

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

**DECEMBER 3, 2018**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Gerald Daugherty called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

*Present:*

Mayor Gerald Daugherty and Council members Paul Schorr, John Weyant, Pat McMahan and Michael Baker.

*Absent:*

None.

*Other Staff Present:*

City Manager Brad Myers, Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt, City Clerk Kari Haas, City Engineer Tom Quirk, and Public Works Coordinator Jesse Carlton.

Mayor Gerald Daugherty stated that this public hearing is to consider and review the proposed property tax increase for Mascoutah Special Service Area 1.

City Manager provided an overview of the proposed property tax increase for Mascoutah Special Service Area 1. City Manager explained that the property taxes for residents within the Special Service Area are not increasing; the rate for the Special Service Area is remaining at 0.375%. The amount of property taxes owed within the Special Service Area will only increase if the EAV increases or if the rate increases for another taxing district.

There being no questions or comments from the Council, Mayor Gerald Daugherty closed the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City prayer was delivered by City Clerk Kari Haas. The Council remained standing and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Gerald Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

*Present:* Mayor Gerald Daugherty, Council members Paul Schorr, John Weyant, Pat McMahan and Michael Baker.

*Absent:* None.

*Other Staff Present:* City Manager Brad Myers, Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt, City Clerk Kari Haas, City Attorney Al Paulson, Police Chief Scott Waldrup, City Engineer Tom Quirk, Public Works Coordinator Jesse Carlton, 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 November 19, 2018 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the November 19, 2018 Executive Session meeting were presented and approved as presented.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **LIFE SAVING COMMENDATIONS**

Police Chief presented lifesaving commendation awards to EMS Supervisor Jeremy Gottschammer, Paramedic Keith Grogan, Officer McKenzie Sirtak and Sergeant Kyle Donovan for their life saving acts that occurred on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22, 2018.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### *Mayor*

Thanked Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt and City Clerk Kari Haas for their work as Interim City Manager for the past 4 months.

Attended the following meetings and functions: SLM Water Commission meeting, Lighted Christmas Parade, dedication of the Carol Klopmeier education center at Berger-Kiel historical site in Scheve Park, City department head meeting.

### *City Council*

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Lighted Christmas Parade, dedication of Carol Klopmeier education center at Berger-Kiel historical site in Scheve Park.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Lighted Christmas Parade.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Lighted Christmas Parade, ramp construction for the Santa Hut, Santa Breakfast.

Baker – Attended the following meetings and functions: Lighted Christmas Parade.

*City Manager* – Thanked everyone for the welcome.

*City Attorney* – Nothing to report.

*City Clerk* – Nothing to report.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **BID AWARD – MAPLE PARK RESTROOM**

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bid for furnishing all labor and materials, related to demolition of the storage building at Maple Park, and construction of a new ADA compliant restroom.

Councilman Schorr commented on the funding for the project. Councilman Schorr commented on the project itself and stated that he would like to see this project put off for a little while and use the available funds in the budget for other projects and do the project during the next fiscal year; would prefer to see funds earmarked for tree trimming/removal per the proposal received from Meurer Brothers.

Mayor commented on the price being very high. Mayor asked about the City doing the demolition instead to save funding. Mayor stated that he has reservations due to the price and commented on how much it would be used.

Mayor asked if this project went through the Parks & Recreation Commission. Assistant City Manager stated that it was brought up during grant updates.

Councilman Weyant asked about the additional notes from the low bidder. City Engineer stated that the additional items could be added or deducted from the base bid provided by the low bidder.

Councilman McMahan asked why a unisex restroom could not be done. Assistant City Manager stated that when it was originally discussed between him and the previous City Manager, they had decided to submit the project with separate restrooms instead of unisex.

Councilman McMahan asked what amount of funds the City would need from MIA. Assistant City Manager stated that he does not know how much but that the City could fund this project at this time.

Councilman Schorr asked about the timeline for using the grant. Assistant City Manager stated that he would have to look at the grant contract.

Councilman McMahan commented on looking into the contract and seeing if it could be amended to a unisex restroom instead to save funds and considering the limited use of this restroom compared to the restroom in Scheve Park.

Council was in consensus to find out how much the demolition costs are and if the City could do the demolition; and to finding out if the grant contract could be amended to have

this restroom be constructed as a unisex restroom. City Manager stated that they will review the project and the questions brought up before the next meeting.

Baker moved, seconded by Schorr, to table item.

***Motion passed.*** AYE's – Schorr, Weyant, McMahan, Baker, Daugherty. NAY's – none.

#### **2018 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE (FIRST READING)**

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of the 2018 Property Tax Levy Ordinance.

Councilman Baker asked if the City's tax levy rate will remain at 1.4201. City Clerk stated that in April/May, the final rate determination will be adjusted to keep the City's tax rate at 1.4201.

First reading. No action required.

#### **ORDINANCE DESIGNATING FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICERS (FIRST READING)**

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of an ordinance designating Freedom of Information Officers for the City.

First reading. No action required.

#### **COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Councilman Schorr commented on moving forward with the tree removal project and will discuss with the new City Manager.

Councilman Weyant asked about when a contractor does work within the City, who is responsible for ensuring that the contractor doing the work puts the property and ground back the way it is supposed to be. City Engineer stated that would probably fall under him. City Engineer stated that he does know Clearwave was doing work in the City but isn't sure if they are completely finished. Councilman Weyant asked if the City has a policy or contracts in place to ensure that these contractors are putting everything back to the way it is supposed to be. City Engineer stated that he does not believe there is a policy but will be double checking and will also be contacting Clearwave regarding the complaints received by residents to find out when they will be completed with their work and when they will be restoring the property.

#### **CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

None.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Closed Session Meeting Minutes – Section 2(c)(21) at 7:51 p.m.

***Motion passed.*** AYE's – Schorr, Weyant, McMahan, Baker, Daugherty. NAY's – none.

#### **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Baker moved, seconded by Schorr, to return to Regular Session at 7:54 p.m.

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

#### **MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 7:55 p.m.**

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

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Kari D. Haas, City Clerk