

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

APRIL 18, 2016

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 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 Lisa Koerkenmeier, Police Chief Bruce Fleshren, Fire Chief Joe Zinck, and Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner.

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

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 4, 2016 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the April 4, 2016 Executive Session meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Joe Zinck – March 2016 report was provided.

Police Chief Bruce Fleshren – March 2016 report was provided.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – Monthly financials provided. Mayor asked about the purchase power account being well below budget. Finance Coordinator stated that the ratio used to figure the budgeted amount still had the credit that the City used to receive when we generated factored in but has been corrected this upcoming fiscal year so the budgeted amount will be lower.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Yeager – Absent – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Councilman Schorr asked about Poplar Street reconstruction and asked if the sidewalk easements were received. City Manager stated that we have all but one or two of them but they will be signed soon. Mayor asked about the final punch list for Fuesser Road. City Manager stated that has already been done, it's just not noted in the report.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: Military Affairs committee meeting, volunteered at the Visitor's Center, school board meeting regarding proposed sales tax, Leadership Council awards dinner.

City Council

Grodeon – Nothing to report.

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

Weyant – Nothing to report.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, Go St. Louis marathon.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

The March 2016 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

Councilman Grodeon asked what the current loan status was on the road project. Finance Coordinator stated that around \$60,000 was left on the line of credit. Finance Coordinator stated that she would have to look at what the final loan amount totaled.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the consulting services paid to Baugher Financial. City Manager stated that is the quarterly fee paid to the City's insurance broker.

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

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

BUDGET 16/17 – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE (SECOND READING)

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of the City's FY16/17 Budget.

McMahan moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 16-06, thereby establishing the City's FY16/17 Budget.

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

CODE CHANGE – ELECTRIC, WATER & SEWER RATES (SECOND READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of revisions to Chapter 11 – Electric System and Chapter 38 – Water and Sewer Rates of the City Code by adoption of Ordinance.

Weyant moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 16-07, thereby modifying Chapter 11, Electric System, Article 1, General Regulations, Section 1; and approve and adopt Ordinance No. 16-08, thereby modifying Chapter 38, Article 4 Division 2 Water Rates, Section 12 and Division 3 Sewer Rates, Section 31.

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

CHARTER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND AGREEMENT FOR JOINT USE OF POLES AND RIGHT-OF-WAY (SECOND READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of a Franchise Agreement and an Agreement for Joint Use of Poles and Right-of-Way between the City of Mascoutah and Charter Communications by adoption of Ordinance.

Schorr moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 16-09, approving a Franchise Agreement and an Agreement for Joint Use of Poles and Right-of-Way with Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

CODE CHANGE – NO PARKING, TENTH STREET (FIRST READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of an Ordinance to amend Schedule E – No Parking Streets to add no parking on sections of North Tenth Street.

Councilman Schorr asked about the resident discussed at the last meeting that parks on that side of the street. City Manager stated they looked at that and thought the house in question was located on the north side of Winchester but will review it again and talk to the homeowner before second reading.

First reading. No action required.

RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR SIGNING OF LOAN DOCUMENTS – ELECTRIC PHASE II PROJECT

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the loan documents for the Electric Phase II Project.

Councilman Grodeon commented that the Finance Committee had recommended this funding option. City Manager stated that yes they did.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-16-21, Resolution of Authorization for Signing of Loan Documents for the Electric Phase II Project.

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

TRANSFER AGREEMENT OF TOWER LEASE

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of agreement to accept transfers and assigns from HTC Technologies Co. to Wisper ISP, Inc.

Councilman Grodeon commented on letting HTC Technologies get two years in default. City Attorney stated that the City could have taken them to court but we also knew that Wisper ISP was in the process of buying them out so let it go knowing that the City was going to require Wisper ISP pay any amounts in default before the lease transfer agreement was going to be granted.

Weyant moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve the lease transfer agreement from HTC Technologies Co. to Wisper ISP, Inc. and the City of Mascoutah and authorize appropriate officials to execute the required documents.

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

CROWN CASTLE PERPETUAL EASEMENT

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of a Perpetual Easement between the City of Mascoutah and Crown Castle.

Councilman Grodeon asked for clarification and how this is a better option for the City. City Manager explained that under the current agreement there is no guarantee that they will stay here and with the current rent, it would take 12-13 years for the City to receive

the amount they are proposing, but there is also no guarantee on what the cell market is going to be in 10-15 years. City Attorney explained that the cell companies are doing these types of agreements to ensure that they maintain the current location. City Attorney explained that if the City does not approve this, Crown Castle will probably purchase a new location and move and the City will lose all revenue.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve the Grant of Easement and Assignment of Lease between the City of Mascoutah and Crown Castle Towers 09 LLC and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager provided information regarding the proposed new phone system from our current phone system provider CTS to upgrade to a voice over IP hosted wireless phone system. City Manager explained the technology upgrades and the increases in efficiency. City Manager explained that the City will have savings on the phone line side but there are increases in costs related to the new hardware and software needed for the new phone system. Councilman Grodeon and Councilman Schorr questioned the increased cost. Mayor, Councilman Weyant and Councilman McMahan expressed their support for the new phone system.

City Manager provided information regarding the health insurance renewal and provided information he received from the three unions regarding the plan and the deductible. Council discussed the insurance renewal and was in agreement that the deductible reimbursement will be removed during the next union contract negotiations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 7:59 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk