

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

AUGUST 7, 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 Gerald Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Gerald Daugherty, Council members Paul Schorr, John Weyant, Pat McMahan and Michael Baker.

Absent: None.

Other Staff Present: City Manager Cody Hawkins, Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt, City Clerk Kari Haas, City Attorney Al Paulson, City Engineer Tom Quirk, 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 July 17, 2017 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: National Night Out planning meeting, IML Summer Board meeting in Barrington, SLM Water Commission meeting, change in command ceremony at Scott AFB, Zoning Board meeting, SWIL Council of Mayors

meeting, Chamber meeting, Mascoutah Alumni golf tournament, Homecoming festivities. Thanked Tommy Renner for the use of the carriage in the parade for the base personnel.

City Council

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, Homecoming festivities.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: MIA meeting, Evening Lions Club golf tournament, Homecoming festivities.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: SWIL Council of Mayors meeting, Evening Lions Club golf tournament, Homecoming festivities.

Baker – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, Evening Lions Club golf tournament, Meals on Wheels volunteer, Homecoming festivities.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

EMS UNION CONTRACT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of amendment to Mascoutah EMS Local 4412 Union Agreement.

Baker moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve the union contract amendment with Mascoutah EMS Local 4412 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

STREET CLOSING – FALL FEST

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of a resolution to close Main Street (IL 177) on October 21, 2017 for the Fall Fest.

Councilman Weyant asked if there was going to be any conflict with the intersection construction. City Manager stated that there shouldn't be any conflict; doesn't believe they will be starting work in October.

Baker moved, seconded by Weyant, to authorize the closing of Main Street (IL 177) from Second Street to Route 4 on October 21, 2017 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the annual Fall Fest by adopting Resolution No. 17-18-07.

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

STREET CLOSING – LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of a resolution to close Main Street (IL 177) on December 1, 2017 for the annual Lighted Christmas Parade.

Baker moved, seconded by Schorr, to authorizing the closing of Main Street (IL 177) from Jefferson Street to Second Street on December 1, 2017 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for the annual Lighted Christmas Parade by adopting Resolution No. 17-18-08.

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

BID AWARD – UTILITY WORK MACHINE

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bid for furnishing a utility work machine and related components for the Electric Department.

Councilman Weyant commented on the initial bid specifications and how they were spec'd for the specific machine and how it doesn't allow for other companies to bid their equipment. Councilman Weyant stated that he would like to see the bid specifications to go out differently to allow for other companies the opportunity to bid. Councilman Weyant stated that he would like to throw out the current bids and rebid with more generalized specs.

Councilman Baker asked if the bid from Bobcat was through the municipal bidding program. Larry Linck, Electric Department Foreman, stated that the bid pricing was with the municipal discount.

Councilman McMahan commented on the bid specifications being created for a specific machine and needs to be more general to allow for a wider spectrum of bidders.

Councilman Schorr stated that he wants the department to have equipment that is versatile and that they are going to use and not have a piece of equipment that is going to sit and not get used.

Schorr moved, seconded by Daugherty, to approve the bid of \$52,223.28 to Bobcat of St. Louis of Fairview Heights, IL for furnishing a Toolcat 5600 Utility Work Machine with accessories and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

Motion failed. AYE's – Schorr, Daugherty. NAY's – Weyant, McMahan, Baker.

BID AWARD – STREET SWEEPER

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bid for furnishing a street sweeper and related components for the Street Department.

Councilman Baker asked about bid specifications and if those were sent out. City Manager stated that bid specifications were sent out.

Councilman Baker asked what the standard maintenance is on this type of equipment. Street Department Foreman Marvin McLemore explained that it will come with a one year warranty with so many hours.

Councilman Weyant commented on the bid specifications stating that we would not accept used or demo units and asked why that was put in there. City Manager stated that with some types of equipment we will accept demo units and others are not preferred.

Weyant moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve the bid of \$125,242.00 to EJ Equipment of Manteno, IL for furnishing a street sweeper with related components and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

CODE CHANGE – YARD SALES

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of an ordinance to amend Chapter 7 – Business Code, adding Article XIII – Yard Sales to the City Code of Ordinances.

Councilman Schorr asked who is going to monitor the residences. City Manager stated that we receive many complaints so it will be mostly complaint driven.

Councilman Schorr asked if a resident participates in the city-wide, does that count towards their limit. City Manager stated that yes it would.

Councilman Schorr commented on the signage restrictions and understands the signs on the poles, but doesn't see an issue with allowing signs to be temporarily placed on public right of way. Council discussed and was in general consensus to allow yard sale signs on public right of way for a specified amount of time.

First reading. No action required.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Schorr suggested some items for discussion at the next meeting: yard waste site and safety concerns at 6th and Harnett.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager provided an updated to Council regarding issues with the deep pool and the need for replacing the concrete gutter system with a stainless steel gutter system and how much it could potentially cost. City Manager provided information received from Heinz Pool on a product that can be used to line the entire pool which would take care of leaking issues; lining would include a warranty of 10 years. City Manager stated that the estimate for the repairs and gutter system is around \$250,000. Council was in agreement that this would be a good solution. City Manager will move forward to obtain proposals and figure out funding.

City Manager provided information to Council regarding a request from the museum to repaint the building which will cost around \$16,000; historical committee is asking the City to share the costs. City Manager stated that he is wanting to look into tuck pointing the brick before repainting the building. Councilman Weyant stated that standards need to be set for the support of these different organizations who are located in City buildings. City Manager stated that the majority of the needed support is decided on a case-by-case basis depending on funding in the City's budget and the funding capabilities of the organization. Council will discuss the cost sharing on this project after firm numbers are received on the tuck pointing and the painting. Council discussed the need to have a conversation regarding future support for the different organizations residing in City owned buildings.

City Manager provided information to Council regarding the fees paid to the City's current contracted inspectors; inspectors have asked for an increase in their fees. Staff will do research on the fees and how much the City charges and how much the City receives from those fees and bring back a recommendation.

City Manager provided information to Council regarding the electric efficiency grant program and asked for some parameters on how to run the grant program and how much should be provided to businesses when they apply; have two applications pending with IMEA. Councilman Schorr commented on the biggest problem being businesses not knowing about it and there being no advertising for the program. Council discussed the grant and was in general consensus with setting a certain percentage (15%) of the amount remaining in the program. Staff will work on ways to increase promotion and advertising for the program.

City Manager provided information to Council regarding issues the City is running into with the bidding procedures that were enacted requiring competitive bidding for engineering/professional service contracts over \$20,000. City Manager explained that non-home rule communities do not have the option to enact bidding procedures for engineering services. City Manager stated that engineering firms are telling the City that they will not submit bids on those projects because it would cost them too much for a bid they are not guaranteed to get. Council was in consensus to go with the QBS standard for deciding engineering services on projects and modify the Code.

Councilman Baker asked about the Scheve Park walking trail and any progress on correcting the issue. City Engineer stated that the white lines that were painted are going to be the new edge; contractor is going to resurface the entire trail; the areas outside of the white lines will either be cut off or filled in with more asphalt. Councilman Baker asked if we thought that was going to be sufficient and if that was going to last. City Engineer stated that there is potential for cracking with doing an overlay. City Engineer stated that they are still discussing the options and deciding if that is going to be an agreeable solution or not.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 8:18 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk