

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

DECEMBER 15, 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, City Engineer Ron Yeager, Deputy Fire Chief Larry Wesselman, 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 December 1, 2014 regular City Council meeting were presented and stood as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gene Wiggins, resident on Harnett Street – asked about a 4-way stop being placed on Harnett at 1st Street and a 3-way stop being placed at Railway. Voiced concerns over fast traffic on Harnett.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Deputy Fire Chief Larry Wesselman – November 2014 report was provided.

Public Safety Director Bruce Fleshren – absent – November 2014 report was provided. Sgt Stephens was in attendance to answer questions.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – Monthly financials provided. Finance Coordinator stated that the General Fund revenues are down because the loan draw down for the streets projects that has not occurred yet.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Yeager – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Councilman Schorr asked about the 6th Street circuit reconductoring and if new wires are going to be put in. City Engineer stated that new wires are being put in and the old wires will be removed and the old poles will also be removed. Mayor asked where the estimated cost on the building report comes from. City Clerk stated that it comes off of the building permits pulled by the developers. Councilman Weyant asked about the facility planning study. City Engineer stated that the engineering firms are looking at the different sewer plant designs and asking IEPA for their opinion on the different designs before the study is finalized.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, volunteered at the Visitor's Center, IML winter board meeting in Chicago, annual Rotary sing-a-long, introduced new IML Executive Director to staff at IML, meeting with Barry Hayden regarding IML summer board meeting, meeting in O'Fallon regarding the NGA Geospatial site, SLM Water Commission meeting.

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Gingerbread run fundraiser.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Various business open houses, community Christmas concert at Zion Lutheran Church.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Various business open houses, annual Rotary sing-a-long.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, donated blood at SWIC.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

The November 2014 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

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

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

10TH STREET WATER MAIN EXTENSION – BID AWARD

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bids for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment to construct an 8' water main extension along the west side of North 10th Street.

City Manager provided additional explanation regarding the bid being over the budgeted amount of \$75,000.00; the water main wasn't designed before budget was due and there was an additional waterline found that has to be relocated and costs were more than expected. City Manager stated that they should be able to move some budget lines around within the fund otherwise they will have to use some of the reserve funds in the Water/Sewer Fund.

Councilman McMahan asked if water pressure would increase to Lincolnshire and Hunter's Creek area. City Manager stated that it should definitely help since it will tie in the dead-in water lines into a loop.

Councilman Weyant asked about having to put in an additional water main on 6th Street in the future or if this will eliminate that need. City Engineer stated that if additional development occurs north of Fuesser Road, a water main will be needed going north on 6th Street.

McMahan moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve the low bid of \$128,502.00 to Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc. of Okawville, IL for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment for the 10th Street Water Main Extension Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

2014 PROPERTY TAX LEVY (SECOND READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of the 2014 Property Tax Levy Ordinance.

Schorr moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve the 2014 Tax Levy by adopting Ordinance No. 14-16.

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

CODE CHANGE – PERSONNEL CODE (FIRST READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval revisions to Chapter 28 – Personnel Code of the City Code and the Employee Handbook by adoption of ordinance.

Councilman Schorr asked if this is going to change again with the new union negotiations coming up. City Manager stated that it was changed with the last negotiations and does not see this coming up as a bargaining issue.

No action required. First reading.

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

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

Councilman Grodeon asked if the impacted residents were notified about the parking restrictions. City Manager stated that nothing was sent directly to the residents. City Manager stated that notice could be provided to those residents affected if Council desires.

Councilman Schorr asked about the speed and if the speed limits are going to be put back up. City Engineer stated that locates were needed for the posts before the signs could be put back up which will be done soon.

No action required. First reading.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Grodeon commented on conversions for desk top phones to be converted to voice over through the computers eliminating the need for land lines. City Manager stated that he can look into it and that the City has been looking into an IP phone system which would eliminate many of the land lines and run through one land line which would be similar.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager provided the new route design for the Phase II Electric Project. Council will discuss the new route design in more detail at the next City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk