



**CITY OF MONMOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 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:** Alderman Tony Cook, Alderwoman Susan Twomey, Aldermen Jim Conard, Juan Pinedo and Alderman John VanVleet **Absent:** Aldermen Justin Thomas, Brian Daw and Alderwoman Kelly **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 and Woodard & Curran Public Works Director Andy Jackson.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of January 3, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman VanVleet to approve the January 3, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. AYE: Aldermen Cook, Conard, Pinedo and Alderman VanVleet **NAY:** none **PASS:** Alderwoman Twomey **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Daw and Alderwoman Kelly **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL

A. Presentations or Citizen Inquiries

1. Proclamation

Mayor Davies read and presented a proclamation to a representative from WIRC declaring the month of January as Stalking Month.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Bills

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

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. MFD December Report – Chief Rexroat

- + The department responded to 187 calls per month in 2022, which was an increase over 2021. This increase was due mostly to more medical calls in 2022.
- + When the smoke detector act was passed, people misunderstood and thought they would have to replace their existing smoke detectors. This was not the intent of the Act. It was to allow free distribution to those homes who did not have smoke detectors installed. The department partnered with the Red Cross and has been able to install quite a few in our community.
- + After testing was done for the creation of an eligibility list for new firefighters, there were only two who qualified. The first candidate took a job elsewhere and the second candidate is being worked with to take training at the academy to become a firefighter for the Monmouth department. This leaves no prospective candidates on the eligibility list; therefore, another testing session will be scheduled.
- + Monmouth maintained its Class 4 ISO rating this year. This rating result is given to insurance companies who use this to determine premiums for their fire coverage.
- + The second unit for heating on the truck floor finally quit. The HVAC people came today to install the new system.
- + The Investigative Class that the City is hosting has been moved to City Hall due to the size of the class.

B. MPD December Report – Chief Switzer

- In December the department made 30 arrests, responded to 16 accidents and had 2,263 dispatch calls.
- In the last year the department seized \$65,000 in cash due to drug investigations and 30 pounds of marijuana.
- The Christmas on the Square event was held with no incidents.
- Chief Switzer completed the first FBI Executive Leadership course, which is the first of a three-part series. The course is through the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 23-001, City of Monmouth Support of TIF Program

Administrator Steinbrecher explained that in recent legislative sessions some legislators have introduced a bill that would place severe limits on the TIF program. IML has asked the City to pass a resolution of support of the current program and to ask the legislature to not adopt any new legislation that would place restrictions on how an entity would qualify for the program. The TIF program is a very important local economic development tool. In the last two and a half years through its Commercial Rehabilitation and Façade programs, the City has used \$360,000 to leverage \$1.7 million in private investment in its downtown buildings in the Downtown TIF District. The Administration is asking for approval of Resolution 23-001. **It was moved by Alderwoman Twomey and seconded by Alderman VanVleet to approve the above referenced resolution as presented. AYE:** Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Conard, Pinedo, VanVleet and Cook **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Daw and Alderwoman Kelly **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Per Illinois statute 5 ILCS 120/2 to consider Collective Bargaining

1. It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to go into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. to consider Collective Bargaining. AYE: Aldermen Conard, Pinedo, VanVleet, Cook and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Daw and Alderwoman Kelly **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman VanVleet to return to Regular Session at 6:26 p.m. AYE: Aldermen Conard, Pinedo, VanVleet, Cook and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Daw and Alderwoman Kelly **MOTION CARRIED.**

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none to consider.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderwoman Twomey and seconded by Alderman VanVleet to adjourn the January 19, 2023 meeting at 6:26 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote with the exception of Aldermen Thomas, Daw and Alderwoman Kelly, who were absent.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor