



CITY OF MONMOUTH

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 **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:** Aldermen Brad Bone, Brian Daw, Jim Conard, Juan Pinedo, Kevin Ferry and John VanVleet **Absent:** Alderwoman Twomey **Also Present:** Mayor Rod Davies, City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher, City Clerk Susan S. Trevor, City Attorney Marcum Spears, Building and Zoning Director Joe Clark, Communications Director Ken Helms, MFD Chief Casey Rexroat, MPD Chief Joe Switzer

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of December 4, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman VanVleet and seconded by Alderman Ferry to approve the December 4, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **AYE:** Aldermen Bone, Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Ferry and VanVleet **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL

A. Presentations or Citizen Inquiries

1. MPD Awards

Chief Switzer gave the background of the incident which resulted in these awards being given as follows: On February 13, 2023 a vehicle was being pursued from McDonough County into Warren County and ended with the vehicle that was being pursued crashing and bursting into flames. At the scene of the accident, Sgt. Hall employed the use of a fire extinguisher to attempt to put out the fire while Lt. Blackman entered the vehicle from the passenger door to pull the driver from the burning vehicle. Both officers acted without due regard for their own safety. Chief Switzer then presented the Life Saving Award to Sgt. Hall for his heroic action to put out the fire in the burning vehicle to save the driver's life. Next, Chief Switzer presented the Medal for Valor to Lt. Blackman for his heroic action in pulling the driver from the burning vehicle and thus saving his life.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Bills

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

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. MFD November Report – Chief Rexroat

- ✚ The Department responded to 168 calls in November.
- ✚ Firefighter Bemowski completed his EMT training and is now certified as an EMT.
- ✚ Firefighters Martin and LaFollette completed their courses at the Fire Academy in Champaign and have been assigned to a shift.
- ✚ Three different weekends, firefighters toured Smithfield to familiarize themselves with the plant layout in order to be able to better respond to any emergency at the plant.
- ✚ The department also participated in Freezing for Food event to benefit Jamieson Center.

B. MPD November Report – Chief Switzer

- In November there were 31 MPD arrests; 1,376 MPD calls and 2,977 Dispatch calls.
- Officers were present in court for 16 case hours.
- ALICE training was conducted at United High School.
- Chief Switzer gave a Veteran’s Day speech at Monmouth College.
- Chief Switzer participated in the Freezing for Food Event benefitting Jamieson Center.
- Chief Switzer attended the Warren/Monmouth Auxiliary meeting.

VI. ORDINANCES

A. 1st Reading

Mayor Davies explained that there has been no change in the figures discussed for the Tax Levy at the last Council meeting and since the levy was held at 4.99% there was not need for a Public Hearing.

1. 23-030, Property Tax Levy for 2024-2025

It was moved by Alderman Conard and seconded by Alderman Ferry to approve the 2024-2025 Property Tax Levy as presented. AYE: Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Ferry, VanVleet and Bone **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. 23-031, Partially Abating Tax for Year 2023, \$8,335,000.00 GOB, Series 2014

23-032, Abating Tax for Year 2023, \$4,065,000.00 GOB, Series 2015B

23-033, Abating Tax for Year 2023, \$7,680,00.00 GOB, Series 2020

23-034, Abating Tax for Year 2023, \$4,200,000.00 GOB, Series 2020A

23-035, Abating Tax for Year 2023, \$13,650,000.00 GOB, Series 2021 A & B

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Conard to approve the above-listed Tax Abatement Ordinances collectively. AYE: Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Ferry, VanVleet and Bone **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Per Illinois Statute 5ILCS 120/2 to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.

1. It was moved by Alderman Bone and seconded by Alderman Daw to go into Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. AYE: Aldermen Conard, Pinedo, Ferry, VanVleet, Bone and Daw **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. It was moved by Alderman Ferry and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to return to Regular Session at 6:17 p.m. AYE: Aldermen Pinedo, Ferry, VanVleet, Bone, Daw and Conard **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderwoman Twomey **MOTION CARRIED.**

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none to consider

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to adjourn the December 18th meeting at 6:17 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote with the exception of Alderwoman Twomey, who was absent.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor