



## CITY OF MONMOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**MONMOUTH**  
ILLINOIS

**Date:** Monday, October 18, 2021

**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**

Executive Administrative Assistant Annette St. Ledger called the roll and those answering **Present were:** Alderman Justin Thomas, Alderman Tony Cook, Alderwoman Susan Twomey, Aldermen Brian Daw, Jim Conard, Juan Pinedo, Alderwoman Mary Kelly and Alderman John VanVleet **Also Present:** City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher, City Attorney Marcum Spears, Woodard and Curran Public Works Water Superintendent Richard Nelson, Communications Director Ken Helms, MPD Chief Joe Switzer, and Executive Administrative Assistant Annette St. Ledger

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **A. Approval of October 4, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes**

**It was moved by Alderwoman Kelly and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to approve the October 4, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. AYE:** Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard, Alderman Pinedo, Alderman Thomas, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman VanVleet **NAY:** none **PASS:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL**

#### **A. Presentations or Citizen Inquiries**

There were no presentations or citizen inquiries at the October 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

#### **B. Consent Agenda**

##### **1. Approval of Bills**

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

### **V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

#### **A. MPD September Report – Chief Switzer**

- For the month of September, the police department had 24 arrests, 87 ordinance violations, 1,430 calls for service, 2,412 dispatch calls, 25 accidents and 40 grant hours worked. Most of the grant hours were through an IDOT traffic grant and the remainder was through Warren County Housing.
- There were no major incidents to report for the Warren County Prime Beef parade and festival. This includes the beer tent and demo derby.
- Chief Switzer had a speaking engagement at the annual Farmer's Breakfast.

- ALICE drills were conducted at Immaculate Conception School and Monmouth-Roseville High School. Due to Illinois law, the MPD can no longer conduct drills that simulate an actual school shooter event while students are present. Only “lockdown” drills are permitted.
- Two officers attended a firearms instructor course, and two officers attended a basic SWAT course.
- Several squad cars have had repairs due to recent recalls and one squad car required a new water pump and catalytic converter for \$1,800 which were covered under warranty.

**B. ICS Request to Close 200 Block of W. Archer on 10/29 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm**

ICS has requested to close the block to the north side of their property to host a Chili Dinner and Trunk or Treat event outside, weather permitting. Cece McVey was in attendance as a representative for ICS. **It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Conard to allow ICS to close the 200 Block of West Archer on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Thomas, Cook and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

**C. Approval of VFD Drives for the Water Treatment Plant**

Water Superintendent Richard Nelson explained that high service motors that drive the pumps at the two treatment plants are turning on and off so quickly that the surge is creating hydraulic pressure on the City’s deteriorating water mains. This is causing costly repairs with an excessively high number of water main breaks. To reduce the number of breaks, it has been suggested that the City replace the current motors with Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) motors that turn on and off very slowly to eliminate hydraulic pressure upswings and collapses. The cost of four (4) new VFD motors, installation, laser alignment, and SCADA integration is \$172,481 less an anticipated Ameren credit of \$60,750 (applied for by year-end) for a total net cost of \$111,731. **It was moved by Alderwoman Twomey and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to approve the replacement of the current water treatment plant motors with Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) motors. AYE:** Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Thomas, Cook and Alderwoman Twomey **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

**VI. ORDINANCES**

**A. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**1. 21-023, Licensed Food Service Company License (Class 6)**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none to consider.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderwoman Twomey to adjourn the October 18, 2021 meeting at 6:14 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.**

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Mayor Rod Davies

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Executive Admn. Asst. Annette St. Ledger