



**CITY OF MONMOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Monday, August 16, 2021

Time: 6:00 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 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:** Alderman Tony Cook, Alderwoman Susan Twomey, Aldermen Brian Daw, Jim Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Mary Kelly and Alderman John VanVleet **Absent:** Alderman Thomas **Also Present:** Mayor Rod Davies, City Clerk Susan S. Trevor, City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher, City Attorney Marcum Spears, Woodard and Curran Public Works Director Andy Jackson, Communications Director Ken Helms, Building and Zoning Director Joe Clark, MFD Chief Casey Rexroat and MPD Chief Joe Switzer

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of August 2, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman VanVleet and seconded by Alderman Cook to approve the August 2, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. AYE: Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman VanVleet **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL

A. Presentations or Citizen Inquiries

There were none to be heard.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Bills

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the bills as presented. AYE: Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly and Aldermen VanVleet **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District Request for use of Central Park

On behalf of the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District, Mayor Davies presented their request to use Central Park on August 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for a cookout for a small group and a guest speaker. The purpose is to raise the awareness of conservation. **It was moved by Alderman Conard and seconded by Alderman VanVleet to approve the above-stated request by the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District. AYE:** Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet and Cook **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. MFD July Report – Chief Rexroat

- 🔥 There were 125 calls in August.
- 🔥 The department trained on AED's
- 🔥 Firefighter Osborne attended a grain bin collapse rescue class in Galesburg.
- 🔥 Captain Peeler is arranging to host a Fire Investigator class for next Fall as well as setting up a Ladder Operation Class with the arrival of the Department's new ladder truck.
- 🔥 Captain Cozadd organized and held a water day camp for kids as part of the Department's public education program.
- 🔥 The Department also participated in "Back Pack Days" organized by Carla Wallace at South Park.
- 🔥 The Department has been working with Ken Helms on a new reporting software system.
- 🔥 Police and Fire Commission has completed the eligibility list for hiring new firefighters.
- 🔥 Chief Rexroat thanked the Council and Administration for their support on the purchase of the new ladder truck, which should be delivered by the end of September.

C. MPD July Report – Chief Switzer

- There were 74 arrests and 174 calls for service in July.
- Officers worked an IDOT grant targeting traffic safety such as seat belt and speeding violations.
- On July 4th the department had a standoff with a domestic violence disturbance involving a knife.
- The Department received and responded to numerous complaints regarding illegal fireworks.
- Public Safety Officer Robin Avery is off work again as her previously injured wrist has not healed correctly and will require additional surgery.
- The Department also took part in the "Back Pack Days" at South Park and gave away six bicycles.
- Department investigators have begun their State mandated training to be re-certified as elite investigators.

VI. ORDINANCES

A. 1ST Reading

1. 21-020 ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Administrator Steinbrecher explained that the State of Illinois has finally started the process of allocating and distributing Federal funds to local governmental units under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The City of Monmouth is eligible for \$1,208,000. DCEO will be distributing these funds to eligible local governmental units. The State is now also requiring all non-entitlement units, which Monmouth is classified as, to execute an Award Terms and Conditions document and an Assurance of Compliance with Civil Rights Requirements Declaration. Ordinance 21-020 authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute these documents and submit them to DCEO. **It was moved by Alderwoman Kelly and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve Ordinance 21-020 as presented. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman VanVleet, Alderman Cook and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none to consider.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Cook to adjourn the August 2, 2021 meeting at 6:16 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote with the exception of Alderman Thomas, who was absent.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor