotely), Aldermen Robert Wells, Juan Pinedo and Alderwoman Mary Kelly **Absent:** Aldermen Brian Daw and Dan Heatherly **Also Present:** Mayor Rod Davies, City Clerk Susan S. Trevor, City Attorney Marcum Spears and Administrator Lew Steinbrecher **Also Present in Adjacent Room:** Communications Director Ken Helms, Building and Zoning Director Joe Clark, MFD Chief Casey Rexroat, MPD Chief Joe Switzer and Woodard and Curran Public Works Director Andy Jackson

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of September 8, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Wells to approve the September 8, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes as corrected. AYE: Aldermen Thomas, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey (remotely), Aldermen Wells, Pinedo and Alderwoman Kelly **ABSENT:** Aldermen Daw and Heatherly **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL

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

Sarah Walters from Market Alley Wines thanked the City for all the support and assistance they provided during the initial lockdown for COVID-19. She also inquired if it might be possible to extend provisions for outdoor seating beyond the October 31st deadline and if it could be provided again in the 2021 season as it has been highly successful for not only Market Alley Wines, but also Tooties DTL and the downtown area as well. Mayor Davies stated that the City would certainly take the request into consideration and review the outdoor seating provisions.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Bills

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

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. MFD August Report – Chief Rexroat

- 🔥 There were 120 calls during the month of August with quite a few of these calls being medical calls.
- 🔥 The department was involved in the shooting incident last week and Chief Rexroat wanted to compliment the Police Department and the Dispatchers with their excellent handling of the situation.
- 🔥 The two firefighters who were temporarily furloughed during the initial shutdown due to COVID-19 are back to work after completing their basic training at the Fire Academy and are doing well.
- 🔥 Captain Peeler arranged for a basic extrication class to be held at the North Station and it was well attended.
- 🔥 9 outlying departments attended a MABAS meeting at the North Station.
- 🔥 The entire department toured Loves Travel Stop to familiarize themselves with the facility.

B. MPD August Report – Chief Switzer

- A protocol list for Sergeant was established.
- Two pounds of marijuana was seized at the local Post Office.
- A new part-time dispatcher has been hired.
- One officer is on long term medical leave as well as one person on short term medical leave and another employee is on furlough.

C. Racing for Dream/Running for Riley – Staci Bass, Warren County Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. in previous years has held a Dancing with the Stars event to raise money for their scholarship program, but due to the COVID-19 restrictions, they would like instead to hold a 5K run/walk event on October 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. The Y.M.C.A. also is partnering with the Riley Thomas Foundation as their Color Run was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. The proceeds will be equally divided between the two organizations. The route has been reviewed and approved by Chief Switzer. **It was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Kelly to approve the above-stated request for a 5K run/walk.**

AYE: Alderwoman Twomey (remotely), Aldermen Wells, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen Thomas and Cook **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Daw and Heatherly
MOTION CARRIED.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Alderwoman Kelly asked if it would be possible to hear what the 353 Court firm has been working on. Mayor Davies responded that they have been meeting with businesses and the City and a progress report will be forthcoming.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Wells to adjourn the September 21, 2020 meeting at 6:20 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote with the exception of Aldermen Daw and Heatherly, who were absent.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor