

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

JANUARY 18, 2022

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 Deputy City Clerk Tiffany Barrows. 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 Doug Elbe.

Absent: None.

Other Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Kari Speir, Deputy City Clerk Tiffany Barrows, City Attorney Al Paulson, City Engineer Tom Quirk, Fire Chief Joe Zinck, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner, 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 December 20, 2021 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the December 20, 2021 Executive Session Meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joel Pikora, the incoming library director, was introduced to the council. Nancy Larson, library board president, introduced Joel to the community and expressed the community's gratitude to Marian Albers, the retiring library director. Kay Connolly, member of the library board of trustees, gave well wishes to Marian and also welcomed Joel.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Joe Zinck – December 2021 monthly report was provided.

Police Chief Scott Waldrup – December 2021 monthly report was provided.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – December 2021 monthly financials were provided.

Public Works (presented by Assistant City Manager) – December 2021 building and status report was provided.

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

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor – Presented certificate of appreciation to retiring library director, Marian Albers. Informed council of IMEA solar communication report.

City Council

Weyant – Nothing to report.

Battas – Nothing to report.

Seibert – Nothing to report.

Elbe – Nothing to report.

Assistant City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

The December 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, Seibert, McMahan. NAY's – none. ABSENT – none.

BUSINESS LICENSE FEES WAIVER

Assistant City Manager presented report to Council for consideration of approval of Resolution waiving the 2022 fees for business registration, liquor, video gaming and vending machine licenses for any business that had a 2021 license for an estimated amount of \$20,000.00.

The Council evaluated the business fees for 2022 and the majority has agreed to approve to waive the fees. Councilman Wally Battas asked to omit the liquor and video gaming portion of the resolution but the majority agreed to move forward as is.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Elbe, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 21-22-18, Resolution waiving the 2022 business registration, liquor, video gaming and vending machine license fees.

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

BID AWARD – PRAIRIE LAKE PAVING

Assistant City Manager presented report to Council for consideration of approval of low bid for furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials for the Prairie Lake Paving Project and authorization to award a contract to Christ Bros. Asphalt, Inc. for a total amount of \$112,985.00.

There was no further discussion.

Battas moved, seconded by Seibert, to approve the low bid of \$112,985.00 and award a contract to Christ Bros. Asphalt, Inc. of Lebanon, IL to furnish all labor, equipment and materials for construction of the Prairie Lake Park Paving Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

BUDGET GUIDANCE FY22/23

Council members discussed the budget guidance for FY 2022-2023.

ARPA DISCUSSION

Mayor spoke on how other communities have been reported using these funds. He also spoke on how the funds are meant to be a rescue plan or a source of investment into the community. Financial Coordinator discussed PPE Loan and forgiveness. Mayor discussed possibly using the funds to provide assistance to not-for-profit organizations who had loss of funds because they could not hold fundraisers during COVID.

UNPOSTED INTERSECTIONS & ONE-WAY STREET DISCUSSION

Police Chief provided information to Council regarding the intersections located throughout the city that do not have traffic control. Police Chief stated that before placing traffic control at all of the locations, a traffic study is needed. Council discussed one-way street ideas for Market and Lebanon Streets going south one block from Main Street. Police Chief will research crash data and IDOT regulations.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Seibert moved, seconded by Elbe, 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 8:03 p.m.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Battas moved, seconded by Weyant, to return to Regular Session at 8:41 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Elbe moved, seconded by Seibert, to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Tiffany Barrows, Deputy City Clerk