

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

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

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 Pro-tem Ben Grodeon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mayor Gerald Daugherty.

Other Staff Present: City Manager Cody Hawkins, City Clerk Kari Haas, City Attorney Al Paulson, Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt, City Engineer Tom Quirk, Fire Chief Joe Zinck, 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 February 6, 2017 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 – December 2016 and January 2017 report was provided.

Police Chief Scott Waldrup – December 2016 and January 2017 report was provided. The Public Safety Department 2016 Annual Report was also provided. Councilman Grodeon asked about any unfunded mandates that might be coming down from the state regarding

gear or equipment changes. Police Chief stated that to his knowledge there isn't anything at this point that the state is mandating.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – absent – Monthly financials provided.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Tom Quirk – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Councilman Weyant asked about Greystone Manor and ownership with relation to the acceptance of the public improvements. City Manager stated that Ryan Florek is still the owner of that subdivision; the public improvements are not ready to be accepted yet. Councilman Schorr asked about the South 10th Street project and asked about the months when seeding can take place. City Engineer stated that he doesn't think it is time for seeding according to IDOT specifications but the parking lot for the apartments and the sidewalk still needs to be completed and then the contractor will be ready to begin seeding.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Mascoutah running club.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, Touch the Heart volunteer breakfast at the Senior Center.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: MIA meeting.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, MIA meeting, helped place additional dirt in the dog park.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

The December 2016 and January 2017 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

Councilman Schorr asked about the TIF #3 cash account. City Clerk explained that there were funds budgeted in General Fund for TIF #3 expenses; the funds were transferred from General Fund into a TIF #3 cash account to keep track of the expenses for the development of the area. City Clerk stated that once the area begins to generate property tax revenue, the funds transferred from General Fund will be paid back.

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

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

CODE CHANGE – STOP INTERSECTIONS

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

I. ONE-WAY AND TWO-WAY STOPS

Through Streets

Daniel Drive
Daniel Drive
Daniel Drive
Daniel Drive
Mortar Street
S. Tenth Street

Stop Streets - Direction

Hod Court
Kiln Court
Mortar Street (Both)
Mason Street (Both)
Mason Street
Daniel Drive (Both)

Councilman Grodeon asked if the sign placement was discussed with the Police Chief. City Manager stated that they did discuss it and were in agreement on the locations.

Weyant moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 17-02, amending Chapter 24, Schedule “A” – Stop Intersections.

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

CODE CHANGE – RECREATION AND PARKS CODE

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval of an ordinance for revisions to Chapter 31 – Recreation and Parks of the City Code by adding Article VIII – Ball Field Use Rules and Regulations.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 17-03, thereby modifying Chapter 31 – Recreation and Parks, adding Article VIII – Ball Field Use Rules and Regulations.

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

PC 17-01 – REZONING OF PARCEL NO. 09-24-0-200-008 FROM GI, GENERAL INDUSTRIAL, TO AG, AGRICULTURAL

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval of request from Ryan Roehrig to rezone 11.77 acres located on the east side of North County Road just south of Route 161 and directly west of the Mascoutah Sportsman Club from GI, General Industrial, to AG, Agricultural.

Councilman Schorr asked about the intention of the applicant for development on the parcel. City Manager stated that the applicant is planning to build a residence and live there.

Councilman Schorr pointed out a discrepancy on the roll call vote from the Planning Commission meeting. Assistant City Manager stated that all commission members voted in favor of the zoning change and will correct the minutes to reflect that.

Councilman McMahan asked if there was any discussion about keeping the portion of the parcel along Route 161 zoned commercial. City Manager stated that with that parcel being right next to the lake he isn't sure how marketable it would be for commercial or if it could be developed commercial. City Manager stated that the parcel on the west side of County Road next to the gun club is remaining zoned General Industrial.

Councilman Weyant asked about any precedence for anything north of Fuesser Road being developed residential. City Manager stated that there is no precedence but there are some regulations regarding the size of the parcel in order to build a residence. City Manager stated that the City has rezoned parcels in the past from General Industrial to Agricultural in order to allow for the building of a residence.

Councilman Grodeon asked where the access point would be. City Manager stated that they will coordinate with Sportsman's Club to provide access from their access road because we don't want to put an access road on County Road. Councilman Grodeon commented on the access road to Sportsman's Club and doesn't recall the City vacating that road when the new road was built. City Manager stated that he will look into that. City Manager stated that the access point will be discussed and finalized when the plans for the house come in.

Councilman Grodeon asked for a copy of the zoning map to be included at the next meeting for second reading.

First reading. No action required.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Schorr asked about the next Finance Committee meeting. City Manager stated that the Finance Committee did meet on February 15th regarding the budget and that was finalized so there shouldn't be any need for another meeting in the near future or before budget approval.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the lime trails in the park and the plans for replacing them with asphalt. City Manager stated that they are looking to possibly do this project in this current budget year. City Manager stated that the City Engineer is working on the specifications to get the bid packet out in the next week or so.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager stated that IML is assisting the City with discussing options with IDNR for the yard waste drop off site; IML was told by IDNR that there is a possible waiver that the City can apply for. City Manager stated that they are waiting for the forms from IDNR and will be pursuing that option if it is a possibility.

City Manager stated that Verizon has requested to be allowed to put micro-towers throughout the City which enables them to provide better service to their customers and wish to attach the towers to some of the City's current utility poles instead of erecting new poles. City Manager stated that we do currently charge a pole attachment fee for other utilities; Verizon is requesting attachment to six poles and offered \$200 per pole annually. City Manager stated that he and the attorney can negotiate with Verizon on the pole attachment fee and a flat fee for the required electricity. Council was in consensus to allow the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate with Verizon on the fees. City Manager stated that they will bring the contract to Council once the fees and the terms are finalized.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Maue – asked with regards to the request from Verizon, if that is a trend that is coming and if other companies are going to be requesting the same. City Manager stated that it is a trend and other cities are starting to see them and the City will probably see more of these requests from other cellular companies.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 7:44 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk