



CITY OF MONMOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



Date: Monday, January 4, 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:** Aldermen Justin Thomas, Tony Cook, Alderwoman Twomey (remotely), Aldermen Brian Daw, Juan Pinedo, Dan Heatherly and Alderwoman Mary Kelly **Also Present:** Mayor Rod Davies, City Clerk Susan S. Trevor, City Attorney Marcum Spears and Administrator Lew Steinbrecher. Communications Director Ken Helms, Building and Zoning Director Joe Clark, MFD Chief Casey Rexroat, MPD Chief Joe Switzer and Woodard and Curran Public Works Director Andy Jackson **Members of the Press:** Jane Carlson, Register Mail

A. Presentation of Appreciation Plaque

Mayor Davies presented an appreciation plaque to retired Executive Assistant Jan Helms for her 16 years of dedicated service not only to himself and all the City Administrators she served, but also to the Monmouth Community. City Administrator Steinbrecher added that he certainly had appreciated her assisting him to acclimate not only to his job but the community as well.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of December 21, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Kelly and seconded by Alderman Heatherly to approve the December 21, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. AYE: Aldermen Thomas, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey (remotely), Aldermen Daw, Pinedo, Heatherly and Alderwoman Kelly **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL

A. Presentations or Citizen Inquiries (All inquiries are limited to 3 minutes per City Ordinance)

There were none to be heard.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Bills

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

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. Building and Zoning December Report – Director Clark

- ✓ Buffalo 67 remodel is 75% completed
- ✓ Smithfield has purchased an adjoining parcel of land next to their existing parking lot for additional parking for their employees.
- ✓ The masonry work on J.B.'s Woodshed is completed.
- ✓ The asbestos abatement is finished on the Methodist Church and salvage work on the interior has begun.
- ✓ The City was notified that it has received \$124,400 grant from the Strong Communities Program.
- ✓ The asbestos abatement for the old Dairy Building has been completed and demolition is scheduled to begin soon.

B. Woodard and Curran November Report – Director Jackson

- We received a call from the Illinois EPA to determine if the City was still interested in being considered for a grant for the Greenfield Monmouth-Roseville parking lot project. We were told that the awards should be made within the next 90 days if the program is not cut from the State budget.
- The Project Development Report for the West Harlem re-construction project was submitted by IMEG to IDOT as the first step in accessing Federal funds for the road construction. The next step will be to have a comment period where the residents and commercial customers along West Harlem Avenue will have an opportunity to review and comment on the conceptual plan that will be mailed to them in early January. Construction is set for the summer of 2022.
- The City has applied for a CDBG grant for the water main replacement along West Harlem.
- The anaerobic lagoon cover project was completed and the biogas flare is back in service at the North Pre-Treatment Plant.

C. Approval of Martin-Sullivan Lease for Mowing Equipment

Director Jackson explained that every two years the City has been trading in its mowing equipment with 1,000 hours or less. The trade-in this year would be 6 ride-on lawnmowers with a trade-in value of \$16,750 for 7 new John Deere tractors from the local Martin-Sullivan dealership. The lease agreement is for \$29,150. **It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Cook to approve the lease agreement with Martin-Sullivan for \$29,150. AYE:** Alderwoman Twomey (remotely), Aldermen Daw, Pinedo, Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen Thomas and Cook **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

VI. RESOLUTIONS

A. 21-001, Proposed Main Street Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Project Inducement Resolution

Administrator Steinbrecher explained that TIF Districts are an economic development tool and part of the City's long-term plan to increase economic development in downtown Monmouth. Land Management Partners, LLC purchased the Fred Jenks Insurance Agency located at 721 N. Main Street in 2017. They want to make major renovations to the property and have asked for incentives under the TIF Inducement Resolution. This Resolution is similar to the ones that the City did for the old Review Atlas building, for the old Shopko building and the old Howard Medical building. Mayor Davies added that the project and resolution were reviewed and approved by Jacob and Klein. **It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderwoman Kelly to approve Resolution 21-001 as presented. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Pinedo, Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen Thomas, Cook and Alderwoman Twomey (remotely) **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Daw to go into Executive Session to consider Collective Bargaining Negotiations at 6:20 p.m. AYE: Aldermen Pinedo, Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen Thomas, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey (remotely) and Alderman Daw **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Daw to return to Regular Session at 6:35 p.m. AYE: Aldermen Pinedo, Heatherly, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen Thomas, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey (remotely) and Alderman Daw **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none to be considered.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Heatherly and seconded by Alderman Daw to adjourn the January 4, 2021 meeting at 6:35 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor