

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

JUNE 1, 2020

The minutes of the regular virtual 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 Gerald Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Gerald Daugherty and Council members John Weyant, Pat McMahan, Michael Baker, and Walter Battas.

Absent: None.

Other Staff Present: City Manager Brad Myers, Assistant City Manager Kari Speir, City Clerk Melissa Schanz, City Attorney Al Paulson, Public Works Director Jesse Carlton, City Engineer Tom Quirk, EMS Supervisor Jeremy Gottschammer and Police Chief Scott Waldrup.

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

AMEND AGENDA – NONE

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 18, 2020 regular virtual City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kimberly Kilgore expressed support for a four way stop at the intersection of Railway and Phillips; Todd and Breezy Gober stated their concerns about the amount of children that live on South Railway and how so many people speed and use it as a cut through from Route 4; Mike Lowry explained how busy South Railway is and the amount of confrontations that occur due to speeding cars and ATV's; Dean Henke is in support of the four way stop on South Railway and Phillips and explained how it has been a long time coming, South Railway is a quarter mile drag strip.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: Two Tele-Conferences; SLM Meeting; Jackie Joyner Kersee Covid 19 Testing Facility tour; Memorial Day Service Virtual Video; Conference calls to stay up to date on Covid 19.

City Council

Weyant – Nothing to report.

McMahan – Nothing to report.

Baker – Nothing to report.

Battas – Nothing to report.

City Manager

Attended the following meetings and functions: Jackie Joyner Kersee Covid 19 Testing Facility tour; Memorial Day Service (TAPS); City Hall Soft Opening Meetings; Conference calls to stay up to date on Covid 19.

City Attorney – Nothing to Report.

City Clerk – Nothing to Report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CODE CHANGE – STOP INTERSECTIONS (FIRST READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of an Ordinance changing the two way stop at the intersection of S. Railway and Phillips to a four way stop.

Mayor Daugherty stated that he does not see a need for another stop sign on Railway.

Councilman Baker agreed with the residents that South Railway is very busy and would like to see some of the City traffic and bus garage traffic use alternate routes.

Councilman McMahan suggested that a four way stop be put more towards the middle of that stretch of Railway. All councilman agreed that George Street would be more towards the middle.

Councilman Weyant expressed concerns about the buses using Railway, stating that Route 4 would be a better option.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Baker, to amend the ordinance to reflect a four way stop at George St and Railway St instead of Phillips St and Railway St.

Motion passed. AYE's – Weyant, McMahan, Baker, Battas. NAY's – Daugherty.

Baker moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve and adopt Ordinance 20-09 as amended, thereby modifying Chapter 24 – Schedule "A" – Stop Intersections.

Motion passed. AYE's – Weyant, McMahan, Baker, Battas. NAY's – Daugherty.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Baker expressed concerns about Food Trucks being able to pay the same business license fee of \$25 a year as our local businesses; explained how these businesses do not hire local, do not pay local sales tax, rob our businesses and have no sanitary areas.

Mayor Daugherty stated that we need to look out for our local businesses, but we also have to provide our citizens what they want – explaining that we need to find a happy medium.

Councilman Battas asked about our fees for special events. Staff stated that each event is different, but July 4th we charge \$200.00 for a business to be a vendor at the event.

Councilman McMahan agreed with the issues of allowing food trucks within the City, but also expressed concerns about those businesses not wanting to come to our events if the fee is too high.

Mayor and Council agreed to have City Manager Brad Myers review other community business regulations for food trucks and bring an Ordinance to Council for review and approval.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Suzie McDaniel and Ellie Wallig thanked the Council for the approval of the four way stop on Railway.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Baker, to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Melissa A Schanz, City Clerk