

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

AUGUST 15, 2016

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, City Engineer Ron Yeager, City Engineer Tom Quirk, Police Chief Bruce Fleshren and Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey.

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

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 1, 2016 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the August 1, 2016 Executive Session meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Kunkel – Stated that he is the developer for Legacy Place and spoke regarding the incentive request on the agenda tonight and some of the additional expenses that are not listed on the calculations provided in the staff report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey – July 2016 report was provided.

Police Chief Bruce Fleshren – July 2016 report was provided. VFW presented the Police Chief with gift certificates for each of the police officers.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – absent – Monthly financials provided.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Yeager – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Councilman Schorr asked about South 10th Street project maybe starting in October and voiced concerns with the timing and residents being able to haul materials to the yard waste dump. City Engineer stated that the road will have to be open during all times for access to Brickyard Road and the nursing home. City Engineer stated that dumping of leaves could be done at the dump located on North County Road if needed. Councilman McMahan stated that it could cause a problem with the Hero Run and their route. Councilman Grodeon asked about removing the North 10th Street project from the report and adding the South Street project. City Engineer stated that the bid opening for South Street will be August 31st.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Mayor recommended appointing Cathy Klingelhoef to the Cemetery Board to serve out the remaining term of Frank Armstutz. Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to ratify the appointment of Cathy Klingelhoef to the Cemetery Board.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, volunteered at the Visitor's Center, Mascoutah Alumni golf tournament, Homecoming activities, TIF JRB meeting, ribbon cutting for the new DISA building.

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Homecoming activities. Stated that he will be in attendance at the next Council meeting.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Meeting with museum chairperson regarding landscaping project, Homecoming activities, TIF JRB meeting, Berm Trail Phase 1 public information meeting. Councilman Schorr voiced concerns over the individual who was selected as the TIF member at large not paying property taxes. Councilman Schorr expressed his disappointment regarding the County not attending the TIF JRB meeting.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Homecoming activities, Lions Club golf tournament.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, Homecoming activities.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

The July 2016 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

Mayor asked about the annual NPDES permit. City Manager stated that it is the City's storm water permit for public projects to control storm water runoff.

Councilman Schorr asked about the expense to TWM for Main St Streetscape. City Engineer stated that it should've been paid to EFK Moen and billed under them. City Manager stated that they will get it corrected.

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

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

LEGACY PLACE TIF #3 INCENTIVE RECOMMENDATION

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval of a recommendation of TIF #3 incentive funding for the Legacy Place project.

City Manager explained the recommendation of funding which is that the City reimburses the developer 60% of the TIF funds generated by the property on an annual basis up to a maximum amount which could be up to 15% of the total project costs; staff is recommending reimbursement of 10% of the actual total project costs.

Councilman Weyant asked about the access road being put in and who is responsible for that road. City Manager stated that in the beginning it was Goldenberg who developed Prairie View Estates that was to put it in but now the property is being sold so the City is asking the developer to fund the access road up to the edge of their development. City Manager stated that the road was to be put in when the commercial portion was developed but it has never developed.

Councilman Grodeon commented on the City obligating TIF funds when the new TIF has not been approved yet and the other obligations have not been identified yet. City Manager stated that additional obligations to the taxing districts have not been identified as of yet and not requested yet.

Councilman Grodeon commented on the property taxes to be generated and the tax analysis included estimating a little more than what the developer stated his other developments generate.

Councilman Grodeon stated that he would rather see a lessor incentive amount since it is all TIF induced and there will be no sales tax generated. Councilman Grodeon stated that he would like to see more thought put in to what specific items we would actually like to fund through a TIF incentive.

Councilman Schorr commented on incentives being asked for and voted on before the TIF is actually approved. Councilman Schorr asked about a recommendation from the Finance Committee. City Manager stated that this was brought before the Finance Committee when this project originally started and the Finance Committee was not in favor of providing any incentives. City Manager stated that this was brought before the Economic Development Commission and they were in favor of providing the maximum of 15% incentive funding.

Councilman Schorr asked about the land price listed stating that it was reduced. City Manager stated that this was part of the Finance Committee recommendation which was to not incentivize increased prices on land and to only incentivize market price or less.

City Manager stated that there are two definitive items in a TIF agreement which is the cap of amount to be incentivized and how much increment to be reimbursed each year. Council discussed the incentive funding and asked the City Manager to go back and look at the amount of incentive to be provided and the itemized list of eligible costs to be reimbursed. Councilman Grodeon stated that he would like to see offsite eligible expenses and would like an updated list of costs.

McMahan moved, seconded by Grodeon, to table item until the next meeting.

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

STREET CLOSING – FALL FEST

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of a resolution to close Main Street (IL 177) on October 15, 2016 for the Fall Fest.

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to authorize the closing of Main Street (IL 177) from Second St. to Route 4 on October 15, 2016 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the annual Fall Fest by adopting Resolution No. 16-17-09.

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

STREET CLOSING – LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of a resolution to close Main Street (IL 177) on December 2, 2016 for the annual Lighted Christmas Parade.

McMahan moved, seconded by Grodeon, to authorize the closing of Main Street (IL 177) from Jefferson Street to Second Street on December 2, 2016 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for the annual Lighted Christmas Parade by adopting Resolution No. 16-17-10.

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

RESOLUTION – MOUNDS PRESERVATION

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval of a resolution requesting the preservation of the Mississippian mounds culture by elevating the national status of Cahokia Mounds and associated mounds complexes.

McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 16-17-11, a resolution requesting the preservation of the Mississippian mounds culture by elevating the national status of Cahokia Mounds and associated mounds complexes.

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

CODE CHANGE – STOP INTERSECTIONS (FIRST READING)

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval of an Ordinance to amend Schedule A – Stop Intersections.

Councilman Schorr asked about naming the street coming out of Trinity Services and having a stop sign placed there at the intersection of 6th Street. City Manager stated that it is the City's street but is a private drive and remained there for any future development of the park but can look into naming the street and placing a stop sign.

First reading. No action required.

CODE CHANGE – NUISANCES (FIRST READING)

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval of revisions to Chapter 25 – Nuisances amending Article I to prohibit aerial agriculture spraying within City limits.

City Manager stated that the City Attorney is recommending the City hold off on this item until he can review further. City Attorney stated that there may be additional laws and regulations governed by the Department of Agriculture that the City cannot make stricter.

First reading. No action required.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Grodeon commented on the TIF member at large who is not paying property taxes. Mayor stated that he was chosen because he is the chairman of the Economic Development Committee and is knowledgeable about TIF. Mayor stated that the reason he is not paying taxes is because he has a veterans disability that allows him to not pay taxes by state law. Councilman McMahan stated that he did not see a problem with the person

selected if they have the expertise needed. City Attorney stated that he did not foresee a problem with the member at large not paying property taxes. Councilman Grodeon wanted to be on record that he did not agree with the selected member at large being someone who is not paying property taxes.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 8:08 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk