



CITY OF MONMOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONMOUTH
ILLINOIS

Date: Monday, June 21, 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, Juan Pinedo, Alderwoman Mary Kelly and Alderman John VanVleet **Absent:** Alderman Justin Thomas **Also Present:** Mayor Rod Davies, City Clerk Susan S. Trevor, 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 **Also Absent:** City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher **Members of the Press:** Jane Carlson, Register Mail

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of June 7, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Conard and seconded by Alderman Cook to approve the June 7, 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 Cook and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to approve the bills as presented. AYE: Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman VanVleet **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. United Way Request for Use of NE Quadrant for Hispanic Festival—September 18th

Jeannie Weber, Executive Director of United Way, explained that due to the number of people expected to attend and MEKS on Main having a large event that night with needing to use the City parking lot, the committee for the Hispanic Heritage Festival would like to move the event to the Northeast Quadrant of the Square. The businesses in the Northeast Quadrant have all been contacted and are in favor of the event being held there. **It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Conard to approve the request by the United Way to host the Heritage Festival in the Northeast Quadrant of the Square on September 18th. AYE:** Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman VanVleet **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. TIF Commercial Building Rehabilitation Grant Application-109/111 E. 1st Avenue

Ramon Contrerus, who owns the building at 109/111 E. 1st Avenue has applied for a Commercial Building Rehabilitation Grant to repair the brick on the front of his building. The total cost of exterior work is \$30,408.00 with \$9,122.40 TIF eligible funds available to Mr. Contrerus. **It was moved by Alderwoman Twomey and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to approve the application by Mr. Contrerus for \$9,122.40 in TIF fund assistance for his exterior brick work on the building at 109/111 E. 1st Avenue.** AYE: Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Cook and Alderwoman Twomey NAY: none ABSENT: Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. MFD May Report – Chief Rexroat

- 🔥 The department responded to 112 calls in May.
- 🔥 The month's training included training on the MABAS equipment stored at the North Station.
- 🔥 Firefighter Wenger attended a firefighter apparatus engineer class at the Fire Institute in Champaign on water pump usage in the fire trucks
- 🔥 All renewals of the fire protection agreements have been completed within a 2-mile radius of the City.
- 🔥 The water heater at the South station had to be replaced.
- 🔥 The Police and Fire Commission finished the promotional testing for Assistant Fire Chief. The list is good for three years.
- 🔥 On the 10th of July the department will be testing at Monmouth College for those interested in becoming a firefighter and that list is good for two years.
- 🔥 The union held a retiree breakfast this month and it was very well attended.
- 🔥 The department did receive a Small Equipment Grant for \$25,340 from the office of the State Fire Marshall. The grant will be used to purchase much needed extrication equipment. Firefighter Osborn deserves much credit for all the work he did to obtain this grant.

D. MPD May Report – Chief Switzer

- There were 61 arrests and 1424 calls for service.
- The department is in transition to a new software program for scheduling. It should be implemented next month.
- C & D has started replacing lights in the building with LED lights through an Ameren Grant.
- The FOP held their annual fishing derby with around 250 kids participating.
- Full time dispatcher finished her training with two part-time dispatchers still in training.
- Office Beckman will be returning at the end of the month.
- The department will be testing on the 26th for their eligibility list.
- Two squad cars were involved in accidents through no fault of the officers.
- Ten-year old chairs in the building are being replaced.

Alderwoman Kelly asked what age you have to be to ride electric scooters. Chief Switzer said that the City's ordinance reads that a person has to be 17 years old; however, the State Law does not set an age limit nor does it require a person to have a driver's license. According to Chief Switzer, a 12- year old can go to Walmart and purchase an electric scooter and ride it legally in the road. Further discussion needs to take place as to whether the Council wants to enact an ordinance to set an age limit and other restrictions.

E. Approval of Renewal of IDOT Traffic Signal Agreement

Mayor Davies explained this is the City's renewal of the master agreement with IDOT to maintain the traffic signals on the 34 Bypass around the City. **It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman VanVleet to approve the IDOT Traffic Signal Agreement.** **AYE:** Aldermen Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. Approval of MFD Chief's Contract

It was moved by Alderwoman Kelly and seconded by Alderman Conard to approve the one-year contract from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 with MFD Chief Rexroat. **AYE:** Alderman Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw and Conard **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

G. Approval of Sale of Transfer Station Agreement with LRS

City Attorney Spears explained that the last hold-up in the agreement was with the tipping fee, which was agreed upon this morning at \$55 per ton. \$1.25 of every ton comes back to the City. The fee and our portion will be adjusted annually consistent with the water rates that are adjusted according to ordinance by CPI but not greater than 2.5 percent per year. **It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with LRS to purchase the Transfer Station for 2.25 million dollars.** **AYE:** Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman VanVleet, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard and Pinedo **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

VI. RESOLUTIONS

A. 21-003, Release of Executive Session Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Daw to approve the release of the Executive Session Minutes for the following dates: 10/15/18; 06/17/19; 1/6/20; 2/3/20; 3/2/20; 4/20/20; 8/17/20; 1/4/21; 1/19/21; 2/1/21; 2/16/21; 3/1/21. **AYE:** Aldermen VanVleet, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo and Alderwoman Kelly **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Per Illinois Statute 5ILCS 120/2 to consider Employee Compensation

1. It was moved by Alderwoman Kelly and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to go into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to consider Employee Compensation. **AYE:** Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet and Cook **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to return to Regular Session at 6:40 p.m. **AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Cook and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none to consider.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Cook to adjourn the June 7, 2021 meeting at 6:41 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote with the exception of Alderman Thomas, who was absent.