

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

DECEMBER 21, 2015

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 Kari Haas. The Council remained standing and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gerald Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Gerald Daugherty and Council members Ben Grodeon, Paul Schorr, John Weyant, and Pat McMahan.

Absent: None.

Other Staff Present: City Manager Cody Hawkins, City Clerk Kari Haas, City Attorney Al Paulson, Assistant City Manager Lisa Koerkenmeier, Police Chief Bruce Fleshren, Fire Chief Joe Zinck, City Engineer Ron Yeager, and Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner.

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

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 7, 2015 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the December 7, 2015 Executive Session meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Joe Zinck – November 2015 report was provided.

Police Chief Bruce Fleshren – November 2015 report was provided. Councilman Grodeon asked if any progress has been made on the case involving the shooting on Market Street. Police Chief stated that the investigation is ongoing.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – Monthly financials provided.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Yeager – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Mayor asked about the progress of the North 10th Street extension. City Engineering stated that it should be finished on Wednesday, December 23rd except for final grading and seeding. Councilman Schorr asked if at a future meeting we can discuss the contract specifications for backfilling and the materials to be used for backfilling. City Engineer stated that we normally use IDOT standards but can discuss it at a future meeting.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: United Way recognition luncheon, meeting regarding partnership program at Scott AFB, SLM Water Commission meeting, meeting in Granite City with area Mayor's regarding the Granite City steel factory, Christmas open houses and events.

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: TWM open house.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Government Ethics Class presented by the State's Attorney, school board meeting.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Christmas open houses and events, volunteered at the Santa Hut.

McMahan – Nothing to report.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

The November 2015 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

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

Motion passed. AYE's – Grodeon, Schorr, Weyant, McMahan, Daugherty. NAY's – none.

CODE CHANGE – NO PARKING, TENTH STREET (FIRST READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of an Ordinance to amend the Schedule E – No Parking Streets to add no parking on sections of North Tenth Street.

Councilman Weyant asked if we were still looking at putting another parking lot in the park. City Manager stated that there has been discussion about putting another parking lot north of Park Drive next to the ball fields.

First reading. No action required.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTIONS

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of resolutions regarding the release of closed session meeting minutes and the destruction of closed session tapes.

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-16-11, a Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Closed Session Tapes and Resolution No. 15-16-12, a Resolution Regarding the Release of Closed Session Minutes.

Motion passed. AYE's – Grodeon, Schorr, Weyant, McMahan, Daugherty. NAY's – none.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Mayor thanked staff and the Council for another great year.

Councilman Schorr asked about the trucking business that was to be relocated on Route 4. Assistant City Manager stated that Mr. Friederich ending up not purchasing the property. Assistant City Manager stated that the zoning will stay in place.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager provided information to Council regarding the Huddle House sales tax revenue bonds and stated that since the bonds are not going to be issued, the developer has asked for an incentive in the form of a sales tax rebate which would have been used to pay back the tax exempt bond if that would have been issued. City Manager stated that it would be for a 2-3 year deal until the bio-diesel exemption is removed. City Manager stated that he wanted Council's feedback before he had the City Attorney draft an agreement. Council discussed the possible sales tax rebate. City Manager will draft an agreement and review the projections and estimated rebate amount and bring it back to Council at a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to **adjourn at 7:23 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk