

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

JANUARY 21, 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 Deputy City Clerk Melissa Schanz. 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, Deputy City Clerk Melissa Schanz, City Attorney Mike Nowak, Fire Chief Joe Zinck, Public Safety Director Bruce Fleshren, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner, and Assistant City Manager Lisa Koerkenmeier.

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

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 6, 2014 regular City Council meeting were presented and stood as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Joe Zinck – December 2013 report was provided.

Public Safety Director Bruce Fleshren – December 2013 report was provided. Councilman Schorr asked about the annual report and the code violation/enforcement and the derelict autos. Police Chief stated that those are ones that are parked on the street or property that are not licensed. Councilman Schorr asked if those are complaint driven. Police Chief stated that some of those are complaint driven but some of them are self-initiated by the officers. Councilman Grodeon asked about the annual report and the residential burglary being higher. Police Chief stated that most of those are attributable to the four people who had a spree and were captured and are now incarcerated.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – Monthly financials provided. Councilman Grodeon asked about the single family residences being at 21 versus the budgeted 50 and if that is going to adversely affect the budget. Finance Coordinator stated that the budget numbers are actually doing good.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Yeager – absent – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided.

Assistant City Manager Lisa Koerkenmeier – Monthly report was provided. Councilman Grodeon asked about the Conditional Use Permit going before Planning Commission. Assistant City Manager stated that it is for a living arrangement for disabled adults and the request is from a company who has other properties in the City and surrounding cities. Councilman Weyant asked about the revision to the plans for Brickyard. Assistant City Manager stated that they have been waiting for the revised construction plans since last summer. Councilman Weyant asked about the revised plans for the Douglas Apartments. Assistant City Manager stated that it is the same with Brickyard that staff has been waiting for the finalized and revised construction plans and utility plans. City Manager stated that staff did meet with Stukenberg today regarding the Douglas Apartments and he will be sending information to Council later this week regarding the building permit fees and tap fees.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: Huddle House Opening, MIA Appreciation Dinner, IML meeting in Springfield, Chamber Annual Dinner, IML Executive Board meeting Teleconference, meeting with CEO of Memorial Hospital.

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Huddle House Opening, Chamber Annual Dinner.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Huddle House Opening, Chamber Annual Dinner.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Huddle House Opening, MIA Appreciation Dinner.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Huddle House Opening, MIA Appreciation Dinner, Chamber Annual Dinner.

City Manager

Nothing to report.

City Attorney

Nothing to report.

City Clerk

Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

The December 2013 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

Councilman Schorr asked about the visitors guide ad to the Tourism Bureau. Assistant City Manager stated that this ad was split between the City and the Chamber and it is for the 2014 magazine that is put out annually.

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

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

ENGINEERING SERVICES – FACILITIES PLANNING STUDY

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of engineering services agreement with Horner & Shifrin, Inc. for preparing a comprehensive Facilities Planning Study.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the engineering work and if it is based on projected percent growth or using a forecasted growth rate provided by the City or are they still creating the parameters. City Manager stated that they are still creating the parameters but will be looking at what is being used now and growth rates that will be determined by the City's past history.

Councilman Weyant asked if they will be looking at growth to the South and West and possible growth from Scott AFB. City Manager stated that it will be included in the study.

Weyant moved, seconded by McMahan, to accept the City Manager's engineering recommendation to approve Horner & Shifrin, Inc. for engineering services for the comprehensive Facilities Planning Study and authorize appropriate City officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

SWIDA BOND CAP REALLOCATION RESOLUTION

City Manager presented report for Council Approval of Resolution allowing the transfer of Private Activity Industrial Revenue Bond Volume Cap to SWIDA.

Councilman Schorr asked if in the future that the City needed something like this, could the City get additional bonding from SWIDA. City Manager stated that he would have to look into it but it could be possible if the City had something that was beyond our bonding capabilities.

Councilman Weyant asked if there is a way we can get a list of where the allocations go and what it was used for and what it could be used for. City Manager stated that he would have to look into it and will get a list to Council.

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 13-14-15, thereby relinquishing the City of Mascoutah's Private Activity Industrial Revenue Bond Volume Cap to SWIDA.

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

BID AWARD – MASCOUTAH SWIMMING POOL RENOVATIONS

City Manager presented report and asked Council to approve rejecting all bids.

Councilman Schorr asked if all bidders knew what the bids were. City Manager stated that those bids will not be released.

Councilman Grodeon asked if the scope of the project was going to be changed to try to get lower bids. City Manager stated that the scope will not change. City Manager stated that the City Attorney recommended rebidding the project in order to try to obtain more bids.

McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to accept the City Manager's recommendation to reject all bids for the Mascoutah Swimming Pool Renovations Project.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Council discussed the FY2014-2015 Budget Guidance. Council will discuss and finalize at the next City Council meeting.

Councilman Schorr asked about the Waste Management contract and if there was a way to get an option for smaller containers for trash for senior citizens in the next contract.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Grodeon, to **adjourn at 8:26 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk