

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

**AUGUST 7, 2023**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – BUSINESS DISTRICT**

Mayor Pat McMahan called the Business District Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

*Present:*

Mayor Pat McMahan and Council members John Weyant, Walter Battas, Nick Seibert and Mike Baker.

*Absent:*

None.

*Other Staff Present:*

City Manager Becky Ahlvin, City Clerk Melissa Schanz, City Attorney Al Paulson, Project Manager Kari Speir and Moran Economic Development representative Jared Kanallakan.

*Discussion:*

Jared Kanallakan presented reports, maps, information and answered questions regarding the proposed business district.

Mayor Pat McMahan closed the public hearing at 6:53 p.m.

**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**

Council members John Weyant, Walter Battas, Nick Seibert, Mike Baker and Mayor Pat McMahan.

*Absent:* None.

*Other Staff Present:* City Manager Becky Ahlvin, City Clerk Melissa Schanz, City Attorney Al Paulson and Project Manager Kari Speir.

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

## **AMEND AGENDA**

Councilman Battas moved, seconded by Weyant to amend the agenda to add Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) to Executive Session.

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

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 17, 2023 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the July 17, 2023 executive session meeting were presented and approved as presented.

***Motion passed.*** Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Eric Mercer, a resident of Mascoutah, voiced his concerns with the city.

Laura Turner, a resident of Mascoutah, voiced her concerns about development across from Prairie View Subdivision due to traffic issues and also commented on not being in favor of a Family Dollar store.

Rachel Barnett, a resident of Mascoutah, voiced her concerns about development across from Prairie View Subdivision due to traffic issues.

Kirk Reese, a resident of Mascoutah, asked the Council if they could look into lowering the age restrictions for ATV's within the city.

Mike Klein, a resident of Mascoutah and business manager of Betty Ann's, voiced his concerns on bringing another business into town and the affects it could have on the current local grocery store.

Joe LaScala, a resident of Mascoutah, spoke in favor and excitement for the proposed splash pad.

Dean Juenger, a resident of Mascoutah, voiced his concerns about current traffic issues on route 4 and suggested an access road along Route 4 so there are fewer entrance areas. He had comments about the splash pad as well explaining that he does not like the word free because nothing is free. Also, he reminded everyone of a bit of history on a fire at the power plant 50 years ago.

Jessica Silvia, a resident of Mascoutah, voiced her concerns about traffic issues on Route 4 especially at the Prairie View Estate intersection.

Alicia Suedmeyer, a resident of Mascoutah, voiced her concern about traffic issues on Route 4.

Meghan Wilmoth, a resident of Mascoutah, spoke in favor and excitement for the proposed splash pad.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*Mayor* –Congratulated Kari Speir on her new position as Village Administrator with Smithton IL. Mayor spent the past few weeks preparing for and helped run the Mascoutah Homecoming.

### *City Council*

Weyant –Helped and supported the Mascoutah Homecoming and thanked the MIA for all they do for the community.

Battas –Helped and supported the Mascoutah Homecoming and thanked the MIA for all they do for the community.

Seibert –Helped and supported the Mascoutah Homecoming and thanked the MIA for all they do for the community.

Mike Baker – Helped and supported the Mascoutah Homecoming and thanked the MIA for all they do for the community.

*City Manager* – Supported the Mascoutah Homecoming.

*City Attorney* – Nothing to report.

*City Clerk* – Supported the Mascoutah Homecoming.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **2023/2024 MFT Oil & Chip Program and Street Maintenance – Bid Award**

City Manager presented report for Council approval to cancel the 2023/2024 MFT Oil & Chip Program and approval of the bid for furnishing and delivering patching materials for street maintenance. This recommendation is due to the current streets on list not needing done this year per our staff. Also, a concern is the timing and the weather impact on oil & chip.

Councilman Weyant asked if the MFT funds will be rolled over and double the amount of roads will get done next year if needed. Staff stated that the money rolls over and that if needed we will do as many roads as possible with the amount of funding next year.

Councilman Battas stated that he disagrees with city staff and feels the roads are in need of oil & chip and that skipping every other year is the wrong move. Councilman Battas also mentioned he does this kind of work for a living and knows what should and should not be done and when.

Councilman Seibert asked staff if the current roads on the list are not ready can we just move other streets up. It was stated by staff that this was a possibility.

Councilman Baker stated that he disagrees with holding off on oil & chip this year and if we need to move streets around then that is what staff should do. He also asked about the process. Staff explained that the city has a list of streets and they do as many as possible in a rotation format.

There was no further discussion.

Baker moved, seconded by Battas to approve the low bid of \$68,364.00 for furnishing and delivering CM 16 Crystalline Crushed Stone aggregate materials to City stockpiles from Beelman Truck Company of East St. Louis, IL; the low bid of \$128,617.60 for furnishing and applying oil, and truck and motorized chip box spreading of seal coat chips on various City streets from DMS Contracting of Mascoutah, IL; the low bid of \$22,350.00 for furnishing and delivering HFE 150 to City storage tank to Piasa Road Oil of Alton, IL; and the low bid of \$3,564.00 for furnishing and delivering CA 6 materials to City stockpiles from Beelman Truck Company of East St. Louis, IL; for the 2023/2024 MFT Oil & Chip and street maintenance program, contingent upon IDOT approval.

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

#### **Engineering Services – N Jefferson St Shared Use Path, Phase 2**

City Manager presented report for Council approval of an Engineering Services Agreement with TWM, Inc. for Engineering Services for the N Jefferson St Shared Use Path Phase 2 Project.

Council supports the extension of the Shared Use Path.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Baker to approve a contract with TWM, Inc. for engineering services in the amount of \$88,700.00 for the N Jefferson Street (IL 4) Shared Use Path Phase 2 Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

#### **Code Change – Chapter 31, Recreation and Parks (second reading)**

City Manager presented report for Council to take no action to amend Chapter 31, Recreation and Parks, adding Article IX, Walking Trails: Sec. 31-9-1, Rules Governing Walking Trails.

City Attorney recommends no action due to the lack of information in the revisions to Chapter 31. He would like to work with staff on using current rules and provide additional rules with provisions.

There was no further discussion.

Item died for lack of a motion.

### **Engineering and Design Services Agreement – Scheve Park Splash Pad**

City Manager presented report for Council approval of an Engineering and Design Services Agreement with Capri Pools & Aquatics for engineering and design services for the Scheve Park Splash Pad, pending approval from the Mascoutah Improvement Association of the Agreement.

Mayor McMahan stated he is in favor of the project between the City and MIA for a splash pad at Scheve Park. He explained how the MIA has been working on this project for the past 3 years and is looking forward to completion.

Councilman Weyant stated that the MIA has done a lot for our parks and he is in favor of the splash pad project.

Councilman Battas stated that he is not in favor of the splash pad project at this time. He would like to get answers about placement of pad, Filtration System, animal use and funding. He also feels like the ARPA funds need voted on before used for this project and that not having the recirculation in the splash pad is not fair for taxpayers. City staff explained that the splash pad is being built to add the recirculation system in the future but will cost an additional 300k plus. The funding breakdown was also explained pending MIA approval.

Councilman Seibert is in support of the splash pad project but would like to have a definite funding breakdown before approving city funds for the project.

Councilman Baker stated he is in favor of the splash pad project but would also like to see a definite funding breakdown and placement verification.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Battas to table the Engineering and Design Services Agreement – Scheve Park Splash Pad.

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

### **Qualifying Facility Power Purchase Agreement – Jung Truck Service**

City Manager presented report for Council approval of a Qualifying Facility Power Purchase Agreement between the City of Mascoutah, IMEA, and Jung Truck Service, Inc.

Councilman Seibert asked if other businesses could take advantage of this program. IMEA representative Sean McCarthy stated yes, they can if they meet the IMEA requirements.

Councilman Baker asked if the school could take advantage of this program because they were told no in the past. IMEA representative Sean McCarthy stated yes as long as they meet all requirements.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Battas to approve the Qualifying Facility Power Purchase Agreement between the City of Mascoutah, Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, and Jung Truck Service, Inc. and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

#### **Bid Award – City Hall HVAC Replacement**

City Manager presented report for Council approval of bids and authorization to award a contract to furnish all labor, equipment, and materials for the City Hall HVAC Replacement.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Weyant to approve the low complete bid of \$99,206.55 and award a contract to Mascoutah Heating and Cooling of New Baden, IL to furnish all labor, equipment, and materials for the City Hall HVAC Replacement and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

#### **Contract Agreement – Fire Department Personnel**

City Manager presented report for Council approval of a Contract Agreement with the Mascoutah Rural Fire Protection District to reimburse the City for half of the hourly wages of a full-time fire department position.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Seibert to approve a contract with the Mascoutah Fire Protection District for reimbursement of half of the hourly wages of a full-time fire department position, pending the Mascoutah Fire Protection District Board's approval of the contract, and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

#### **PC 23-02 – Final Plat for Subdivision, Parcel 10-29.0-312-039 (first reading)**

City Manager presented report for Council approval of a final plat for the Subdivision of 1.23-acre on property located at North Jefferson Street (parcel no. 10-29.0-312-039) in GC, General Commercial, Zoning District lot located at N Jefferson Street east of Rt. 4, west of Crown Pointe Phase 4, and north of 780 N. Jefferson Street.

City Attorney reminded council that they are reviewing and approving a final plat for the subdivision of land. This is not to approve a business.

Council has no problem with the subdivision of the property. Councilman Weyant stated that no matter what something is going to go in on that side of Rt. 4.

There was no further discussion.

First Reading.

**COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - NONE**

**CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS – NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bill Millikin, with ACE Hardware, asked a few questions about the bidding process for future reference. He also recommended that the city expand information to the community on the proposed Business District and sales tax money allocations.

Laura Turner asked staff how much extra work that city staff will have with the approval of the Power Purchase Agreement from the meeting. City Attorney along with applicant stated that it will all be done electronically.

Eric Mercer, a resident of Mascoutah, had additional comments.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Battas moved, seconded by Weyant, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel at 8:50 p.m.

**MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS**

Battas asked about street patching and the process, requesting that staff get more than just a few bids in the future even when it is under the \$25k. He also gave recommendations on who to get bids from.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Weyant moved, seconded by Battas, to adjourn at 9:38 p.m.

***Motion passed.*** Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

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Melissa Schanz, City Clerk