

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

**JANUARY 6, 2014**

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 and City Engineer Ron Yeager.

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

**AMEND AGENDA**

None.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 16, 2013 regular City Council meeting were presented and stood as presented. The minutes of the December 16, 2013 Executive Session meeting were presented and stood as presented.

*Motion passed.* Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*Mayor*

Attended the following meetings and functions: Holiday events.

*City Council*

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: 5K Run at Shrine, called the City Manager regarding snow plow complaints.

Schorr – Nothing to report.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Mascoutah School District Board meeting.

McMahan – Nothing to report.

*City Manager*

Nothing to report.

*City Attorney*

Nothing to report.

*City Clerk*

Nothing to report.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **ENGINEERING SERVICES – NORTH 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET EXTENSION**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of Engineering Services Agreement with Kuhlmann Design Group, Inc. (KdG) for preparing construction documents for the North 10<sup>th</sup> Street Extension Project.

Councilman Weyant asked about putting in an expansion bridge culvert across the ditch instead of a dual box culvert. City Engineer stated that the engineers will look at the most economical option/structure and will make a recommendation at that time.

Councilman Grodeon commented on the fund balance in the General Fund and slowing down on these street projects and have the Finance Committee review the funding options again before we put the General Fund back in debt. Councilman Grodeon commented on having the hourly plus direct costs instead of fixed costs. City Manager stated that he will take the information to Finance Committee again for review if the Council wishes but projects that the low interest bank loan would be for 15-20 years and would not put the General Fund back in debt. Mayor commented on how he has spoken with Finance Chairman Tim Boyce and his comments about how the City has been planning on doing these street projects for years. Councilman Schorr commented on the engineering costs and staggering the projects to save on the engineering costs for construction inspection. City Engineer commented on the engineering construction inspection costs and that the costs in the contract are the upper limits for budgeting purposes and stated that he will be watching closely to keep the costs at a minimum. City Manager commented on the funding and believes that all three projects can be done without putting the General Fund back in debt. Councilman Weyant stated that he would

like to see all three projects done at once and progressing if it is possible to save on costs in the future. Councilman McMahan agreed with Councilman Weyant's comments and added that costs are only going to keep going up.

Councilman Schorr asked about the options for a multi-use trail or a sidewalk and on pavement bike route. City Engineer stated that they will be doing a cost analysis on those two options for the City to decide which way to go.

Councilman Grodeon stated that he is not against doing the projects but would like for the Finance Committee to look at the costs differences between doing the projects all at once or staggering them. Council discussed whether or not to have the Finance Committee review the projects again. City Manager stated that the Finance Committee will be looking at the financing options before construction begins but the engineering has to be done beforehand which is what is asking to be approved now. City Manager stated that he will set up a meeting for the Finance Committee to review the costs of these projects in the next couple weeks.

Councilman Grodeon asked if approving this agreement will prevent us from funding the 100K road improvement program in the General Fund next fiscal year. City Manager stated that he could not answer that until he sees all of the budget requests for General Fund but it is possible.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the hourly plus direct costs portion of the agreement and if the costs provided are the caps and if we don't need to end up utilizing those services then we are not obligated to those costs. City Engineer stated that is correct.

City Manager commented on the purpose of the 100K road improvement program was to keep moving ahead on road projects and these three road projects are big road improvement projects being funded by the General Fund. City Manager stated they could still do the 100K road improvement program but use MFT funds instead and decrease the oil and chip. City Manager stated that if this agreement was approved the construction of all three projects could still be staggered later. Councilman McMahan stated that if these three projects are going on, it is a lot of construction going on and he wouldn't want to see more streets torn up at the same time; it would be a lot. City Manager stated that Park Drive could possibly be done this next year as well as the reconstruction of South 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to accept the City Manager's engineering recommendation to approve Kuhlmann Design Group, Inc. (KdG) for engineering services for the North 10<sup>th</sup> Street Extension Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

## **COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Mayor stated that the Council needs to work on the budget guidance for the next fiscal year so send your recommendations to the City Clerk.

Mayor provided information regarding a reply from the Scott MidAmerica Leadership Council to the SWIL Leadership Council's request for funding.

Councilman Weyant asked about the Abandoned Property program offered through the IL Housing Development Authority. City Manager stated that the Assistant City Manager is looking into it.

## **CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

City Manager stated that he will put a business case together for going electronic for the Council and purchasing lap tops for the meetings.

In lieu of going into Executive Session, City Attorney provided information to the Council regarding the lawsuit that has been filed by Hossein Shahpari against the City of Mascoutah.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS**

Mayor commended the City crews for their work on cleaning the City streets.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 7:48 p.m.**

*Motion passed.* Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

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Kari D. Haas, City Clerk