

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

JANUARY 19, 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 Paul Schorr, John Weyant, and Pat McMahan.

Absent: Council member Ben Grodeon.

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 January 4, 2016 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the January 11, 2016 City Council work session were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Joe Zinck – December 2015 report was provided.

Police Chief Bruce Fleshren – December 2015 report was provided.

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 final on Fuesser Road. City Engineer stated that the City has received a letter from S&S regarding their reasoning for why the project was finished late and why they shouldn't be charged the penalties. City Engineer stated that they will be reviewing the letter submitted and provide an update to Council. Councilman Schorr asked about the Poplar Street improvement project and thought that the City was going to replace the sidewalks on the north side. City Engineer stated that the current plans are to utilize the sidewalks on the north side because they are located on private property. City Engineer stated that if the City is going to spend any money on replacing the sidewalks, the property would have to be turned over to the City. City Engineer stated that TWM is drafting the deed documents for the City to approach the property owners. Councilman Weyant asked about South 10th Street improvement project and the movement of the utilities. City Manager stated that the biggest hang-up right now is the procedures and obtaining approvals from IDOT before we can move forward.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: Volunteered at the Visitor's Center, City employee appreciation dinner, MIA appreciation dinner, Phase II Electric workshop, meeting at IDOT regarding STP and CMAQ, presentation at Scott AFB for promotion of Colonel Kremer, "Tops in Blue" performance at the High School, Chamber annual meeting and dinner, meeting with IDOT regarding the resurfacing of Main Street, IML Executive Committee meeting.

City Council

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: City employee appreciation dinner, Phase II Electric workshop, TIF JRB meeting, final government ethics class provided by the State's Attorney, Chamber annual meeting and dinner.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: City employee appreciation dinner, MIA appreciation dinner, Phase II Electric workshop, Chapel committee meeting.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: City employee appreciation dinner, MIA appreciation dinner, Phase II Electric workshop, Chamber annual meeting and dinner.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

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

Councilman Schorr asked about a reimbursement to an employee for truck repairs. City Manager stated that it was for repairs to the park dump truck and the City did not have an account at the place where it was repaired so the employee paid for the repairs out of his personal account so the City reimbursed him for those expenses.

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

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

CODE CHANGE – TAXATION (SECOND READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of an ordinance to amend Chapter 36 – Taxation, Article III – Municipal Utility Tax of the City Code of Ordinances.

Schorr moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 16-02, amending Chapter 36 – Taxation, Article III – Municipal Utility Tax of the City Code of Ordinances.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Council discussed the budget guidance for FY16/17.

Councilman Schorr asked if the City could put something in the utility bills regarding the vehicle registration renewals not being mailed out anymore to help get the word out to those who do not have internet access.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager provided information to Council regarding the IMEA energy efficiency funds. City Manager stated that the City was granted around \$40,000 and wanted to know how much the City Council wanted to allocate energy efficiency grants to businesses. City Manager stated that he has received an application from Handee Mart with qualified expenses of over \$6,000. City Manager stated that there have been some inquiries from other businesses but no applications are in the process right now through IMEA and the program wasn't publicized to all businesses so doesn't know if we will get another application completed by the end of April. City Manager stated that the City will do another street light project before the end of April to use up the remainder of the grant funds. City Manager stated that there may be more funds granted next fiscal year and more publicity could be

done to inform businesses better. Council was in general agreement to do a grant reimbursement for Handee Mart for the full amount of the qualified expenses. City Manager will draft a policy for energy efficiency grants for businesses for the coming year's funds if there are any allocated by IMEA.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) at 7:47 p.m.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to return to Regular Session at 8:05 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 8:07 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk