



**CITY OF MONMOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**



Date: Monday, April 17, 2017

Time: 7:00 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 7:00 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:** Alderwoman Dawn Johnson, Aldermen Dave Rutledge, Alderwoman Susan Twomey, Brian Daw, Bob Wells, Dennis Willhardt, Dan Heatherly and Joe Clark **Also Present:** Mayor Rod Davies, City Administrator Lowell Crow, City Attorney Marcum Spears, City Clerk Susan S. Trevor, MFD Chief Casey Rexroat, MPD Chief Bill Feithen, Woodard & Curran Public Works Director Andy Jackson, Director of Building and Zoning Wade Woodward, T. J. Carson from Public Radio and Andy Bell-Baltaci from the Review Atlas. **Absent:** Community Development Director Paul Schuytema

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 3, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderwoman Johnson and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the April 3, 2017 minutes as presented. AYE: Alderwoman Johnson, Aldermen Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Willhardt, Heatherly and Clark **NAY:** none **PASS:** Alderman Wells **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL

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

1. Citizen Comments

Mr. Hewy Stegall addressed the Council regarding concerns from some retired teachers as to a proposed increase in garbage fees. He also expressed concern that a smaller company might not get the bid for the new garbage pickup contract.

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 Aldermen Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to approve the Consent Agenda as presented for the approval of the bills with that being the only item on the Consent Agenda. AYE: Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly, Clark and Alderwoman Johnson **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Committee of the Whole Discussion Items – possible action to follow

1. MFD March Report – Chief Rexroat

- The department responded to 109 total calls for the month of March
- There were two house fires in March on the same day. The fires were put out fairly quickly but caused extensive damage with a call back to one house.
- Several firefighters participated in a Merit Badge Academy at Monmouth College held for Boy Scouts. They taught basics of first aid.
- The department has begun using a service to provide a better way to notify off duty personnel of the need to respond to an incident. In the past, it was done on pagers and the incident commanders had no idea who was coming in and who was not. With the new service that is done through an app downloaded to firefighter's phones, everyone will be able to know who is on their way back to the station and is able to help at an incident and who is not available. This will greatly help incident commanders with determining when mutual aid is needed and how fast the department will be able to leave the City when they are requested for mutual aid.
- The department is also working with the American Red Cross to provide free smoke detectors to those who need or request them.

2. MPD March Report – Chief Feithen

- The data for the month is contained in the web packets.
- The officers have finished Active Shooters drills in schools.
- The department is in the final stages of testing for a new hire to replace Bob Myers, who retired.
- Unit 9 is going to be declared surplus property as it is the oldest vehicle in the fleet and has some major issues. A decision has not been made as of yet as to whether to junk it or auction it off.
- The annual FOP-Ken Russell Fishing Derby will be held on May 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It is a good family event. The department pays for the additional fish stocked for the derby.
- The 2016-17 Annual Report is published on the City Website and the MPD Facebook page. The report was put together with a team effort.

3. Approval of Garbage Pick-up Contract

Mayor Davies explained that we had four bids submitted for garbage pick-up with two companies offering bag pick-up as we have now and two companies offering toter pick-up. Two clean-up weeks were included in all the bids. Administrator Crow interjected that all four bids included toters. He also added that the City took an informal survey and most of the responders were definitely in favor of toters. Dave Schwab from Waste Management addressed the Council to let them know that they had bid the curbside pick-up as well as taking over the transfer station and felt that their rates were the best. Mayor Davies responded that the City's concern were the rates increase over the life of the contract and the City has decided not to give up the operation of the transfer station. Kenny Jackson from Jackson Disposal spoke to the Council and said that his company had the lowest bid for curbside pick-up. Administrator Crow answered that the City was concerned about the five year rate averages. Tammy Adams from Jackson Disposal also addressed the Council to let them know that Jackson Disposal had been in

business for 31 years and had 11 other contracts with other communities. Alderman Willhardt expressed his concern as to whether Jackson Disposal could handle a community this size as their other contracts were with smaller communities. **It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Wells to award the five year curbside garbage pick-up by toters contract to Millennium Waste, Inc.** AYE: Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Heatherly, Clark, Alderwoman Johnson and Alderman Rutledge NAY: Willhardt **MOTION CARRIED.**

V. ORDINANCES

A. 1st Reading

1. 17-007, Amending 2016-2017 Budget

Administrator Crow explained that the City is under budget on expenditures and is simply adjusting line items in this amendment. **It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve Ordinance 17-007, Amending the 2016-2017 Budget.** AYE: Aldermen Daw, Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly, Clark, Alderwoman Johnson, Alderman Rutledge and Alderwoman Twomey NAY: none **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. 17-008, Adopting 2017-2018 Budget

Mayor Davies explained that it is a balanced budget and that the \$117,000 left in the MFT fund will be carried over to use with a larger MFT project in 2018. **It was moved by Alderwoman Twomey and seconded by Alderman Wells to approve adopting the 2017-2018 Budget as presented.** AYE: Aldermen Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly, Clark, Alderwoman Johnson, Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw NAY: none **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. 17-009, Granting Variance – Blackman; 17-010, Granting Variance – Nolan; 17-011, Granting Variance – Stephens

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Daw to approve the above- stated Ordinances as presented. AYE: Aldermen Willhardt, Heatherly, Clark, Alderwoman Johnson, Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw and Wells NAY: none **MOTION CARRIED.**

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Per Illinois Statute 5ILC 120/2 to consider Contract Negotiations with possible action to be taken upon return to Regular Session.

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Clark to go into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to consider Contract Negotiations. AYE: Aldermen Heatherly, Clark, Alderwoman Johnson, Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells and Willhardt NAY: none **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Return to Regular Session

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to return to Regular Session at 8:00 p.m. AYE: Alderman Clark, Alderwoman Johnson, Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Willhardt and Heatherly NAY: none **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Approval of Contracts (4)

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to approve the contracts for Community Development Director Paul Schuytema, IT Director Ken Helms, MFD Chief Casey Rexroat and Sustainability Coordinator Chad Braatz.

AYE: Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Willhardt, Heatherly, Clark and Alderman Daw **NAY:** Alderwoman Johnson **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Administrator Crow Updates

1. Resignation

Administrator Crow informed the Council that he has submitted his resignation to take a position with the City of Freeport, Illinois. It is effective May 15, 2017. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the City of Monmouth and said that he has enjoyed his time as Administrator with the City. Mayor Davies thanked Administrator Crow for his service.

2. Withdrawal of Property Offer

Administrator Crow informed the Council that Sav-A-Lot Grocery Store has withdrawn their offer for the 7 acre City owned property that was formerly owned by John Bocuzzi.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor