



CITY OF MONMOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONMOUTH
ILLINOIS

Date: Monday, October 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:** Alderman Tony Cook, Alderwoman Susan Twomey, Aldermen Brian Daw, Jim Conard, Juan Pinedo, Alderwoman Mary Kelly and Alderman John VanVleet **Also Present:** City Clerk Susan S. Trevor, City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher, 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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of September 20, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Conard and seconded by Alderman Cook to approve the September 20, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. AYE: Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard, Alderman Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman VanVleet **NAY:** none **PASS:** Alderman Thomas **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL

A. Presentations or Citizen Inquiries

1. A resident of Monmouth asked why electric bikes were allowed on City Streets, but Golf Carts were not. Mayor Davies responded that the State of Illinois has certain statutes regulating electric bikes and low speed vehicles, but that these did not pertain to golf carts and the Council after three meetings of discussions regarding allowing golf carts in the City, voted down an ordinance that would have allowed golf carts on certain streets. He thanked her for her views.

2. Proclamation for Domestic Violence Month – WIRC

Mayor Davies read a proclamation recognizing the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Monmouth and presented it to Debbie Collins from WIRC. She thanked the City for their support against Domestic Violence.

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. Monmouth College/Aramark Request for New Liquor License Classification

Donovan Borvan from Webster Law Partners, PC who was representing Aramark Food Service asked the City to create a new liquor license classification to allow Aramark to purchase and provide liquor for a number of different events at Monmouth College. Aramark has a special classification license with the City of Decatur that provides for the them to purchase and sell liquor for Millikin University. They would like to have the same type of license in the City of Monmouth. They will provide the liquor and ensure that a Bassett trained server will be serving the alcohol. At the present, Angela Goff, Aramark Director at the College said that specific regulations and procedures for each event have not been formulated, but that the events will be only for those 21 years and older. **It was moved by Alderman Conard and seconded by Alderman Pinedo to authorize City Attorney Spears to draft an ordinance creating a new liquor license classification allowing a licensed food service company contracted with an institution of higher learning such as Monmouth College to provide and serve liquor at events hosted by the College on their campus.** AYE: Aldermen Conard, Pinedo, VanVleet, Thomas and Cook NAY: none PASS: Alderwoman Twomey, Alderman Daw and Alderwoman Kelly **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Building and Zoning September Report – Director Clark

- ✓ The department continues to issue building permits.
- ✓ Façade Grant projects, J.B.'s Woodshed and United Way are nearing completion.
- ✓ Strong Community Grant funds provided for the next scheduled demolition at 1018 S. Main. The demolition bid for 322 W. 5th Avenue is to be approved tonight.
- ✓ Open projects continue to be Methodist Church, OSF Holy Family Medical Center, Scooters Coffee Kiosk, Maple City Warehouse Distribution Center, Park District new office and Vaughn's Retail Space.
- ✓ Rental inspections continue to be done on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- ✓ Ongoing TIF projects are LMP on North Main Street, Robbins resource at 208 S. Main, the old Review Atlas building on South Main Street, Robbins and Treat at 207 S. Main, Ramon Godina at 109//111 E. 1st Avenue and Flowers Are Us at 123 S. 1st Street.

C. Bid Approval for Demolition of 322 W. 5th Avenue

Director Clark explained that the bids for the demolition for 322 W. 5th Avenue were opened on September 24th at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall with Brown Excavating and Demolition submitting the low bid of \$4,349. Brown's bid also satisfied all the bid requirements; therefore, the Administration is recommending approval of the above-stated bid by Brown Excavating and Demolition. **It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderwoman Kelly to accept the bid of \$4,349 submitted by Brown Excavating and Demolition for the demolition of 322 W. 5th Avenue.** AYE: Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Thomas, Cook and Alderwoman Twomey NAY: none **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Woodard and Curran August Report – Director Jackson

- City water and sewer has been put in for the Monmouth Townhomes project. As part of this connection, the City will have to replace some of our large sewer that runs from the Bypass over to the Standard Beaverdale property. There are funds available to do this.
- The 1000 block of S. 2nd replacement of the water main is completed. A road contractor will start soon to resurface the road.
- The M-R design for the Rain Garden project in their parking lot has been submitted to the IEPA.
- A meeting was held at City Hall for the parties interested in bidding on the Residential Solid Waste pickup contract with the current contract expiring in April of 2022. Waste Management, Republic, Millenium and Lakeshore Recycling were the companies that attended the meeting.

E. MFD September Report – Chief Rexroat

- 🔥 The new ladder truck is parked in the Northeast Quadrant outside City Hall for viewing after the meeting.
- 🔥 There were 153 calls for service during the month of September with the majority being medical calls.
- 🔥 The Department held a 20th Anniversary of 911 at the North Station
- 🔥 The Department also presented the colors at the Monmouth College opening home football game.
- 🔥 As Chief, I helped Monmouth College determine occupancy rates for several buildings.
- 🔥 Captain Cozadd and Firefighter Gary Carson participated in a program about farm safety for 5th graders in Stronghurst.
- 🔥 A successful blood drive was held at the North Fire Station this month.
- 🔥 Captain Armstrong worked on and the department received a small grant of \$2,946 from Compeer to replace rope equipment.
- 🔥 Engine 23 was out of service briefly and is now back in service.
- 🔥 Pierce Company was here last week to provide training on the City's new ladder truck. The Department is aiming to put it into service in the next week.

F. Approval of MFD Extrication Equipment Bid

Chief Rexroat explained the Department had applied for in January of this year and received a grant for new extrication equipment in the amount of \$25,348. There were two quotes submitted with the low one of \$25,758.64 received from Sandry Fire Supply Company. The reason for the quoted price being higher than the grant is that since January prices for equipment have increased. **It was moved by Alderwoman Twomey and seconded by Alderman VanVleet to accept the bid from Sandry Fire Supply for \$25,658.64 for new extrication equipment. AYE:** Aldermen Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman VanVleet, Aldermen Thomas, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey and Alderman Daw **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

G. Approval of Halloween Trick or Treat Hours

It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Daw to approve the 2021 Trick or Treat hours between 5:30 and 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 31st. AYE: Alderman Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Thomas, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw and Conard **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

VI. ORDINANCES

A. 1st Reading

1. 21-022, Declaration of Surplus Property

It was moved by Alderwoman Kelly and seconded by Alderman Cook to approve Ordinance 21-022 which declared a 2002 Crown Victoria as surplus property. AYE: Alderwoman Kelly, Aldermen VanVleet, Thomas, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard and Pinedo **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Per Illinois Statute 5ILCS 120/2 to consider Pending Litigation

1. It was moved to go into Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderwoman Kelly. AYE: Aldermen VanVleet, Thomas, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo and Alderwoman Kelly **NAY:** none **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. It was moved to return to Regular Session at 6:50 p.m. by Alderwoman Kelly and seconded by Alderman Pinedo. AYE: Aldermen Thomas, Cook, Alderwoman Twomey, Aldermen Daw, Conard, Pinedo, Alderwoman Kelly and Alderman VanVleet **NAY:** none **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 October 4, 2021 meeting at 6:50 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Rod Davies

City Clerk Susan S. Trevor