

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

FEBRUARY 21, 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, 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

Battas moved, seconded by Weyant, to amend the agenda to add Personnel Section 2(c)(1) and Litigation Section 2(c)(11).

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the February 6, 2023 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Mercer, a resident of Mascoutah, voiced concerns about his recent tickets and his civil rights.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey – January 2023 monthly report was provided.

Police Chief Scott Waldrup – January 2023 monthly report was provided.

Finance Coordinator – absent – January 2023 monthly financials were provided by City Manager Becky Ahlvin.

Public Works Director Jesse Carlton – January 2023 building and status report was provided.

City Engineer – January 2023 status report on public projects was provided by City Manager.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor – Attended the Historical Society Presentation.

City Council

Weyant – Nothing to report.

Battas – Delivered Meals on Wheels.

Seibert – Nothing to report.

Kohrmann – Nothing to report.

City Manager – Provided information on Frontier-Fiber.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Delivered Meals on Wheels.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

The January 2023 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

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

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

BID AWARD – DISTRIBUTION MATERIALS PURCHASE, ELECTRIC PHASE II PROJECT

The City Manager presented a report for Council approval to purchase distribution materials for the Electric Phase II Project. BHMGM received quotes for the distribution materials and Jason Jackson with BHMGM was present for any questions.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Battas, to approve the purchase of distribution materials for the Electric Phase II Project from Brownstown Electric Supply Co., Inc. of Fairfield, IL in the amount of \$218,761.48 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 a report for Council approval of an Engineering Services Agreement with Gonzalez Companies, LLC for Engineering Services for preparation of the Water System Facilities Project Plan. The purpose of this project plan is to develop a plan to provide potable water to the northern portions of the City along Illinois Route 4, Illinois Route 161, and 6th Street, as well as position the city to receive possible funding from the State of Illinois.

Councilman Seibert asked staff if the water pressure in town would be affected by the future improvements. Public Works Director stated that if residents see any change, it would be an increase in water pressure.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Seibert, to approve a contract with Gonzalez Companies, LLC for engineering services in the amount of \$66,200.00 for the preparation of the Water System Facilities Project Plan and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ST. CLAIR COUNTY FOR COUNTY-WIDE EMERGENCY ALERT SIREN SYSTEM

City Manager presented a report for Council approval of Resolution approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Mascoutah and St. Clair County for county-wide emergency alert siren system.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 22-23-30, Resolution approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Mascoutah and St. Clair County for county-wide emergency alert siren system 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 Seibert gave a few announcements on Mascoutah High School Athletics.

Councilman Battas asked where we are on a city engineer search. The City Manager stated that she is waiting on the direction of the Council. The council gave the City Manager guidance to proceed with the search.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Kohrmann moved, seconded by Weyant, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) and Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) at 7:34p.m.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Weyant moved, seconded by Battas, to return to regular session at 8:52 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Weyant moved, seconded by Battas, to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Melissa Schanz, City Clerk