

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

FEBRUARY 6, 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 7:00 p.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, Public Works Director Jesse Carlton, 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 17, 2023, regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the January 17, 2023, Executive Session meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the January 24, 2023, Special City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the January 24, 2023, Executive Session meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ryan Haas with Bail-Co was present to explain the billboard sign project they are trying to do and asked for the City's help with trying to work with IDOT.

Eric Mercer, a resident of Mascoutah, stated he is still looking for guidance on how to proceed with his citations.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor – Nothing to report.

City Council

Weyant – Attended the Chamber Dinner and Special City Council Meeting.

Battas – Attended the Chamber Dinner and Taste of Mascoutah.

Seibert – Attended the Taste of Mascoutah.

Kohrmann – Attended Special City Council Meeting and MHS Hall of Fame Event.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Delivered the Oath of Office to police officer Christopher Hoernis.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

STRATEGIC PLAN

The City Manager introduced James Arndt of Arndt Municipal Support, Inc. who presented the report to Council for approval and adoption of the Strategic Plan developed through a City Council and City Administration workshop hosted by James.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Battas, to approve and adopt the 2023 Strategic Plan.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

ENGINEERING SERVICES – MASCOUTAH 138KV LINE 2

The City Manager presented a report to Council for consideration of approval of an Engineering Services Agreement with BHMG Engineers, Inc. for engineering and design services for the distribution underbuilds on the 138KV Transmission Line 2 Project.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Kohrmann, to approve the contract with BHMG Engineering Inc. for engineering and design services in the amount not to exceed \$54,000.00 for the distribution underbuild on the Mascoutah 138KV Line 2 Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

CHANGE ORDER – STEEL POLES, ELECTRIC PHASE II PROJECT

The City Manager presented report to Council for approval and adoption of change order for the steel pole purchase for the Electric Phase II Project.

Councilman Weyant asked why the change. City Manager and BHMG stated that a second distribution underbuild needs to be included in the construction and design of the pole line to accommodate future growth along the Route 4 corridor.

There was no further discussion.

Battas moved, seconded by Seibert, to approve the change order for the steel pole purchase for the Electric Phase II Project from ROHN Products in the amount of \$157,350.00 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT – WATER SYSTEM FACILITIES PROJECT PLAN

The City Manager presented report to Council for approval of an Engineering Services Agreement with Gonzalez Companies, LLC for Engineering Services for preparation of the Water System Facilities Project Plan.

City Attorney voiced concerns over some of the contract language. City Attorney stated he would like to review the contract with Gonzalez before Council approves.

There was no further discussion.

Battas moved, seconded by Weyant, to table item.

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

BID AWARD – SOUTH, JOHN, AND INDEPENDENCE STREETS RECONSTRUCTION

The City Manager presented report to Council for approval of bid and authorization to award a contract to furnish all labor, equipment, and materials for the South, John, and Independence Streets Reconstruction Project.

Councilman Battas voiced concerns about the amount of KRB's IDOT certification. Staff along with Oates Associates' representative explained how this is not an IDOT project so the certificate is not needed for this project. It was also stated that all bidders must be on the eligibility list with IDOT and KRB is on the list.

There was no further discussion.

Kohrmann moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve the low bid of \$1,197,261.62 and award contract to KRB Excavating, Inc. of Trenton, IL to furnish all labor, equipment, and

materials for the construction of the South, John, and Independence Streets Reconstruction Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AGREEMENT – SOUTH, JOHN, AND INDEPENDENCE STREETS RECONSTRUCTION

The City Manager presented a report to Council for approval of a Construction Services Agreement with Oates Associates for Construction Services for the South, John, and Independence Streets Reconstruction Project.

Seibert asked if this would be a City Engineer job if we would have one on staff. The City Manager stated that yes it would be a City Engineer job if we had one. It was then decided by the Council that they would like to have in the contract with Oates that if a City Engineer is hired at any time during this project, we can terminate the contract and proceed with our engineer on staff.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Battas, to approve a contract with Oates Associates for construction services in the amount of \$126,000.00 for the South, John, and Independence Streets Reconstruction Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents as amended.

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

SCADA SYSTEMS – WATER/SEWER UPDATES

The City Manager presented a report to the Council for approval and authorization of SCADA System updates for the water distribution and sewer collection systems.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Seibert, to approve the agreement with Zagros Engineering of St. Louis, MO in the amount of \$38,400.00 for the SCADA System water distribution and sewer collection system updates and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Weyant stated that he feels that the Council needs more time to review items for action. Mayor McMahan and Councilman Battas agreed.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The City Manager discussed the annual July 4th picnic. The council agreed that they would like to continue the fireworks display and look at opportunities to get sponsorships to help with the funding.

City Manager and Attorney spoke to Council about creating a three-member property maintenance appeals board to review property code violations. The Mayor and Council do not feel this is something they would like to do at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Mercer asked for compassion and help.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION – NONE

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS – NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Battas moved, seconded by Kohrmann, to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Melissa A Schanz, City Clerk