

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

MARCH 7, 2023

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

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP – FIBER TO PREMISE

Mayor Pro-Tem Jack Weyant called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Pat McMahan (virtual) 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, and Deputy City Clerk Tiffany Barrows.

Discussion:

Information regarding City of Highland’s Fiber to the Premise Program was presented by Angela Imming, the Director of Technology and Innovation at the City of Highland.

Adjournment:

Mayor Pro-Tem Jack Weyant adjourned the workshop at 6:45 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City prayer was delivered by Deputy City Clerk Tiffany Barrows. The Council remained standing and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem John Weyant called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Other Staff Present: City Manager Becky Ahlvin, Assistant City Manager Kari Speir, Deputy City Clerk Tiffany Barrows, City Attorney Al Paulson, 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 February 21, 2023 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Scott Waldrup presented Life Saving Recognition Award to Officer Penet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Mascoutah Resident, Lori Hefner, reviewed the history of her property. She is looking to the council for guidance on how to move forward with neighboring property. She stated that she does not want to infringe on her neighbor's way of life. She asked for the property to be brought up to code. She requests a building inspector report on the situation. She questioned the occupancy permit of the neighboring property. She presented pictures to council.

Contractor, Steven Bennett, requested changing the adopted building code to allow one water meter to be installed for a multi-family residential for the apartments he is building.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor – Attended the APPA Legislative Rally.

City Council

Weyant – Nothing to report.

Battas – Nothing to report.

Seibert – Nothing to report.

Kohrmann – Nothing to report.

City Manager – Attended the APPA Legislative Rally.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

BID AWARD – 138KV POWER LINE RIGHT OF WAY CLEARANCE AND TREE TRIMMING

City Manager presented report for Council approval of bid and authorization to award a contract to furnish all labor, materials and equipment for the 138KV Line 2 Right of Way Tree Trimming and Clearance in conjunction with the Major Electric Phase II Project. There are four areas contained within the easements and right-of-way that require tree and brush clearing for the installation of the new transmission line. Drawings presented show the areas identified for clearing and the clearing required within each area.

Seibert moved, seconded by Kohrmann, to approve the low bid of \$44,600.00 and award a contract to Meurer Brothers, Inc. of Belleville, IL to furnish all labor, materials, and equipment for the 138KV Line 2 Right of Way Tree Trimming and Clearance and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

LPR CAMERA SYSTEM

City Manager presented report for Council approval of the purchase and installation of a License Plate Reader System.

Police Chief Scott Waldrup reported the LPR System maintenance will be provided by UTILITRA and that there will be a reoccurring cellular data charge. Mascoutah will be connected to the same system as Fayetteville, New Baden, Lebanon, and Belleville.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Battas, to approve the purchase of the LPR System from UTILITRA for the amount of \$25,159.11 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

City Manager presented a report for Council adoption of a resolution of support and commitment of local funds for the St. Clair County Program Year 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

The funds will be used to reduce flooding on North 4th Street from Poplar Street to Bel Air Drive by removing and replacing the existing curb and storm sewer with new curb, storm sewer lines and structures. Incidental work includes hot-mix asphalt surface patching and adjusting signage. The CDBG is an 80/20 match grant. The estimated cost of the project is \$140,000. The grant amount requested is \$100,000 and the City's local match will be \$40,000.

There was no further discussion.

Kohrmann moved, seconded by Seibert, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 22-23-31, a Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds for the St. Clair County Program Year 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds.

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

CODE CHANGE – STOP INTERSECTION – STATE AND 4TH STREET INTERSECTION

City Manager presented report for council approval and adoption of an ordinance to amend Chapter 24, Schedule A – Stop Intersections to add a two-way stop at the intersection of W. State Street and S. 4th Street.

City Manager stated that they have received a request for stop signs to be placed at the intersection of 4th Street and State Street due to vehicles speeding along State Street. The Police Department reviewed the request and recommended placing stop signs on State Street (east and westbound) at the intersection of 4th Street; and leave the yield signs currently in place on 4th Street (north and southbound).

Mayor stated that the yield signs might be confusing. City Attorney Al Paulson agreed and advised that the Uniform Traffic Control Manual should be used for appropriate placement.

Police Chief agreed with advisement and will follow manual recommendation, then will report back at next council meeting.

There was no further discussion.

First Reading – No action.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Weyant asked the Mascoutah Herald to report that the Frontier project is not a city project and that there is helpful customer service information found on the City's website.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Mercer, a resident of Mascoutah, responded to Hefner's complaints and also presented pictures and video clip of his neighbor. He also complained that the City Manager will not meet with him to discuss the issues. City Manager responded that the police department and court system are handling the issues.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Battas moved, seconded by Seibert, to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Tiffany Barrows, Deputy City Clerk