

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

MARCH 6, 2017

The minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Mascoutah.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor Gerald Daugherty called the budget workshop to order at 6:07 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Gerald Daugherty and Council members Paul Schorr, John Weyant, and Pat McMahan.

Councilman Ben Grodeon arrived at 6:12 p.m.

Absent:

None.

Other Staff Present:

City Manager Cody Hawkins, City Clerk Kari Haas, Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt, City Engineer Tom Quirk, and Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner.

City Manager and Finance Coordinator provided an overview of the proposed budget for FY17/18. Council discussed the proposed budget.

Mayor Gerald Daugherty closed the budget workshop at 6:50 p.m.

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, 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, 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 February 21, 2017 regular City Council meeting were presented and the minutes were approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wayne Armstrong – Voiced concerns regarding the yard waste disposal site and voiced concerns over it being back open for spring cleaning. City Manager explained the issue with the yard waste disposal site and why it was closed down and the options that the City is currently looking into.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: SWIL Council of Mayors meeting, Prayer Breakfast at Scott AFB, volunteered at the Leu Civic Center for a painting project with the Rotary Club, APPA Rally in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with IMEA, Meet the Candidates Forum.

City Council

Grodeon – Nothing to report.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Meet the Candidates Forum.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Volunteered at the Leu Civic Center for a painting project with the Rotary Club, Meet the Candidates Forum.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: SWIL Council of Mayors meeting, Meet the Candidates Forum.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

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 Grodeon asked about concerns with spot zoning since all parcels around the parcel are zoned General Industrial. City Manager stated that south of the parcel in question was rezoned a few years back from General Industrial to Agricultural for the same reason and does not see any issues with the rezoning of this parcel where it is located.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 17-04, approving the rezoning request for 11.77 acres, Parcel # 09-24-0-200-008, from General Industrial (GI) to Agricultural (AG).

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

BID AWARD – BACKHOE LOADER

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bid for furnishing a backhoe loader with accessories.

Mayor asked how old the backhoe that is being traded in. Marvin McLemore, Streets Supervisor, stated that the current model was purchased 10 years ago but was used at that time.

Councilman Grodeon asked if a spec document was put out when bid. City Manager stated that yes there was a spec document included in the bid documents. Marvin McLemore stated that both bids submitted very similar specs. City Manager explained the maintenance differences between the two machines and explained the easier and preferred maintenance, cleaning and visibility of the CAT model compared to the Case model.

Councilman Grodeon asked if legally we could accept the higher bid. City Attorney stated that the City would be fine accepting the higher bid.

Weyant moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve the bid of \$80,250.00 to Fabik CAT of Fenton, MO for furnishing a backhoe loader with accessories and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

BID AWARD – SCBA UNITS AND FACE PIECES FOR THE MASCOUTAH FIRE DEPARTMENT

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bid for purchasing self contained breathing apparatus units and face pieces for the Mascoutah Fire Department.

Mayor asked about the grant amount compared to the purchase price. City Manager stated that an estimate was provided when the grant was applied for. City Manager explained that since the bids were lower than the grant amount, the City will be submitting a grant modification in order to acquire additional equipment and will be bringing a bid award for the additional equipment back for Council approval at a future meeting once the grant modification is approved. Fire Chief did state that the 5% match will be shared with the Rural Fire Protection District.

Schorr moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve the bid of \$215,830.00 to Sentinel Emergency Services of Arnold, MO and Freeburg, IL for the purchase of new self contained breathing apparatus units and face pieces for the Mascoutah Fire Department and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

EDC 17-01, BUSINESS DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR BARRY HAYDEN, PLAZA 23 LLC

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of Business District incentives for Plaza 23.

Mayor asked about the recommendation from the Economic Development Commission. City Manager stated that the Economic Development Commission did recommend approving the full amount. City Manager explained that the request is permissible expenses through the business district fund.

Councilman Grodeon asked why the street lights were not included in the original spec for the development. City Manager stated that he is unsure why it wasn't originally included when the development was created. Councilman Grodeon stated that one take away is to check the Code to make sure these specifications are required.

Councilman Grodeon commented on the economic incentive policy and this being below the funding threshold. City Manager stated that the economic incentive policy allows for funding of up to 15% of the total project cost and this request is well below that threshold compared to the cost of the entire development.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve Business District Incentives for Barry Hayden, Plaza 23 LLC, in the amount of \$27,651.70 for installation of street lights and sewers.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Schorr commented on the yard waste disposal site and the clean-up. City Engineer stated there wasn't any detail from IDNR on clean-up but the plan is to spread the material remaining and incorporate that into the soil and seed the area with a slight grade from the beginning to the back of the area. Councilman Schorr commented on the IDNR letter mentioning the composting of leaves being hazardous and stated that it should be noted when the meeting with IDNR occurs that the leaves in the bottoms are composting all the time and that runs into the creek so their reasoning is bazaar. Councilman Schorr commenting on getting an explanation placed on the website regarding the closure and the plan for the site and a timeline, if available, on either re-opening the site or creating a new site; and include information on how much the yard waste disposal option costs through Waste Management.

Councilman Grodeon asked about a pile of old wood and pallets stored on the north end of Scheve Park. Councilman McMahan stated that the MIA is planning to dispose of that material.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager provided information to Council regarding a request from the Chapel Committee to have the City install the sidewalk from the parking lot to the entrance of the new addition. City Manager stated that he informed the Chapel Committee that the City was doing the parking lot but did not have plans for installing the sidewalk but wanted clarification and final decision from the Council. Council was in consensus to only provide funding for the parking lot, not for the additional sidewalk connecting the parking lot to the Chapel.

City Manager provided an update to Council that the green storage container located on the back lot of Ace Hardware should already be removed or will be in the next day or so.

City Manager stated that a demo lighted stop sign was placed on South 10th Street temporarily. City Manager asked Council if they would like to pursue placing lighted school zone signs on 6th Street temporarily to try them out. Council was in agreement to get more information on pricing.

Councilman Grodeon asked about Ace Hardware and several sections along the front of the building that still have weathered dry-wall and unfinished. City Manager stated that he will check into it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wayne Armstrong – Commented on the state law requiring vehicles to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stated that there is an issue with this by the high school that he witnesses every day and asked about providing additional education to residents to remind them of the state law and reminding drivers to yield to pedestrians.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 7:48 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk