

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

SEPTEMBER 18, 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 and Council members Paul Schorr, John Weyant, and Mike Baker.

Absent: None.

Request for Electronic Attendance: Mayor stated that a notice was received by Councilman McMahan to attend this City Council meeting electronically, and he will be deemed authorized to attend the meeting electronically unless a motion objecting to his electronic attendance is made. Is there a motion objecting to Councilman McMahan attending this meeting electronically? Hearing none, the request by Councilman McMahan to attend the meeting electronically shall be deemed approved.

Electronically Present: Councilman Pat McMahan.

Other Staff Present: City Manager Cody Hawkins, Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt, City Clerk Kari Haas, City Attorney Al Paulson, City Engineer Tom Quirk, Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner, 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 September 5, 2017 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the September 5, 2017 Executive Session meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rich Fuess – Spoke regarding the purchase of the piece of equipment for the Electric Department. Spoke regarding the high electric bills in Mascoutah. Provided information to Council regarding comparisons to Ameren. Asked Council why the purchase had to be done and if the purchase was an absolute need. Mayor encouraged Rich Fuess to discuss these issues with the City Manager.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey – August 2017 report was provided.

Police Chief Scott Waldrup – August 2017 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 report were provided. Councilman Schorr asked about the berm trails and the construction start being moved to 2018. City Engineer stated that these projects are on state letting so the projected timeline will now be 2018 to coincide with the review timetable with IDOT. Councilman Baker commented on the Scheve Park walking trail having been fixed and if we had a guarantee from the company. City Manager stated that normally there would not be a warranty on those types of jobs but can certainly ask.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: United Way golf tournament, Elementary School 9/11 Patriot's Day ceremony, Leu Civic Center 9/11 Patriot's Day ceremony, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, BHMG golf outing.

City Council

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Weyant – Nothing to report.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: United Way golf tournament, currently helping and providing hurricane relief in Tampa, FL to his sister and neighboring communities through a Red Cross shelter and a Methodist Church helping to distribute relief supplies.

Baker – Nothing to report.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

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

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

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

CODE CHANGE – CITY RESERVOIR

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of revisions to Chapter 31 – Recreation and Parks of the City Code by adoption of ordinance.

Mayor asked about the prohibition of fishing from boats. Council discussed and was in favor to allow fishing from boats.

Mayor asked about no one under the age of 18 being permitted on a boat unless accompanied by an adult and how this would affect the school district and their use of canoes and sailboats. Council discussed the issue and the City Attorney advised bringing this back at the next meeting after discussion can be had with the school district regarding their use of boats at the reservoir.

Weyant moved, seconded by Baker, to table item.

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

RE-SUBDIVISION OF LOT 37 FOR ST. CHRISTOPHER

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and adoption an ordinance approving the Final Plat for St. Christopher, subdividing Lot 37, 1.66 acres, into 8 smaller individual lots.

Baker moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 17-19, approving the Final Plat for St. Christopher.

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

BID AWARD – SWIMMING POOL RENOVATIONS PROJECT

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bids for furnishing all labor and materials to renovate the 140,000 gallon swimming pool and install a pool slide.

Councilman Baker asked about the slides and what makes the other two slides not approved. City Manager stated that permits from the state have to be obtained and the other two slides have not had that done. City Manager stated that he doesn't know how much additional that would cost to have that done.

Councilman Baker asked how long this would take to be done. City Manager stated that they would be starting in the fall installing the gutter system; the surface application requires a temperature of at least 45 degrees so if it couldn't be done in the winter, then it would be finished early spring.

Councilman Baker asked about the warranty and if it was prorated. City Manager stated that it is a full warranty with no proration.

Councilman Baker asked how much was budgeted in the current budget. City Manager stated that \$50,000 was budgeted for maintenance and repair. City Manager stated that if this is approved, it would be an amendment to the budget. Councilman Baker asked what the gaming money was used for and if it could be used to help fund this project. City Manager stated that the gaming money is deposited into the General Fund and some of it was used to help pay for the new welcome signs.

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve the proposal from Heintz Pool & Spa Co. of Freeburg, IL in the amount of \$240,000.00 for the Swimming Pool Renovations Project and approve the proposal from Heintz Pool & Spa Co. of Freeburg, IL in the amount of \$52,000.00 for a flume slide and authorize appropriate officials to execute the required documents.

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

BID AWARD – GEORGE STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bids for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment for the George Street Reconstruction Project.

Councilman Baker commented on the bidding results and if it was possible, he would rather see a local company be awarded the bid. City Attorney stated that with these types of projects, not accepting the lowest qualified bid based on locality could subject the City to litigation and would not recommend doing such.

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve the low bid of \$176,476.55 to Hank's Excavating and Landscaping, Inc. of Belleville, IL for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment for the George Street Reconstruction Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

UTILITY EASEMENT CONDEMNATION

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of resolution authorizing the appropriate officials to proceed in the legal condemnation process for the purpose of acquiring utility easements.

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 17-18-11, a resolution to authorize the appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents to proceed in the legal condemnation process to acquire utility easements for the Phase II Electric Project.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Schorr asked if the approved minutes from the various commissions be emailed to the Council.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) at 7:38 p.m.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – EMS LEAD SUPERVISOR

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve the Employment Agreement with Jeremy Gottschammer for the position of EMS Lead Supervisor.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Baker moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 8:08 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk