

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

OCTOBER 2, 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.

Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the people affected by the tragedy in Las Vegas.

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, and City Attorney Al Paulson.

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

AMEND AGENDA

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to remove the word “None” from Executive Session.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 18, 2017 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the September 18, 2017 Executive Session meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Mayor presented proclamation to the Mascoutah Evening Lions Club proclaiming October 7, 2017 as Lions Candy Days.

Mayor presented proclamation to Jerry Holt proclaiming the week of October 2-8, 2017 as Jerry Holt Week in honor of him receiving the Distribution Operator of the Year Award from the Illinois Potable Water Supply Operators Association.

Attended the following meetings and functions: IML Conference, high school reunion in Ohio.

City Council

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Meeting with Chapel committee regarding placement of memorial trees, Planning Commission meeting, Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, Library book sale.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: IML Conference, open house for Wisper, MHS homecoming parade, open house for new athletic building at MHS.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: IML Conference, welcomed his 5th grandchild, go-kart races in Scheve Park.

Baker – Attended the following meetings and functions: IML Conference.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

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.

City Manager stated that another section will be added stating that all boats are required to stay 10 feet away from all fountains located on the north side of the reservoir.

Baker moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 17-20, thereby modifying Chapter 31 – Recreation and Parks, Article IV – City Reservoirs, as amended.

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

PC 17-04 – REZONING OF 45 ACRES, 10270 PERRIN ROAD, FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) TO AGRICULTURAL (AG) (FIRST READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval or denial of a rezoning application for 45 acres from General Commercial (GC) to Agricultural (AG).

Mayor commented on this land being annexed in 1994 with the intention of having commercial area next to the interstate; asked if it was agreed upon in 1994 by the property owner that the land would remain commercial. Mayor commented on the Planning Commission recommending approval while staff is recommended denial. Mayor voiced concerns on if this parcel is rezoned to allow residential, would this set precedence for an adjacent property owner to ask for the same thing and the City would be required to approve it. Mayor stated that if it was approved would like a signed statement from the property owner saying that they understand the next door property is commercial.

Councilman Schorr commented on the property; went to the site and looked at it and all parcels located around this property are agricultural. Councilman Schorr commented on how commercial development hasn't happened in 20 years and may not still happen in 20 years. Councilman Schorr commented that if it was allowed to be rezoned and a house is built, it would be additional property tax revenue for the City.

City Attorney stated that he does see an issue with not granting the rezoning since the current use is agricultural and the use for the surrounding properties is agricultural.

Councilman Weyant stated that he doesn't see a problem with rezoning that property given its location and commented on how commercial development hasn't happened since the property was annexed.

Councilman Baker commented on only rezoning the portion of the property where the house would be built instead of the whole parcel. City Manager stated that was discussed at the Planning Commission meeting but the request is for the whole parcel (45 acres).

Councilman McMahan asked if this would set precedence for requests from the west side of the property. City Attorney stated that he would not see precedence being set given the location and the current and surrounding use.

Councilman Schorr asked if the City would be obligated to run City utility services to the property. City Attorney stated that the City would not be required to connect utility services unless the City was to bring the utilities to the property which it is not.

Councilman Schorr stated that he would not be in favor of the rezoning if it was one of the middle parcels along that location but since this parcel is located at the end, he doesn't see a problem with approving the rezoning request.

First reading. No action required.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rob Anstedt – Commented on when the property was annexed; was unaware that the zoning at that time was commercial, was made aware of that when the TIF 2B amendment was proposed.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Sale / Lease of Public Property – Section 2(c)(6) at 7:32 p.m.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Schorr moved, seconded by McMahan, to return to Regular Session at 7:44 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 7:47 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk