

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

OCTOBER 17, 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 7:06 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 Mike Bolt, City Engineer Tom Quirk, Police Chief Bruce Fleshren, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner and Fire Chief Joe Zinck.

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

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 3, 2016 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Joe Zinck – September 2016 report was provided.

Police Chief Bruce Fleshren – September 2016 report was provided.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – Monthly financials provided.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Tom Quirk – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Councilman Schorr asked about Poplar Street reconstruction and when the soil and seeding work is going to be completed. City Engineer stated the punch list has been provided to the contractor but does not know when it will be completed.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, event at VFW honoring employee from Mascoutah Hardware, Trinity Services Oktoberfest fundraiser, Lions Club meeting, retirement luncheon for Roger Klingel, Fall Fest / Chili cook-off.

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Fall Fest / Chili cook-off.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, worked on memorial planting at Senior Center, retirement luncheon for Roger Klingel, Fall Fest / Chili cook-off.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Fall Fest / Chili cook-off.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Fall Fest / Chili cook-off.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

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

Councilman Grodeon asked about the Phase 2 Electric engineering bills being paid and the notes regarding the loan draw down. City Manager stated that we will be drawing down on the loan amount until the \$7 million is reached and will use reserves from the Electric Fund afterwards. City Manager explained that the City saves more money with the interest rate on our bank accounts being much better than what it would be to pay the interest on the loan.

Councilman Schorr asked about the engineering work on the berm trail with Horner & Shifrin. City Engineer stated that this bill was for the 2nd phase of the engineering work on the Berm Trail Phase 1 Project.

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

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

PC 16-08 – REZONING OF 515 W. CHURCH STREET FROM RS-5, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RS-5), TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) (SECOND READING)

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval of an ordinance for the rezoning application for 515 W. Church Street from RS-5, Single-Family Residential, to GC, General Commercial.

Councilman Grodeon asked if any feedback was received from residents. City Manager stated that no further feedback has been received from neighboring properties.

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 16-21, approving the rezoning request of 515 W. church Street from RS-5, Single-Family Residential, to GC, General Commercial, subject to the Findings for Approval.

FINDINGS: The Mascoutah City Council, pursuant to the applicant's initiated Zone Change for the tract of land described, and after considering the effect of the requested use on the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the residents in the City, specifically finds:

1. The proposed zone change of the site is appropriate, in terms of land patterns in the entire City and the City's Zoning Code requirements.
2. The proposed zone change is compatible with surrounding commercial and residential uses nearby property.
3. The rezoning application is consistent with good general planning.
4. The proposed zone change does encourage land use compatibility with adjacent uses.
5. The proposed zone change is deemed desirable to promote the general welfare of the City.

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

PC 16-10 – FINAL PLAT FOR LEGACY PLACE (SECOND READING)

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval of an ordinance approving the Final Plat for Legacy Place, a three (3) lot development consisting of one (1) RS-8 single-family lot and two (2) general commercial lots located west of Route 4 and north of Prairie View Estates.

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 16-22, approving the Final Plat for Legacy Place, subject to the Findings for Approval.

FINDINGS: The Mascoutah City Council, pursuant to the final plat review process, and after considering the effect of the request to approve the final plat on the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the residents in the City, specifically finds:

1. The proposed final plat meets all the requirements of the Unified Land Development Code and other applicable City ordinances, and state and federal laws and statutes.
2. Adequate provisions have been made for a sufficient water supply system and public sewage system.
3. The proposed subdivision will not result in the scattered subdivision of land that leaves undeveloped parcels of land lacking infrastructure between developed parcels.
4. The subdivider has taken every effort to mitigate the impact of the proposed subdivision on public health, safety, and welfare.

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

BID WAIVER & APPROVAL – “WELCOME TO MASCOUTAH” SIGNS

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval to waive the competitive bidding requirements for the “Welcome to Mascoutah” signs purchase and approve the purchase with ProSigns Advertising and Design Company.

Councilman Schorr asked if we had all the easements. City Manager stated that we have all the easements except for the one on the east side. City Manager explained that this sign will be moved further east so it will be more visible away from the commercial frontage.

Councilman Schorr asked about landscaping. City Manager stated that there will be some landscaping around the new signs but it will be something that does not have to be maintained.

Councilman Grodeon stated that he does not agree with waiving the competitive bidding requirements; does not know whether this is a good price or not; could have done an RFI from different companies to help derive an RFP that the committee could review. City Manager stated that the committee did look at different designs from different companies but did not have pricing information when comparing the designs and deciding which one to move forward with. Councilman Weyant pointed out that the City's actual cost will only be \$17,300.00 with the Chamber's donation.

McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to waive the competitive bidding requirements for the “Welcome to Mascoutah” sign purchase and approve the purchase with ProSigns Advertising and Design Company of Belleville, IL in the amount of \$27,300.00.

Motion passed. AYE's – Schorr, Weyant, McMahan, Daugherty. NAY's – Grodeon.

ESPENSCHIED CHAPEL BUILDING ADDITION – RESOLUTION

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval of a resolution for the building addition at the Espenschied Chapel.

Councilman Schorr asked if this will make the City responsible from removing additional trees as was requested by the Chapel Committee. City Manager stated that we are going to have to remove some trees but they are within the area of the parking lot and will not need to contract out for removal of those few trees.

McMahan moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 16-17-15, a Resolution Approving the Espenschied Chapel Building Addition.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Mayor stated that the prayer breakfast is in the morning at 7:30 a.m. Mayor stated that after the prayer breakfast, there will be an Arbor Day presentation over at the pool.

Councilman Schorr asked about the North 10th Street ditch and about the water still holding in the retention pond. City Manager stated that the pumps were turned off and will turn them back on if needed. City Manager stated that we still need to excavate part of the ditch to fix the water retention and will be doing that when we rent a larger excavator for a house demolition.

Council discussed the trip reports from the annual IML Conference in Chicago.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager provided information to Council regarding a request from a developer to possibly locate an Alzheimer's facility in Mascoutah and would be looking at incentives so wanted to make Council aware of the possibility of this development.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Schorr moved, seconded by Grodeon, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) at 7:55 p.m.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Schorr moved, seconded by McMahan, to return to Regular Session at 8:17 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 8:19 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk