

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

**APRIL 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 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, Nick Seibert and Doug Elbe.

*Absent:* None.

*Other Staff Present:* Assistant City Manager Kari Speir, City Clerk Melissa Schanz, City Attorney Al Paulson, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner, City Engineer Tom Quirk, EMS Supervisor Jeremy Gottschammer, Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey, 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 April 4, 2022 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the April 4, 2022 Executive Session Meeting were presented and approved as presented.

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

**Mayor McMahan introduced the new City Manager Rebecca Ahlvin and her family.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Michael Shoemaker who resides at 301 N August expressed concern about the home that is falling down next to him at 300 N August. City Attorney Al Paulson stated that we are working with homeowner on condemnation.

Michael Shoemaker also asked that someone come look at the ditch that does not drain at his home at 301 N August. Staff stated they will put in a work order for someone to come take a look at the ditch.

Mike Baker a resident of Mascoutah asked the Council to reconsider the electric rate increase brought forward at tonight's meeting. Baker would like to see no change or if a change is decided add a sunset clause in it.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

*Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey* – March 2022 monthly report was provided.

*Police Chief Scott Waldrup* – March 2022 monthly report was provided.

*Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner* – March 2022 monthly financials were provided.

*Public Works Director Jesse Carlton* (absent)– March 2022 building and status report was provided by Assistant City Manager Kari Speir.

*City Engineer Tom Quirk* – March 2022 status report on public projects was provided.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*Mayor* – Thanked our Lineman on National Lineman Day.

*City Council*

Weyant – Nothing to report.

Battas –Nothing to report.

Seibert – Attended the MAC Meeting.

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 March 2022 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.

## **BUDGET 22/23 – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE (SECOND READING)**

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council approval and adoption of the City's FY22/23 Budget.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Elbe, to approve and adopt Ordinance 22-04, thereby establishing the City's FY 22/23 Budget.

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

## **CODE CHANGE – ELECTRIC, WATER & SEWER RATES (SECOND READING)**

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council approval of revisions to Chapter 11 – Electric System and Chapter 38 – Water and Sewer Rates of the City Code by adoption of ordinance.

Councilman Battas stated he would like to revisit this at a later date and try to cut cost in other areas.

Councilman Battas added he would like to have a sunset clause for the electric rate increase. Mayor stated that the rates will be reviewed each year during the budget process for increase or decrease so there would be no need for a sunset clause.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Seibert to approve and adopt Ordinance 22-05, thereby modifying Chapter 11, Electric System, :Article 1, General Regulations, Section 1; and approve and adopt Ordinance 22-06, thereby modifying Chapter 38, Article 4 Division 2 Water Rates, Section 12 and Division 3 Sewer Rates, Section 31.

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

## **N LEBANON STREET RECONSTRUCTION – BID AWARD**

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council approval of bids and authorization to award a contract to furnish all labor, equipment, and materials for the N Lebanon Street Reconstruction Project.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Seibert, to approve the low bid of \$2,203,007.80 and award a contract to Hank's Excavating and Landscaping, Inc. of Belleville, IL to furnish all labor, equipment, and materials for construction of the N Lebanon Street Reconstruction Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

## **ENGINEERING SERVICES – N LEBANON STREET RECONSTRUCTION**

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council approval of an Engineering Services Agreement with TWM, Inc. for Construction Observation and Documentation for the N Lebanon Street Reconstruction Project.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Elbe, to approve a contract with TWM, Inc. for engineering services in the amount of \$99,600.00 for full time construction observation and documentation for the N Lebanon Street Reconstruction Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

## **RESOLUTION AND APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING SERVICES – N JEFFERSON STREET (IL 4) SHARED USE PATH**

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council approval of Resolution allocating funds in the amount of \$84,869.00 for the N Jefferson Street (IL 4) Shared Use Path Project, approval of an Engineering Services Agreement with TWM, Inc. in the amount of \$84,869.00 for the design, preparation of plans and specifications, and bidding assistance for the N Jefferson Street (IL 4) Shared Use Path Project, and approval of a Joint Funding Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Battas, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 21-22-24, a Resolution allocating City funds in the amount of \$84,869.00 for the N Jefferson Street (IL 4) Shared Use Path Project, approve an Engineering Services Agreement with TWM, Inc. in the amount of \$84,869.00 for the design, preparation of plans and specifications, and bidding assistance for the N Jefferson Street (IL 4) Shared Use Project, and approve a Joint Funding Agreement with IDOT authorizing appropriate City officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

## **PC 22-01 – RECYCLE YARD OFFICE AND MAINTENANCE GARAGE FOR SURMEIER & SURMEIER INC – SITE PLAN AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of Site Plan and Architectural Elevations for a proposed building to contain an office and maintenance garage facility on property located approximately at 9838 State Route 161 (parcel no. 10-19-0-200-020).

There was no further discussion.

Elbe moved, seconded by Seibert, to approve the Site Plan and Architectural Elevations for a proposed building to contain an office and maintenance garage facility on property located approximately at 9838 State Route 161, subject to the attached Findings and Conditions of Approval.

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

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

None.

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

None.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Former Mayor Daugherty gave a brief history of our electric, water and sewer rates and explained how he feels that the increase is needed to move forward with growth and development.

Kevin Dawson welcomed Mrs. Ahlvin.

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

Elbe moved, seconded by Battas, 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 7:39p.m.

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

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

Weyant moved, seconded by Seibert, to return to regular session at 7:53p.m.

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

##### **EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – CITY MANAGER**

Council approval and authorization of Employment Agreement for the position of City Manager.

Seibert moved, seconded by Elbe, to approve the Employment Agreement with Rebecca Ahlvin for the position of City Manager and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Battas moved, seconded by Weyant, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

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

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Melissa Schanz, City Clerk