



**CITY OF MONMOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**



Date: Monday, November 20, 2017

Time: 7:00 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 7:00 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 Dave Rutledge, Alderwoman Susan Twomey, Aldermen Brian Daw, Bob Wells, Juan Pinedo and Joe Clark **Absent:** Aldermen Justin Thomas and Dan Heatherly **Also Present:** Mayor Rod Davies, City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher, City Attorney Marcum Spears, City Clerk Susan S. Trevor, MFD Chief Casey Rexroat, MPD Chief Joe Switzer, Building and Zoning Director Wade Woodward, Woodard & Curran Public Works Director Andy Jackson, IT Director Ken Helms and Andy Bell-Baltucci of the Review Atlas.

III. AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

A. Addition of Resolutions 17-007 and 17-008

It was moved by Alderwoman Twomey and seconded by Alderman Wells to amend the agenda to include Resolutions 17-007 and 17-008 from the Public Hearings for the CDBG Grant and the ITEP Grant. AYE: Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Clark and Rutledge **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Heatherly **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 6, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the November 6, 2017 minutes as presented. AYE: Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo and Clark **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Heatherly **MOTION CARRIED.**

V. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL

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

1. Dennis Willhardt, 208 S. 11th Street

Mr. Willhardt addressed the Council to express his concern about the City raising property taxes to fund the pension's unfunded liability. He asked that there be prior discussion before a decision was made to raise property taxes to pay for unsustainable pension problems for which we don't have a solution.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Bills (Items on Consent Agenda will not be discussed unless a request is made to remove an item for discussion)

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderwoman Rutledge to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. AYE: Alderman Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo and Clark **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Heatherly **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Approval of 2018 Council Meeting Schedule

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to approve the 2018 Council Meeting Schedule as presented. AYE: Aldermen Daw, Wells, Pinedo, Clark, Rutledge and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Heatherly.

VI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. MPD November Report – Chief Switzer

Chief Switzer reported as follows:

- Statistics are in the web packets.
- On October 28th, the MPD and OSF hosted a “Take Back Your Drugs” day and took in 75 pounds of prescription drugs. MPD will accept any unused prescription drugs at any time.
- There were only a few minor incidents on Halloween.
- Investigator Hepner and Lt. Bratcher participated with Monmouth College in a domestic violence program.
- MPD also assisted the County with a bank robbery that occurred in Roseville
- The department has identified a suspect who was passing counterfeit \$100 bills.
- Investigator Hepner and Lieutenant Kinney were certified as lead homicide investigators.
- Lieutenant Bratcher and Investigator Kramer attended training for a single officer to go into an initial active shooter situation without a companion officer.
- Investigators Hepner and Blackman received MEG awards for their investigation into a meth operation that led to arrests and shutting the operation down.
- The department is continuing its active shooter training in the community.
- Chief Switzer attended a landlord meeting to discuss ongoing problem issues.
- Chief Switzer also informed Council that he has set definite goals to improve department communication within and also out in the community. Weekly department meetings are being held to ensure that the communication goals are being met.

B. MFD November Report – Chief Rexroat

Chief Rexroat reported as follows:

- 🔥 Last month was Fire Prevention Month and the department was in the schools to give talks. The theme this year was “Every Second Counts”.
- 🔥 All the trucks were pump tested at the stations.
- 🔥 The ambulance went to Foster-Grant for repairs from the storm damage and is now back in service.
- 🔥 The HVAC units were moved back to their original bases following roof repairs.
- 🔥 The department is still communicating with the contractor and the insurance company to be able to get the storm damage claims settled.
- 🔥 Some of the reasons that the department did not receive a grant for a new truck was that the grant fund was for 2.1 billion dollars and there were 10,000 applicants. Also the median age for truck replacement is 26 years and ours is just 20 years old.

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. 17-005 – Resolution to Petition for Extension of Downtown TIF District

Administrator Steinbrecher explained that this is a Resolution to petition for the extension of our current Downtown/Broadway TIF District that is set to expire in 2020. It would extend the TIF District for another 12 years. It is necessary to pass this resolution to submit to the legislature to consider our petition. Mayor Davies said that the School Board had already voted to support the extension and now it will have to be presented and voted on by the other 4 taxing districts. **It was moved by Alderman Rutledge and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to approve Resolution 17-005 to Petition for the Extension of the Downtown/Broadway TIF District. AYE:** Aldermen Wells, Pinedo, Clark, Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Heatherly **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. 17-006 – Annual Joint Animal Control Contract

It was moved by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderman Rutledge to approve Resolution 17-006 for the renewal of the Joint Animal Control Contract with the County. AYE: Aldermen Pinedo, Clark, Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw and Wells **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Heatherly **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. 17-007 - Resolution of Support for the Community Development Block Grant

17-008 – Resolution of Support for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve collectively the above-stated Resolutions. AYE: Aldermen Clark, Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells and Pinedo **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Heatherly **MOTION CARRIED.**

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Approval of Council Meeting Time Change – December 18, 2017

It was moved by Alderwoman Twomey and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve changing the Council Meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the December 18, 2017 meeting. AYE: Aldermen Clark, Rutledge, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Wells and Pinedo **NAY:** none **ABSENT:** Aldermen Thomas and Heatherly **MOTION CARRIED.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Rutledge and seconded by Alderman Clark to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote with the exception of Aldermen Heatherly and Thomas, who were absent.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor