

## **City Council Meeting Summary 08.19.2019**

*Next City Council Meeting – September 2nd, 2019 at 6:00 PM*

*Official Minutes available at [www.cityofmonmouth.com](http://www.cityofmonmouth.com)*

### **Public Hearing – CDBG Grant Application**

The City is currently completing a water main replacement project in the southern part of town. This project was funded through a CDBG grant and has allowed for the main and their appurtenances to be replaced without a significant financial strain to the budget. The City would like to apply for a second round of the grant to allow for additional water main replacement in another area of town. As part of the grant process, a public hearing must be held to discuss the project with those who wish to be involved with the project.

### **1- Presentations Or Citizen Inquiries**

No presentations or inquiries were performed this evening.

### **2- MFD July Report – Chief Rexroat**

Last month the Police Department had a unique operation which involved the removal of over 80 cats from a residence. The event took a considerable amount of resources and time to resolve. The police department would like to express their thanks to the Western Illinois Animal Rescue for the resources and time they devoted during the operation and for the continued care of the animals after. Chief Switzer also spoke to Council about the professionalism and dedication the department showed during this sensitive operation and wished to publicly recognize the work that PSO Avery did before, during and after the event.

- The annual Maple City Street Machine's car show had no incidents of note that occurred.
- Lt. Bratcher presented the PD's Alice program to the Macomb School District and the West Central School district in Henderson County.
- MPD and Drug Task Force executed a search warrant at a residence in the County seizing a large amount of cannabis that had been transported from Colorado to Monmouth.

### **3- MPD July Report – Chief Switzer**

- The department conducted training on low angle rescue techniques. Low angle rescue is needed when an incident occurs involving a hill or incline up to a 35-degree angle. Generally, in these types of events, the rescuers can stand on the incline but need the rope for balance or hauling a patient up or down to be rescued. In these instances, hauling systems are made with rope and other hardware to allow the patient to be safely moved up or down the incline.
- Prior to the opening of Fareway Foods, all of the shifts completed a walkthrough of the building to learn where the utilities, exits, access points, and fire department connections are located in case of an emergency.

#### **4- Monmouth College Request for The Great Pumpkin 5k Race**

Monmouth College would like to host a 5k race to raise breast cancer awareness. The event will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 07:45 – 10:00. Registration for the event will be promoted on the college's social media pages, their website and other outlets in the coming weeks.



*The race route on October 5th*

#### **5- Video Gaming Regulations and Fees Discussion**

The State Of Illinois has expanded the regulations on video gaming machines recently. The State has now granted the ability for the City to expand the current limit on the number of machines a single business can have from 5 to 6.

The gaming regulations also allow the City to impose an annual machine fee that is required to operate video gaming inside the City limits. The majority of municipalities in Illinois require video gaming operators to pay a fee to operate the machines; however, Monmouth does not have this established in our ordinance.

Administrator Steinbrecher and Attorney Spears spoke to Council regarding the new law changes and asked them for their feedback. City Council discussed the various pros and cons with raising or lowering the limit on the number of machines available per establishment.

*City Administration will gather input over the coming weeks and will return with an ordinance for Council approval at a later time.*

## **6- Discussion on New Marijuana Legislation**

The State's legalization of cannabis will take effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Under the new law, municipalities may restrict dispensaries from operating within their jurisdiction if they so choose. An ordinance which prohibits dispensaries will not restrict the recreational consumption of the product, nor will it restrict medical cannabis. Attorney Spears briefed Council on the law changes and the various ways that they may restrict the sale of the retail product.

*City Administration will gather input over the coming weeks and will return with an ordinance restricting the sale of recreational cannabis for Council approval at a later time.*

## **6- Ordinances & Resolutions**

### **A. Resolution – Community Development Block Grant**

This item is related to this evening's public hearing. The resolution authorizes the City to apply for the CDBG program formally.

A motion for approval was made and was **approved**.

### **B. Ordinance – Amendment to Sidewalk Café Ordinance**

At the last City Council meeting, a request from a local business owner for a sidewalk café was discussed. Upon review of the ordinance, it was found that a restaurant is defined as an establishment that prepares, cooks, and serves food and derives at least 50% of its revenues from the sale of food. The Administration believes that expansion on the ordinance would create an opportunity to enrich the attractiveness of downtown Monmouth.

A summary of the changes includes:

- A new definition of the word "lounge" for businesses that hold a liquor license but receives less than 50% of their revenues derived from food sales.
- Restricted hours of operation for the sidewalk café from Noon – 7:00 PM. These hours will not affect the internal hours of operation.

Businesses who wish to introduce a sidewalk café will be required to request a permit from Zoning and will be required to present a site plan for review.

During discussion, City Council requested a small modification to the draft ordinance which would change the hours of operation to from **11:00 AM – 10:00 PM**.

A motion was made for approval and was **approved**.

### **C. Ordinance – Variance to add an addition to a garage – 909 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street**

This item is a special zoning variance that will allow the homeowner to build an addition to the existing garage. A special variance is needed due to the proximity of the property lines. The

Zoning Board of Appeals heard this request last week and has recommended the variance with unanimous approval.

A motion was made to follow the zoning board's recommendation and was **approved**.

### **7- Executive Session**

No executive session was held tonight.

### **8- Other business**

No other business was discussed.

*Report compiled by Ken Helms, City Of Monmouth*

CITY OF MONMOUTH				
Summary of Expenses				
As of August 14, 2019				
	2019-2020	Monthly	YTD	% Expended
	Budget	Expense	Expense	YTD
GENERAL FUND				
Municipal Operations	\$ 1,620,971.00	\$ 69,979.54	\$ 543,359.86	33.52%
IT Support	99,796.00	6,272.08	31,131.65	31.20%
Solid Waste	762,110.00	58,215.47	273,185.96	35.85%
Social Security/IMRF	130,000.00	4,354.01	35,172.71	27.06%
Boards & Commissions	5,500.00	-	645.46	11.74%
Police Department	3,346,075.00	117,175.24	759,317.77	22.69%
Zoning Department	165,184.00	4,983.97	34,338.36	20.79%
Fire Department	2,315,009.00	72,920.18	532,985.11	23.02%
GENERAL FUND	\$ 8,444,645.00	\$ 333,900.49	\$ 2,210,136.88	26.17%
CEMETERY FUND				
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00
DEBT SERVICE FUND				
	\$ 2,374,471.00	\$ -	\$ 435,642.61	18.35%
MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND				
	\$ 576,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,345.44	2.14%
LOCAL MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND				
	\$ 213,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND				
	\$ 955,000.00	\$ -	\$ 151,744.65	15.89%
DOWNTOWN FAÇADE				
	\$ 12,510.00	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
WATER AND SEWER FUND				
	\$ 6,523,642.00	\$ 429,922.62	\$ 1,925,444.67	29.51%
Bond Proceeds (Capital Projects)				
		\$ -	\$ 26,466.00	
Smithfield \$3 M loan				
		\$ -	\$ 240,355.54	
REVOLVING LOAN FUND				
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
HOMESTEAD FUND				
	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
TIF DOWNTOWN #1				
	\$ 391,600.00	\$ -	\$ 61,056.39	15.59%
TIF NORTH 6TH #2				
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
This is not a month end report of all funds.				