

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

NOVEMBER 20, 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 Mike Baker.

Absent: None.

Other Staff Present: City Clerk Melissa Schanz, City Attorney Al Paulson and Police Chief Waldrup.

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

AMEND AGENDA

Weyant moved, seconded by Seibert to amend agenda adding Litigation to Executive Session.

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 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 his concerns.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOR OCTOBER WERE PROVIDED

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor –Mayor McMahan stated that Winterfest lights are almost complete at Scheve Park.

City Council

Weyant –Nothing to report.

Battas –Nothing to report.

Seibert –Nothing to report.

Baker –Nothing to report.

City Manager – Nothing to report

City Attorney –Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

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

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

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

MABAS ORDINANCE (second reading)

City Manager Cody Hawkins presented a report for Council approval of an ordinance adopting the new Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Baker to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 23-12, thereby authorizing the new Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement.

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

CODE CHANGE – ADOPTION OF ELECTRIC SERVICE REGULATIONS (second reading).

City Manager Cody Hawkins presented a report for Council approval of revisions to City Code, Chapter 11 – Electric System to adopt Electric Service Regulations by adoption of ordinance.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Battas to approve, and adopt Ordinance No. 23-13, thereby modifying Chapter 11, Electric System, Article 2, Electric Service Regulations.

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

CODE CHANGE – PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY (second reading).

City Manager Cody Hawkins presented a report for Council approval of an ordinance to amend Chapter 1 – Administration to amend the Public Comment Policy of the City Code of Ordinances.

Councilman Baker stated that the secondary comment period was enacted in the past to give people a second chance to speak after the action items and he believes that it would be best to keep it.

Mayor Pat McMahan stated that everyone has an opportunity at the first comment period to speak on any topic related or not to the agenda. Mayor also feels that with the open office policy he and the City Manager have it is not necessary to have a second comment period.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Seibert to approve, and adopt Ordinance No. 23-14, amending Chapter 1 – Administration, Article IX – Public Comment Policy of the City Code of Ordinances.

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

PC 23-09 – FINAL PLAT FOR HAYDEN DRIVE WAREHOUSES (first reading)

City Manager Cody Hawkins presented a report for Council approval of an ordinance adopting the final plat for the Hayden Drive Warehouses on 8.71 acres of property located at Hayden Drive (parcel no. 10-06.0-301.009) in GC, General Commercial Zoning District lot located east of Hawkins Point Townhomes, south of proposed Falcon Townhome Phase 2, north of Luann Drive, and west of lots adjacent to Beller Drive.

There was no further discussion.

First Reading.

PC 23-10 – FINAL PLAT – PRAIRIE LAKES PHASE 1 (first reading)

City Manager Cody Hawkins presented a report for Council approval of an ordinance adopting a final plat for the 78 acre Prairie Lakes Subdivision Phase 1 located on North Sixth Street.

There was no further discussion.

First Reading.

PC 23-03 – Chapter 34 Code Changes – Recreational Vehicles (first reading)

City Manager Cody Hawkins presented a report for Council approval of an ordinance adopting revisions of City Code to Chapter 34 – Unified Land Development code section 34-9-21 recreational Vehicles of the Mascoutah City Code of Ordinances.

Councilman Battas explained how he has no problem with allowing a resident to place their camper or recreational vehicle on their driveway during the busy season (April-October). Councilman Weyant agreed stating that as long as the recreational vehicles are in good working condition and off the road, he is fine with setting a longer time frame to keep vehicles on their property.

There was no further discussion.

First Reading.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Baker asked if staff could bring an amendment to our parking ordinance, adding a city fee per car for parking lots that charge a fee within city limits to the next City Council Meeting. Explaining how he feels it's a major income source. City Manager stated he will do some research and get some information to Council.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Mercer had additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Battas moved, seconded by Seibert, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Litigation at 8:03 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Weyant moved, seconded by Baker, to return to Regular Session at 8:30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Battas moved, seconded by Seibert, to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Melissa Schanz, City Clerk