

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

DECEMBER 6, 2021

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Pat McMahan called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Pat McMahan and Council members Jack Weyant, Walter Battas, Nick Seibert and Doug Elbe.

Absent:

None.

Other Staff Present:

Assistant City Manager Kari Speir, City Clerk Melissa Schanz, City Engineer Tom Quirk, and Public Works Director Jesse Carlton.

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

Assistant City Manager provided an overview of the proposed property tax increase for Mascoutah Special Service Area 1. Assistant 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.

There being no questions or comments from the Council, Mayor Pat McMahan closed the public hearing at 6:35 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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pat McMahan and Council members John Weyant, Walter Battas, Nick Seibert and Doug Elbe.

Absent: None.

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

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

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 15, 2021 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the November 15, 2021 Executive Session meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the November 22, 2021 special City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the November 22, 2021 Executive Session meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kenneth Ragsdale of Mascoutah stated that he believes the firing of the city manager was unfair, unjust, and unwarranted. He also stated that the City Council owes the citizens of Mascoutah a more detailed explanation.

Paul Schorr of Mascoutah stated concerns about the approval of the regular City Council meeting minutes from November 15, 2021. Paul feels that the motion concerning the termination of the City Manager Brad Myers should have been more detailed instead it was very deceptive.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor – Attended the following meetings and functions: Christmas Parade and set up and attended the Winter Fest Kick-Off.

City Council

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Christmas Parade and set up and attended the Winter Fest Kick-Off.

Battas – Attended the following meetings and functions: Christmas Parade and set up and attended the Winter Fest Kick-Off.

Seibert – Attended the following meetings and functions: Christmas Parade and set up and attended the Winter Fest Kick-Off.

Elbe – Attended the following meetings and functions: Christmas Parade and set up and attended the Winter Fest Kick-Off.

Assistant City Manager – Attended the following meetings and functions: Christmas Parade and Winter Fest Kick-Off.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

BID AWARD – POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASE

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bid for the purchase of one vehicle for the Police Department.

Assistant City Manager explained how bids were received through the state bidding process for a truck from Morrow Brothers Ford for a new 2022 Ford Police Responder F150 Crew Cab 4x4 in the amount of \$39,865.00. This vehicle will replace the 2014 Dodge Durango (M9) which will be sold or traded. In addition the vehicle will require approximately an additional \$7,000.00 for add on equipment (console, prisoner partition, weapon rack, lights, siren, laptop docking station, and graphics) and installation.

The funding is in the current budget for one police vehicle, along with the needed equipment.

Councilman Weyant asked about the trade in. Police Chief stated that they will be selling the car outright since the trade in amount is lower than the value of the vehicle.

There was no further discussion.

Battas moved, seconded by Elbe, to approve the purchase in the amount of \$39,865.00 to Morrow Brothers Ford Inc. of Greenfield, IL for furnishing a 2022 Ford Police Responder F150 Crew Cab 4x4 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

BID AWARD – WWTP PADMOUNT TRANSFORMER

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration to rescind the previous approval to purchase two Padmount transformers from Sunbelt-Solomon Solutions and approve the purchase of two Padmount transformers from B&B Transformer for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Assistant City Manager stated that the City will need to purchase a new 1500KVA three-phase Padmount transformer for the operation of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant. Staff requested quotes for two transformers; one transformer will be a spare to ensure continual operations of the WWTP. Three quotes were received and City Council approved the purchase from Sunbelt-Solomon Solutions at the November 15, 2021 City Council Meeting.

That quote was denied during purchase due to a price re-evaluation after 15 days from date of quote. The price increased so staff went out for new quotes with a price guarantee through December 10, 2021. The City received three new quotes for this transformer purchase, which are attached. Current lead times for the transformers are 16-20 weeks.

This purchase will be paid with WWTP project funds in the next budget for FY22/23.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Siebert, to rescind the previous approval from November 15, 2021 and approve the purchase of two Padmount transformers from B&B Transformers of Farmington, MN in the amount of \$67,990.00 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

2021 PROPERTY TAX LEVY (FIRST READING)

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of the 2021 Property Tax Levy Ordinance. Staff is recommending increasing the levy amount to 4.99% in order to ensure that any and all EAV increase is capture yet staying under the 5% threshold for a public hearing.

There was no further discussion.

First Reading.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Weyant asked staff if they were following up with a 3rd grade little girl in Brownies. She would like to put trash cans and trash can signage at the park across from the middle school. Assistant City Manager Kari Speir stated that she would work with maintenance staff to place additional trash cans and that staff would reach out to the 3rd grader.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

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), Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) and Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) at 7:23 p.m.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Battas moved, seconded by Elbe, to return to Regular Session at 8:36 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

Battas moved, seconded by Seibert, to reaffirm the motion from November 15, 2021 to reflect the motion to terminate the employment of Bradley Myers as City Manager for the City of Mascoutah effective immediately on November 15, 2021.

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

Elbe moved, seconded by Seibert, to appoint the following persons as the Search Committee for a new city manager for the City of Mascoutah.

- Tim Boyce
- Jerry Daugherty
- Kevin Dawson
- Rick Surmeier
- Rob Stookey
- Jon Jung
- Zane Fulp

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

ADJOURNMENT

Weyant moved, seconded by Elbe, to adjourn at 8:39 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Melissa A Schanz, City Clerk