



**CITY OF MONMOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Monday June 6, 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, Jim Conard, Juan Pinedo, Alderwoman Mary Kelly and Alderman John VanVleet **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 and Woodard & Curran Regional Area Director Greg Frieden

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of May 16, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Conard to approve the May 16, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **AYE:** Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman VanVleet **NAY:** none **PASS:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL

A. Presentations or Citizen Inquiries

1. Local AFSCME President Jayme Horner

Jayme Horner, AFSCME President, presented several concerns on behalf of the local dispatchers as follows:

- ✓ For the last 2 and a half years the dispatchers have worked short staffed.
- ✓ In negotiations for a new contract, the AFSCME is asking for a \$5 to \$6 per hour raise.
- ✓ The job of a dispatcher is stressful and hard.
- ✓ In the past there have been two dispatchers on duty per shift and presently there is only one. They feel this is not safe for not only the citizens, but also for the first responders.
- ✓ Ms. Horner read letters from the local firefighters' union and the Warren County Sheriff's Office supporting the dispatchers' proposal.

Ms. Horner thanked the Council for hearing AFSCME'S concerns.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Bills

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

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. Council Proclamation

Mayor Davies called for a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring LGBTQ+ Month for the month of June. **It was moved by Alderwoman Twomey and seconded by Alderman Daw to approve the Proclamation declaring LGBTQ+ Month for the month of June. AYE:** Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman Cook **NAY:** Aldermen VanVleet and Thomas. Alderwoman Twomey then read the Proclamation declaring LGBTQ+ Month in the City of Monmouth during the month of June. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Building and Zoning May Report – Director Clark

- ✓ Junk and Debris notices are continuing to be sent out.
- ✓ By the end of the month there should be two unsafe houses ready to be demolished.
- ✓ Open projects: First Methodist Church, Monmouth Town Homes; Park District Office and Vaughn's Restaurant buildout.
- ✓ Completed projects: OSF Holy Medical Center

C. Woodard and Curran April Report – W & C Regional Director Frieden

- Greg Frieden let the Council know that Andy returned to work today for short term.
- IMEG is beginning to plan for this year's MFT program and will be present at next Council meeting to present the plan. They will also send a Resolution that must be passed prior to sending all the paperwork to IDOT for approval. Everything should be ready to go in mid- August.
- One half of the paint for the street painting has finally arrived; therefore, work should begin next week.
- Our Engineering Department received the survey documents for the East Euclid water main project and will now begin finishing the design work to submit for permitting and then will go out for bids once approval for the project has been received.

D. Proposal to Seal S.W. City Hall Roof and Coat Parapet Wall – Director Clark

Director Clark explained that the roof of City Hall in the Southwest section is bad from the North side to the Southwest corner and needs to be repaired. It was put out for bid and Andy's Roofing came in with a low bid of \$17,864.00 with a 2-year warranty on the material. The Administration is recommending acceptance of the bid from Andy's Roofing. **It was moved by Alderman Conard and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to accept the bid of \$17,864.00 from Andy's Roofing to seal the Southwest section of the City Hall roof and coat the parapet wall. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen Thomas, Cook and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

E. Approval of Sale of MFD Surplus Ladder Truck

Chief Rexroat explained that since declaring the ladder truck surplus and advertising it for sale, there have only been a few calls. A private buyer recently came forward and offered \$14,000 to purchase the truck. Chief Rexroat is recommending acceptance of the offer of \$14,000. **It was moved by Alderwoman Kelly and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to accept the offer of \$14,000 for the surplus ladder truck. AYE:** Aldermen Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Thomas, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw. **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. Approval of M-R High School Bioretention Basins Bid

Administrator Steinbrecher explained that there was a bid opening on May 24th for the construction of the Bioretention Basin in the M-R High School parking lot. This project will be a collaborative project with the high school to allow for less storm water to run off into combined sewers and create combined sewer overflows. In spite of reaching out to a number of contractors to encourage them to bid, only one bid was received and that was from Advanced Plumbing and Mechanical for \$200,000. Woodard and Curran has reviewed the bid and is recommending acceptance of Advanced Plumbing and Mechanical's bid. **It was moved by Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderman Cook to accept the bid of \$200,000 from Advanced Plumbing and Mechanical for the construction of the Bioretention Basin in the M-R High School parking lot. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Thomas, Cook and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

G. Approval of Term Sheet with Taqueria San Jose to renovate 411 N. Main Street

Administrator Steinbrecher explained that Gilberto Vazquez, who is the owner of Taqueria San Jose, has requested to be able to receive a rebate incentive through the Main Street Tax Increment Financing District in order to rehabilitate the existing building located at 411 N. Main Street. This building is within the Main Street TIF District. There are no upfront out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the City, but rather the City will rebate 90% of the net incremental increase of annual real estate taxes due the City as TIF revenues from that property. The Administration is recommending approval of the term sheet with Gilberto Vazquez. **It was moved by Alderman Conard and seconded by Alderman Daw to approve the above-referenced term sheet with Gilberto Vazquez for renovating 411 N. Main Street. AYE:** Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Thomas, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard and Pinedo **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

H. Amendment to WIRC Service Agreement to Administer \$2 million Rebuild Illinois Grant

Administrator Steinbrecher reminded the Council that the City had received a \$2 million grant for infrastructure and in January approved an agreement with WIRC to administer the grant. The original term of the agreement was from January 2022 through June 2023; however, WIRC has requested to extend the term of the agreement from January 2022 through November 2024. The Administration is recommending approval of the amendment. **It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman VanVleet to approve the amendment extending the term of the WIRC agreement through November 2024. AYE:** Aldermen VanVleet, Thomas, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo and Alderwoman Kelly **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Per Illinois Statute 5ILCS120/2 to consider Union Negotiations with possible action upon return to Regular Session.

1. It was moved by Alderwoman Kelly and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to go into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to consider Union Negotiations. AYE: Aldermen Thomas, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman VanVleet **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to return to Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. AYE: Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet and Thomas **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Davies called for a motion on the grievance filed by AFSCME. **It was moved by Alderwoman Kelly and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to deny the grievance that was filed by AFSCME. AYE:** Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman Cook **NAY:** none **PASS:** Aldermen Conard, VanVleet and Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman VanVleet to adjourn the June 6, 2022 meeting at 7:05 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor