

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

DECEMBER 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 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Gerald Daugherty and Council members Paul Schorr, John Weyant, Pat McMahan, and Mike 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, Police Lieutenant Kevin McGinnis, Fire Chief Joe Zinck.

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

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 4, 2017 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Thomas Williams – Stated that he is very interested in the property tax levy and asked what the total loss in EAV was and what the benefit is of increasing the tax levy by 4.99%. City Manager explained how the City has lost over \$12 million in EAV due to the disabled veteran's exemption. City Manager explained that the City does submit a 4.99% increase but when the rate certificate is done in the Spring the City does scale the final rate back to match the previous year so there will be no increase to resident's property taxes unless their valuation increases.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Joe Zinck – November 2017 report was provided.

Police Lieutenant Kevin McGinnis – November 2017 report was provided.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – absent – Monthly financials provided.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Tom Quirk – Status report on public projects and monthly building report were provided. Mayor asked the status of the Main Street/Jefferson intersection. City Engineer stated that the plans are currently at IDOT but still awaiting project approval from IDOT. Councilman Baker asked about the status of Poplar Street. City Engineer stated that he has 90% complete plans on his desk that he is now reviewing; should be able to start in January.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, IL Realtor's meeting, conference call with IL State Police regarding coalition on increasing truck and weight sizes, United Way awards luncheon, meeting to review Chamber persons of the year candidates, McDonald's ribbon cutting, TWM holiday event, delivered flowers/plants to individuals at nursing homes through St. John's Church, US Band concert at High School, breakfast at McDonald's as part of their open house.

City Council

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, McDonald's ribbon cutting, Citizens Community Bank open house, volunteered as a Salvation Army bell ringer.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Electric easement public meeting, US Band concert at High School.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: McDonald's ribbon cutting.

Baker – Attended the following meetings and functions: Meals on Wheels.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

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

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

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

2017 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of the 2017 Property Tax Levy Ordinance.

Schorr moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve the 2017 Property Tax Levy by adopting Ordinance No. 17-24.

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

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of resolution adopting the annual meeting schedule.

Weyant moved, seconded by Baker, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 17-18-16, a Resolution Adopting the Annual Meeting Schedule of the City of Mascoutah.

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

POLICY PROHIBITING SEXUAL HARASSMENT

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of resolution adopting a policy prohibiting sexual harassment.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 17-18-17, a Resolution Adopting a Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment for the City of Mascoutah.

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

138KV TRANSMISSION LINE DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACT - BHM

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of the Design-Build Contract with BHM for design and construction of the 138KV Transmission Lines, including all labor, equipment, and materials, as part of the Major Electric Phase 2 Project.

Mayor asked where we are now with the easements. City Attorney stated that he did speak with BHM; there won't be engineering cost overruns due to easement acquisition but there could be overruns in materials depending on when they are ordered and increased labor costs especially with prevailing wage. City Manager stated that he has filed suit against the one land owner and will be starting the process in January with the ICC proceedings for the other land owner. City Manager stated that we have met with all land owners and will have individual meetings after the holidays and hope to start getting some easement documents signed. City Attorney stated that the City does have options if we could get quick take power to take the land and then figure out the price later through the courts. City Attorney stated that Verbal Blakely from BHM does not think there is any way this project will be completed by the due date.

Councilman Schorr asked if the City is not ready by Ameren's time table, can they shut off our feed. City Attorney stated no, the ICC would not allow that.

Councilman Baker asked about being in breach of contract with BHMG due to easements not being completed. City Attorney stated that the City would not be in breach of contract due to not have all the easements acquired.

Weyant moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve the design-build agreement with BHMG for engineering and construction services in the amount of \$4,197,395.65 for the 138KV Transmission Lines Project and authorize appropriate City officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO AMEND WASTEWATER FACILITIES PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of Professional Engineering Services Contract Amendment No. 2 with Horner & Shifrin, Inc. for preparing an amendment to the comprehensive Wastewater Facilities Plan.

City Engineer explained that the revised plan will be submitted to IEPA within 6 weeks by Horner & Shifrin.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve Contract Amendment No. 2 with Horner & Shifrin, Inc. for engineering services to amend the comprehensive Wastewater Facilities Plan in the amount of \$29,800.00 and authorize appropriate City officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Baker asked about Council taking another look at possibly allowing low speed vehicles and golf carts in the City and provided updated information to Council regarding revisions to the state law and the ordinance adopted by Albers.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 7:35 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk