

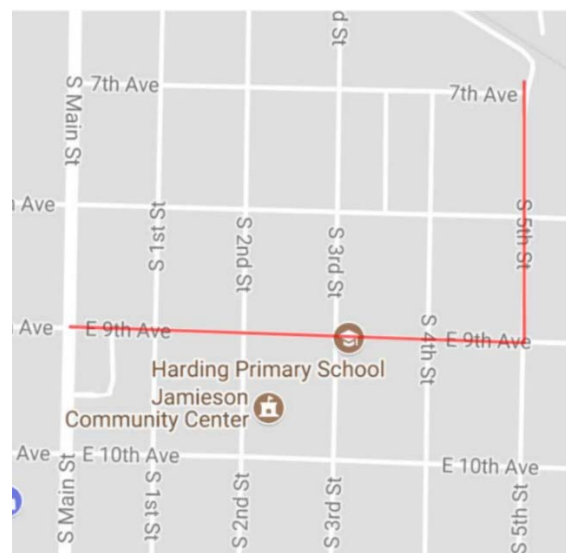


## 11.20.2017 Public Meetings and Council Summary

### **Community Block Development Grant Hearing – WIRC, Jarred Dexter**

Jarred Dexter from the Western Illinois Regional Council presented the scope of the proposed grant project to Council and the public. The application is for a section of undersized and deteriorating infrastructure in the south-east part of town. The grant allows for a maximum of 500k dollars to be requested out of a total of 14 million that is available statewide for non-metropolitan construction. Since the project exceeds the maximum grant amount of \$500k, the City will be contributing approximately 73k dollars from the water and sewer fund to cover the gap. The project “installs an excellent water main to branch off additional residential projects from” according to Public Works Director Andy Jackson.

*This potential project was also covered in our September newsletter which can be found at <http://bit.ly/COMDreports>*



### **Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant Hearing – WIRC, Josh Mercer**

The ITEP grant is targeted for the “streetscaping” category with a maximum of 2 million dollars to be requested. The potential improvements would be aimed at enhancing and revitalizing downtown and the four quadrants of the town square. The project ties closely with the extension of the downtown TIF district for another 12 years as a City match is required for the project. If the maximum grant amount is awarded for 2 million, the City match is approximately 400 hundred thousand. The funding source for a match would be through restricted use funds that are derived from the TIF district.

*This is an early stage proposal that is still dependent on a number of items. This project will be revisited multiple times and will be open for public comment.*

### **1- City Council Presentations or Citizen Inquiries – Dennis Willhardt**

Former Alderman Dennis Willhardt addressed City Council on the subject of pension funding which was a recent talk at the Chamber Of Commerce State Of The City lunch as well as being a featured story on local news outlets. Mr. Willhardt spoke about the unsustainability of the pensions and expressed a desire to talk about the issue more in depth in the future.

*Note: City Staff and pension officials will work on a public educational piece regarding the current state of the pensions and the funding mechanisms involved over the next few weeks. This piece will be available through our standard distribution outlets.*

### **2- MPD November Report – Chief Joe Switzer**

The Police Department took part in a national drug take-back program which was very successful with over 75 pounds of unused prescription medication. If any members of the public missed the available day, they can also drop any unwanted medication off at the Police Department at any time. Halloween had no incidents of note. Police have potentially identified a suspect who circulated counterfeit 100 dollar notes.

Investigators McVey, Hepner and Sgt. Blackman received awards from the Illinois MEG Directors and Task Force Commanders Association in recognition of their investigative efforts in a case which focused on a major methamphetamine supplier in both Illinois and Iowa. The officers executed multiple search warrants that led to the seizure of 7 pounds 10 ounces of methamphetamine along with \$23,151 in US currency. Five individuals received federal indictments as a result.

*Chief Switzer's extensive monthly report is also available on [www.cityofmonmouth.com](http://www.cityofmonmouth.com)*

### **3- MFD November Report – Chief Casey Rexroat**

The Fire Department conducted a number of Public Education stops last month which primarily focused on "every second counts, plan two ways out". Various schools were visited where firefighters taught fire prevention techniques to children.

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#### **4- Resolutions**

##### **A. Resolution to petition for extension of downtown TIF District**

The resolution is to petition the Illinois General Assembly for extension of the TIF district. There are additional steps that are still required which include letters of support from all affected taxing bodies. Support of the TIF district has been voted on and approved by the School District already. The remaining taxing bodies are currently being approached and voted on. A motion was made for approval and was approved.

##### **B. Joint Animal Control Contract**

This resolution is an annual contract for cost sharing of the animal control building and supplies. County Board also approved the contract at the last meeting. A motion was made for approval and was approved.

##### **C. Resolution for CDBG grant**

The resolution is to support the application for the CDBG grant which would focus on water infrastructure improvement in the southeast part of town. A Motion was made for approval and was approved.

##### **D. Resolution for ITEP grant**

The resolution is to support the application for the ITEP grant which would focus on downtown improvements. A motion was made for approval and was approved.

#### **5- Other Business – Approval of Council Meeting time change**

A motion was made to change the December 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to 6:00 PM start time instead of 7:00 to accommodate a City staff holiday event. Regular hours will commence at the start of 2018.