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, Aldermen Brian Daw, Robert Wells, Juan Pinedo, Dan Heatherly and Alderwoman Mary Kelly Also Present: Mayor Rod Davies, City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher, City Clerk Susan S. Trevor, City Attorney Marcum Spears, MFD Chief Casey Rexroat, MPD Chief Joe Switzer, Woodard and Curran Director Andy Jackson, IT Director Ken Helms and Building and Zoning Director Joe Clark.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   A. Approval of the November 4, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes
      It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the November 4, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes. AYE: Aldermen Thomas, Cook, Twomey, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly and Alderwoman Kelly PASS: Alderman Daw NAY: none MOTION CARRIED.

IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL
   A. Presentations or Citizen Inquiries (all inquiries are limited to 3 minutes per City Ordinance)
      Mike Sheid, General Manager of Midwest Pet Foods, thanked Building and Zoning Director Joe Clark for all his assistance with Mr. Sheid’s purchase of a downtown building. He also wanted the Council to know that his employees are pleased with the return of Cottage Urgent Care to the Monmouth Crossing Strip Mall and he also feels that there is a strong entrepreneurial presence in Monmouth at this time.
   C. Consent Agenda
      1. Approval of Bills
         It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Wells to approve the payment of the bills as presented. AYE: Aldermen Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman Thomas NAY: none MOTION CARRIED.
V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. MFD October Report – Chief Rexroat

There were 103 calls in October and that includes the airport fire. The department did a good job of putting it out with MABAS assistance. He also thanked the Mayor and Alderman Daw for their help at the fire. There was a minor water issue which was handled by setting up a water shuttle system. After the airport fire incident, Roger Blackman from Public Works, came to the station with maps of the City water infrastructure and some ideas as to how to better handle large draws on the system at future fire incidents.

October was Fire Prevention Month and Firefighter Dan Chard did a very good job with promoting it and setting up school visits.

The department is working on re-doing the memorial at the South Station for Dennis Olsen who died in the line of duty.

The Halloween event at the North Fire Station went very well with the Evening Lions Club asking to be a part of it by serving hot dogs and chips to everyone.

B. MPD October Report – Chief Switzer

- October was a busy month with Safety talks, and the Halloween event at the Fire Station.
- The department now has two certified CPR Trainers – Officer Kramer and Julie Richardson. They will be conducting courses in the department in the near future.
- The department has been studying the new cannabis law that will go into effect on January 1, 2020 to develop procedures that are in accordance with the new law.

C. Approval of WWTP Phase 2 Bid

Public Works Director Jackson stated that the City had received two bids on the WWTP Phase 2 project. Needham Excavating from Walcott, Iowa submitted the lowest bid of $1,073,580.00; however, they did not meet the safety requirements for the pump. Laverdiere Construction, Inc. from Macomb, Illinois submitted the second bid of $1,192,750.00. Their bid met all the safety requirements. Mr. Jackson said the City has the two following options:

1. Approve Laverdiere as the lowest bidder.
2. Require Needham Excavating to amend their pump specifications within the bid they submitted to meet the safety requirements for the pump. After discussion, based on the City’s past experiences with faulty designed pumps, the Council chose Option 1. It was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderman Heatherly to approve Laverdiere Construction’s bid of $1,192,750.00 as the lowest bid and award them the contract for the WWTP Phase 2. AYE: Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen Thomas, Cook and Alderwoman Twomey  NAY: none  MOTION CARRIED.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

A. 19-009, Adoption of the 353 Court, LLC Downtown Report

Administrator Steinbrecher reviewed the three main focuses of the 353 Court Downtown Report as Building, Businesses and Branding and said that the group had asked for a commitment of the City through a resolution of support for their revitalization of the downtown plan through the plan’s three main focuses. He also said that there is a draft of the plan on the City’s website. It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderwoman Kelly to approve Resolution 19-009 for the adoption of the 353 Court Downtown Report. AYE: Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen Thomas, Cook and Alderwoman Twomey  NAY: none  MOTION CARRIED.
VII. ORDINANCES
   A. 1st Reading
      1. 19-033, Tax Levy (2020-2021)
         It was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to approve Ordinance 19-033, Tax Levy for 2020-2021 as presented.  AYE: Aldermen Wells, Pinedo, Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw.  ABSTAIN: Alderman Thomas  NAY: none  MOTION CARRIED.
      2. 19-034, Abating Tax on G.O.B. Series 2010 A & B
      3. 19-035, Partially Abating Tax on G.O.B. Series 2010C
      4. 19-036, Abating Tax on G.O.B. Series 2014
      5. 19-037, Abating Tax on G.O.B. Series 2015B
         It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Cook to approve Ordinance 19-034 through 19-037 collectively.  AYE: Aldermen Pinedo, Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen Thomas, Cook and Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw and Wells  NAY: none  MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS
     Alderman Wells requested again that the Council come to a decision with regards to passing a video gaming ordinance that will establish regulations for video gaming in the City. Administrator Steinbrecher asked again for input from the Aldermen to be able to draft an ordinance for regulating video gaming in the City.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
     It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Wells to adjourn the November 18, 2019 meeting at 6:25 p.m.  MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

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Mayor Rod Davies                         City Clerk Susan S. Trevor