

City Council Meeting Summary 01.06.2020

Next City Council Meeting – January 21st, 2020 at 6:00 PM

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0- Proclamation

Mayor Davies read a proclamation tonight declaring January “National Mentoring Month” with the Heart of Illinois Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Mayor Davies spoke to the many positive benefits that mentoring brings to the community and the role that Big Brothers Big Sisters provides to the youth. This role includes helping youth of the community to build confidence, aspirations, relationships and to avoid risky behaviors.

A copy of the proclamation may be found on the [cityofmonmouth.com](http://www.cityofmonmouth.com) website and more information on Big Brothers Big Sisters may be found at <http://www.hoibbbs.org/>



Mayor Davies presents Troy Chandler and his “Little Brother” with the proclamation.

1- Presentations Or Citizen Inquiries

Ron Hollis, a resident of Monmouth spoke to City Council regarding various junk and debris complaints on properties. Mr. Hollis spoke to Council regarding the timeline that it has taken to remediate the issues and provided suggestions to increase the efficiency of the Zoning Department.

2- Building and Zoning December Report – Director Clark

- Parkin’s Trucking is almost completed with its new building and will have its final inspection later this month.
- December 11th was the last day of the City’s Code Compliance Officer, Natalie Malone. She has accepted an administrative position with a downstate county and will be missed.
- The YMCA swimming pool has been progressing steadily, with additional concrete and interior walls being completed.
- The new Arby’s applied for building permits for their new location on North Main Street across from Dollar General. The contractor’s goal is to begin pouring concrete this month.

3- Community Engagement Report – Director Helms

- The City has started looking at various types of constituent reporting programs. These programs would be available via an app and on the City’s website. One example of the apps use would be to report individual properties that have code violations, or locations that require road repair. Numerous municipalities throughout Illinois who have implemented these programs are reporting better communication and engagement with their residents due to the ease of use that the technology affords.
- US Cellular has also approached the City with a proposition for a new type of cellular technology. US Cellular has informed staff that Monmouth has proven to be a very strong market and that they would like to expand 5g services to the community. This new technology relies on small, standalone cellular antennas roughly the size of a small television. These antennas are mounted to the top of ornamental light poles throughout Monmouth to provide adequate coverage and speeds to the residents. The telco is requesting the placement of 7 light poles. US Cellular would donate the light poles to the City and the company will pay all associated electrical and construction charges with the poles. On top of donating the light poles, US Cellular will also pay the City \$600.00 a year per pole for a total of \$4200.00 a year in annual revenue.

No action was taken on this item tonight, and it will return to City Council on the 21st of this month for formal consideration.

4- Woodard and Curran Monthly Report – Director Jackson

- Laverdiere Construction has started mobilization and construction activities for the EPA mandated CSO Phase 2 project. In summary, this project is an upgrade and expansion of the infrastructure used to retain and treat water collected in Monmouth’s sewer system.
- Upon approval by the City Council, IMEG, (formerly Missman Stanley), will begin performing a Phase 1 Environmental Study on West Harlem Avenue for the road reconstruction project. The study is a requirement when using Federal-aid Urban, (FAU), funds for road construction

projects. The West Harlem Avenue project is on the IDOT Local Multi-Year Highway Improvement Plan for the state fiscal year 2022.

- West 11th Avenue Utility extension design documents were submitted to IEPA for review and permitting.

5- Approval of 2020 Council Meeting Schedule

A motion was made to approve the 2020 Council Meeting Schedule and was approved. The schedule may be found on the www.cityofmonmouth.com website or is available in the lobby of City Hall.

A motion was made for approval and was **approved**.

6- TIF Downtown Building Rehabilitation – 207 North Main Street

The business owner has applied for a grant under the City's TIF Downtown Commercial Building Rehabilitation Program for work that is being done on the building formerly known as the Hines & McClintock Car Dealership building. This building is on the East side of the road across from Save-A-Lot. Approximately \$303,600 has been invested into converting the building into a banquet facility for a variety of events, including weddings, receptions and business meetings.

The building does have \$30,000 in expenses that qualify under the rehabilitation program. The expenses include installation of a fire sprinkler system as well as structural repairs and basic mechanical, plumbing and electrical improvements which are designed to ensure the integrity of the building.

The TIF grant program is funded through the use of heavily restricted funds that may only be used when a project meets the requirements. These funds are not permitted by state statute to be used for other programs and are solely designated for special economic development directives within their intended TIF District.

A motion was made for approval and was **approved**.

7- TIF Downtown Building Rehabilitation – 110 East 1st Avenue

The business owner has applied for a grant under the City's TIF Downtown Commercial Building Rehabilitation Program for work that is being done on the business known as J.B.'s Woodshed. The property owner has already invested over \$44,410 in building improvements and is anticipating an additional investment of \$31,315. The improvements include a new roof, tuck-pointing, foundation repair, and installing a new HVAC unit. 2020 improvements will include additional foundation shoring, tuck-pointing, replacement of lintels above the lower windows, and a new 3 phase electrical service. These expenses do qualify under the grant program and the City Administration has recommended reimbursement of \$15,000 to help ensure the continued functionality of the building's basic mechanical and electrical systems.

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A motion for approval was made and was **approved**.

8- Façade Grant For 87 Public Square (United Way Office)

The United Way has applied for a façade grant at their new location on the public square. The total project cost is \$17,234 of which the \$6,500 is eligible for reimbursement. The building improvements will include installation of a new canvas canopy, removal of the wood façade paneling and restoration of the brick underneath, window replacement and installation of additional architectural components. This item comes before City Council with the approval of the Façade Committee.

A motion for approval was made and was **approved**.

9- Sale of 2001 Fire Tanker Truck

In anticipation of establishing a restricted Fire Truck Replacement Fund to purchase a new ladder truck for the Monmouth Fire Department, City Administration has negotiated the sale of a 2001 Freightliner Tanker Truck to the Central Warren Fire Protection District for \$35,000. The Tanker was added to the apparatus fleet in the past to supplement response in areas of town that were facing water resource issues. Since that time, the City has upgraded the mains in those areas of town, and the tanker is very rarely used except for mutual aid assistance to the adjacent rural fire districts.

Central Warren is the nearest rural district to Monmouth and is part of their mutual aid system. Selling the apparatus to the district will allow the tanker to stay closely stationed near Monmouth and available for response in the event of a fire requiring mutual aid response.

A motion for approval was made and was **approved**.

10- Ordinances

A- 19-038 Video Gaming Amendment (2nd Reading)

This item is part of an on-going discussion regarding new legislation that the State Of Illinois has introduced. The new legislation grants home-rule communities the ability to limit the amount of video gaming machines per establishment and to impose a fee per machine. This is the 5th time the subject has been discussed with City Council. At the last City Council meeting, the item did not have the required number of votes to pass on the first reading and is now up for a second reading, which will require a majority vote to pass.

A summary of the ordinance is as follows:

- A \$50.00 per machine annual fee which is payable by the local establishment
- A \$250.00 per machine annual fee which is payable by the terminal vendor
- Maintaining a limit of machines that is consistent with the state statute, which is currently 6 machines.

B- 20-001, Rezoning of City-owned Seven (7) Acres on Jackson Avenue

The City currently owns 7 acres of land off Jackson Avenue. This area has seen significant interest by developers who would like to convert the land into a housing development. In order to have the proper zoning for housing development, the current zoning must be changed from B-2 Neighborhood Commercial to R-3 High-Density Residential. This item was presented at last week's Planning Commission meeting and has been forwarded to City Council with a recommendation for approval.

A motion was made for approval and was **approved**.

C- 20-002, Rezoning of 1014 West 4th Avenue and 415 South Sunny Lane

The Monmouth-Roseville school district currently owns two empty lots at these locations and would like to convert the surface into a parking lot. The parking lot would be used during events at the Sunnyslane track and field to alleviate congestion along adjacent streets. This item was presented at last week's Planning Commission meeting and has been forwarded to City Council with a recommendation for approval.

A motion was made for approval and was **approved**.

11- Other Business

No other business was discussed tonight

12- Executive Session

Per Illinois Statute 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) to consider a collective bargaining agreement matter. No action was taken upon return to regular session.

Report compiled by Ken Helms, City Of Monmouth

CITY OF MONMOUTH				
Summary of Expenses				
As of December 31, 2019				
	2019-2020	Monthly	YTD	% Expended
	Budget	Expense	Expense	YTD
GENERAL FUND				
Municipal Operations	\$ 1,620,971.00	\$ 53,388.49	\$ 1,040,635.15	64.20%
IT Support	99,796.00	6,618.16	59,113.26	59.23%
Solid Waste	762,110.00	66,203.73	542,637.20	71.20%
Social Security/IMRF	130,000.00	8,451.53	78,642.20	60.49%
Boards & Commissions	5,500.00	437.91	2,220.87	40.38%
Police Department	3,346,075.00	338,685.60	2,401,679.42	71.78%
Zoning Department	165,184.00	29,215.43	95,244.47	57.66%
Fire Department	2,315,009.00	270,305.68	1,826,260.35	78.89%
GENERAL FUND	\$ 8,444,645.00	\$ 773,306.53	\$ 6,046,432.92	71.60%
CEMETERY FUND				
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00
DEBT SERVICE FUND				
	\$ 2,374,471.00	\$ -	\$ 512,265.61	21.57%
MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND				
	\$ 576,000.00	\$ -	\$ 275,962.52	47.91%
LOCAL MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND				
	\$ 213,200.00	\$ -	\$ 103,818.24	48.70%
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND				
	\$ 955,000.00	\$ -	\$ 481,193.54	50.39%
DOWNTOWN FAÇADE				
	\$ 12,510.00	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
WATER AND SEWER FUND				
	\$ 6,523,642.00	\$ 651,824.31	\$ 4,660,983.61	71.45%
Bond Proceeds (Capital Projects)		\$ -	\$ 38,466.00	
Smithfield \$3 M loan		\$ 7,575.00	\$ 339,530.17	
REVOLVING LOAN FUND				
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
HOMESTEAD FUND				
	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 132,475.00	1324.75%
TIF DOWNTOWN #1				
	\$ 391,600.00	\$ -	\$ 190,889.93	48.75%
TIF NORTH 6TH #2				
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
This is not a month end report of all funds.				