



**CITY OF MONMOUTH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** Monday, June 19, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** 100 East Broadway  
Monmouth, Illinois

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**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:** Alderwoman Susan Twomey, Aldermen Jim Conard, Juan Pinedo, Kevin Ferry and John VanVleet **Absent:** Aldermen Justin Thomas, Brad Bone and Brian Daw **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 June 5, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes**

**It was moved by Alderman Pinedo and seconded by Alderman VanVleet to approve the June 5, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes with the amendments to Section F, Approval of Bid for Airport Tarmac under Committee of the Whole to add the wording “the base bid from Gunther Construction” and also “the alternate bid for the fire hydrant to read \$97,545.32.” AYE:** Aldermen Conard, Pinedo, Ferry and VanVleet **NAY:** none **PASS:** Alderwoman Twomey **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Bone and Daw **MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. Statement of TIF Disclosure**

City Clerk Susan Trevor read a Statement of Disclosure of Downtown TIF District Property Interest by Kevin Ferry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman stating that he directly owns real estate located at 301 West Broadway included in the afore-mentioned Downtown TIF District Redevelopment Project Area. The Statement of Disclosure further states that Mr. Ferry will refrain from any further official involvement in the municipality’s discussions, decision-making and voting on matters relating to the redevelopment plan, projects or area.

**IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL**

**A. Presentations or Citizen Inquiries**

There were none to be heard or considered.

**B. Consent Agenda**

**1. Approval of Bills**

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

## V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### A. MFD May Report – Chief Rexroat

- + Staff training was conducted on MABAS assets -- tent, generator and light tower -- at the North Station.
- + Firefighter Paul Mangieri conducted intervention training on rescuing other firefighters if they are down.
- + Fire hydrant flushing was completed in record time this year.
- + The department assisted with Special Olympics.
- + During the last few weeks of school, the members of the department greeted students as they came to school and then returned to be present during recesses to help kids feel comfortable with emergency responders and firefighters.
- + The application period for the department ended last Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup>. Testing for physical agility and also written testing will be this coming Saturday, the 24<sup>th</sup> at the North Station.
- + Due to the four railroad crossing closures, the department modified their response procedures.
- + The department will have firefighters present at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show at Citizens Lake.

### B. MPD May Report – Chief Switzer

- Officers attended 10 different criminal cases in Court.
- M-R District 238 Superintendent Ed Fletcher, M-R High School Principal Jeff Ewing and myself met with Carl Sandburg to create a dual credit program in Criminal Justice while students are in high school, which would give students a fast track to an Associate Degree.
- As Chief, I spoke to the Triad at Strom Center this month.
- Active shooter training was conducted at Security Savings branches.
- The department also assisted with Special Olympics.
- Testing process for MPD was held last weekend on the 17<sup>th</sup> and two people passed.
- The shooting practice range targets located at the landfill were old and falling apart, therefore several officers rebuilt the targets.
- A new roof and gutters were installed on the Public Safety Building.

### C. Proposal for Engineering Services, North 6<sup>th</sup> Street Resurfacing Design

Director Jackson explained that the City is preparing to start the water main replacement project on N. 6<sup>th</sup> from East Broadway to East Euclid. This proposal is an agreement with IMEG to do the engineering and design for this project with a total for the design of this project for a cost of \$55,800. The funding for the water main replacement will be coming from the Rebuild Illinois Bond Fund with a total construction cost of \$950,000. The administration is recommending approval of the Engineering Services Agreement with IMEG as presented. **It was moved by Alderwoman Twomey and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to approve the above-referenced agreement with IMEG. AYE:** Aldermen Conard, Pinedo, Ferry, VanVleet and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Bone and Daw **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D. Appointment of Steve Birditt to Police and Fire Commission**

Mayor Davies presented Steve Birditt's name for appointment to the Police and Fire Commission to fill the vacancy created by Robert Riley's resignation. **It was moved by Alderman Conard and seconded by Alderman VanVleet to approve the appointment of Steve Birditt to the Police and Fire Commission. AYE:** Aldermen Conard, Pinedo, Ferry, VanVleet and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Bone and Daw **MOTION CARRIED.**

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Per Illinois Statute 5ILCS 120/2 to consider Collective Bargaining with possible action to follow upon return to Regular Session.**

**1. It was moved by Alderman VanVleet and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to go into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. AYE:** Aldermen Pinedo, Ferry, VanVleet, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Conard **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Bone and Daw **MOTION CARRIED.**

**2. It was moved by Alderman VanVleet and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to return to Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. AYE:** Aldermen Ferry, VanVleet, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Conard and Pinedo **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Bone and Daw **MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. Approval of 3-year contract with AFSCME**

**It was moved by Alderman Pinedo and seconded by Alderman Conard to approve a 3-year contract with AFSCME from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2025 as presented. AYE:** Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Conard, Pinedo and Ferry **NAY:** none **PASS:** Alderman VanVleet **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas, Bone and Daw **MOTION CARRIED.**

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none to consider.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Alderman VanVleet and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to adjourn the June 19, 2023, meeting at 6:32 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote with the exception of Aldermen Thomas, Bone and Daw, who were absent.**

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Mayor Rod Davies

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City Clerk Susan S. Trevor