

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

**JULY 19, 2021**

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, and Doug Elbe.

*Absent:* Council member Nick Seibert.

*Other Staff Present:* City Manager Brad Myers, Assistant City Manager Kari Speir, City Attorney Al Paulson, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner, Public Works Director Jesse Carlton, City Engineer Tom Quirk, Fire Chief Joe Zinck, 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 July 6, 2021 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Stephanie Lowrance, Katy Lowrance, Calli Lowrance, Kirk Gaul and Tanya Ferguson was in attendance and voiced concerns regarding the city prohibiting rabbits as pets within the city limits of Mascoutah. They gave detailed information on rabbits and the connection they have with humans as pets. They also gave an overview on the 4H program in Mascoutah and the decline of kids participating. Kirk Gaul mentioned the AG Building and the purpose it was made for, explaining that we are a rural community.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

*Fire Chief Joe Zinck* – June 2021 monthly report was provided.

*Police Chief Scott Waldrup* – June 2021 monthly report was provided.

*Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner* – June 2021 monthly financials were provided.

*Public Works Director Jesse Carlton* – June 2021 building and status report was provided.

*City Engineer Tom Quirk* – June 2021 status report on public projects was provided.

## REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

*Mayor*

Attended the following meetings and functions: Preparing for the Homecoming.

*City Council*

Weyant – Nothing to report.

Battas – Attended the following meetings and functions: Congressman Bost meeting, Leu Civic Center meeting, and miscellaneous meetings with residents.

Seibert – Absent.

Elbe – Attended the following meetings and functions: Leu Civic Center meeting.

*City Manager*

Attended the following meetings and functions: Staff meetings, Congressman Bost meeting, City planter meeting, multiple meetings in reference to development to the north, and SLM meeting.

*City Attorney* – Nothing to report.

*City Clerk* – Nothing to report.

## COUNCIL BUSINESS

### CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

The June 2021 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

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

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

### **NORTH TERMINAL LIFT STATION PUMP**

City Manager presented report for Council approval of the North Terminal Lift Station Pump to be used as a backup pump in case the main pump fails. The pump needed is vendor specific, and as such, we must order it through Vandevanter Engineering. Council approval is requested for a Flygt NP 3301 Electric Explosion Proof Submersible Pump equipped with a 634 impeller, 85hp 460v 3ph 60 Hz motor, FLS seal leak detection and 50' of power cable.

There was no further discussion.

Battas moved, seconded by Elbe, to approve the purchase of the North Terminal Lift Station Pump and accept the Vandevanter Engineering proposal not to exceed \$78,647.00.

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

### **CODE CHANGE – GAMBLING AND VIDEO GAMING (FIRST READING)**

City Manager presented report for Council approval of revisions to Chapter 7, Article XI, amending Sec. 7-11-1 Definitions, and adding Sec. 7-11-10 Establishment Revenue Requirements by adoption of ordinance.

Council discussed adding not-for-profit organizations to the exempt list.

Council discussed the intent behind the ordinance with regards to limiting the amount of stand alone gaming establishments.

There was no further discussion.

First Reading.

### **CULVERT REPAIR AT CHURCH AND MARKET STREET – BID AWARD**

City Manager presented report for Council approval of bids and authorization to award a contract to furnish all labor, equipment and materials for Culvert Repair at Church and Market Street. This project is being done with Mascoutah Surface Water Protection District. The City will pay for half of the total construction cost.

There was no further discussion.

Elbe moved, seconded by Battas, to approve the low bid for furnishing all labor, equipment and material for the construction of the Culvert Repair at Church and Market Street Project and authorize to award a contract through the Mascoutah Surface Water Protection District to KRB Excavation, Inc. in the total amount of \$227,000.00.

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

### **COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Mayor McMahan explained how the Council will take the rabbits and 4H information that was provided in this meeting into account when making future decisions.

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

City Manager explained that the planters for Main Street have been placed, but we are looking at the locations and will adjust the placement as needed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Elbe moved, seconded by Weyant, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Purchase/Lease of Property – Section 2(c)(5) and Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) at 7:37 p.m.

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

### **MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Weyant moved, seconded by Elbe, to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

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

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Melissa Schanz, City Clerk