

**CITY OF MASCOUTAH
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
#3 WEST MAIN STREET
MASCOUTAH, IL 62258-2030**

JANUARY 17, 2023

The minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Mascoutah.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City prayer was delivered by City Clerk Melissa Schanz. The Council remained standing and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pat McMahan called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pat McMahan and Council members John Weyant, Walter Battas, Nick Seibert and Eric Kohrmann.

Absent: None.

Other Staff Present: City Manager Becky Ahlvin, Assistant City Manager Kari Speir, City Clerk Melissa Schanz, City Attorney Al Paulson, Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner, Police Chief Scott Waldrup and EMS Supervisor Jeremy Gottschammer.

Establishment of a Quorum: A quorum of City Council members was present.

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 3, 2023 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pam Rensing with the Mascoutah Herald announced her retirement and thanked the City for all the support over the years.

Jerry Daugherty thanked Pam for all her years of dedicated service to the City of Mascoutah and hopes the City can continue to have a great relationship with the local paper.

Eric Mercer, a resident of Mascoutah, voiced concerns about his civil rights between him and the City. He would also like the city to re-address the chicken ordinance.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey – December 2022 monthly report was provided.

Police Chief Scott Waldrup – December 2022 monthly report was provided.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – December 2022 monthly financials were provided.

Public Works Director Jesse Carlton – absent – December 2022 building and status report was provided by City Manager Becky Ahlvin.

City Engineer – absent – December 2022 status report on public projects was provided by City Manager Becky Ahlvin.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor – Attended the Rotary Trivia Night.

City Council

Weyant – Attended the Rotary Trivia Night.

Battas – Nothing to report.

Seibert – Attended the MIA Appreciation Dinner and MAC Meeting.

Kohrmann – Attended the MIA Appreciation Dinner.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

The December 2022 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

Seibert moved, seconded by Weyant, to accept all items under Omnibus consideration.

Motion passed. AYE's – Weyant, Battas, Seibert, Kohrmann, McMahan. NAY's – none. ABSENT – none.

CODE CHANGE – NO PARKING, HAYDEN DRIVE (SECOND READING)

The City Manager presented a report for Council approval and adoption of an Ordinance to amend Schedule E – No Parking Streets. This recommendation will result in allowing 400 feet of parking on the south side of Hayden Drive east and west of the hotel entrance. This change will be re-evaluated every 12 months to ensure safe traffic flow.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Kohrmann, to approve and adopt Ordinance NO. 23-01, amending Chapter 24, Schedule “E” – No Parking Streets.

Motion passed. AYE’s – Weyant, Battas, Seibert, Kohrmann, McMahan. NAY’s – none. ABSENT – none.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The council reviewed the Budget Guidance for FY 2023-2024 and made some additions for sidewalks. The council also added grant opportunities for trails and electric car charging stations. The council combined TIF 2B and TIF 3 as one guidance item.

Mayor McMahan along with the Council asked about ARPA fund distributions. The City Manager explained how it was decided at a previous meeting to use some of it for our sewer projects.

Councilman Battas stated he would like to see some of the money from ARPA go to not-for-profits. Mayor McMahan agreed.

Councilman Battas also asked about the status of an Engineer and stated he would like to see us hire an Electrical Engineer. City Manager explained how we have Engineering firms working with us to keep our projects moving forward till we fill the Engineering position.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The City Manager talked about fiber in the city and asked the Council if they want to provide ROW to these companies.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Mercer stated that he continues to see lies and corruption within the City. He also explained how he thinks the RV Ordinance needs re-address and that New Baden has cheaper utilities.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Weyant moved, seconded by Battas, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Purchase/Lease of Property – Section 2(c)(5), Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) and Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) at 7:58p.m.

Motion passed. AYE’s – Weyant, Battas, Seibert, Kohrmann, McMahan. NAY’s – none. ABSENT – none.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Seibert moved, seconded by Weyant, to return to regular session at 8:41 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Battas moved, seconded by Weyant, to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Melissa Schanz, City Clerk