



City Council Meeting Summary 06.22.2020

Next City Council Meeting – July 6th at 6:00 PM
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0- Public Hearing for DCEO Rebuild Illinois Grant

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The City Of Monmouth is currently pursuing a competitive grant from the State of Illinois to increase the capacity of Monmouth’s finished water system. If awarded, the initial grant will be for 5 million dollars. The current grant being discussed is from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) under the Rebuild Illinois Public Infrastructure Program to expand the municipal water system. The project qualifies for economic development funding under the program due to the fact that Monmouth has a large industrial base and will see increased job opportunities and economic expansion as industrial capacity is increased.

If awarded, these funds would be used to drill a new production well, build a water treatment plant, and construct a new elevated water storage tower. Once these improvements are completed, the water system would be able to generate an additional 1.2 million gallons a day.

No citizens wished to speak to City Council during the public hearing.

Proclamation – Ester White 100th Birthday



Happy 100th Birthday Professor Esther White
June 23, 2020

WHEREAS, Professor Esther White has seen a myriad of changes during her 50 years of teaching, beginning first at age 18, the required age in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, beginning her career teaching at rural schools in Iowa, including educating the children of families at the Fort Madison Prison; and

WHEREAS, with a few years of teaching experience under her belt, she became an Elementary School Principal in Keokuk, Iowa, not far from the family farm where she was raised; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, she began her 18 year career at Monmouth College not only teaching in the Education Department, but also supervising student teachers, retiring in 1988.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rod Davies, Mayor of the City of Monmouth, along with the Citizens of Monmouth do hereby deem it an honor and pleasure to extend Happy 100th Birthday wishes to Professor Esther White on this very special occasion and thank her for her many years of educating students who benefitted from her knowledge and dedication.

1- Presentations Or Citizen Inquiries

No presentations were made to City Council this evening.

2- New Hangar at Municipal Airport

Last year Monmouth lost its airport hangar to a fire and had been awaiting FAA/IDOT Aviation approval to proceed with a rebuild of the structure. Unfortunately, the process has not yet received attention from the appointed state bureaucrats who are responsible for the oversight.

City Administration would like to proceed with the project using insurance monies and then pursue federal reimbursement after the project has completed. Since this project qualifies for federal funding, the City only needs to cover the cost of a new hangar and a connecting runway.

- Only **insurance reimbursement** funds from the hangar fire will be used. No general fund revenue will be used on this project.
- The hangar will need to be built on the west end of the runway in order to be in accordance with the FAA-approved long-term airport layout plan.
- The hangar will house 10 airplanes and will include an office/pilots lounge.
- The City must continue to have 10 planes based at the Monmouth airport in order to continue to receive federal funds to maintain the airport.

3- Resolution - Rebuild Illinois Grant

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The resolution being presented is for the authorization of local matching funds (20%) to the project. These matching funds will be generated through the increased consumption of treated water by Monmouth’s large water consumers. No general fund revenue would be used as part of the match, and only revenue from water and sewer rate collection will be used.

The Monmouth Municipal Water System Improvement Project will consist of 4 funding sources:

DCEO Rebuild Illinois Grant	\$5,000,000
US EDA Public Works and Economic Assistance Grant	\$2,500,000
DCEO Regional Economic Development Grant	\$2,000,000
Local Water/Sewer Funds	\$2,500,000

Cost breakdown of the project

New Water Production Well	\$3,000,000
New Water Treatment Plant	\$3,600,000
New 1 Million Gallon Water Tank	\$4,200,000
Water/Sewer lines	\$1,200,000

This project is in very early stages and is dependent on securing multiple grant awards. If Monmouth does not receive 100% of the grants being applied for, the project will not continue. No funds are being released at this time, the current resolution up for approval is necessary to show the City's commitment to the project for the grant application.

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

4- Executive Session

No executive session was held tonight.

5- Other business

No other business was discussed.

Report compiled by Ken Helms, City Of Monmouth