

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

**MARCH 16, 2015**

The minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Mascoutah.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Mayor Gerald Daugherty called the budget workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

*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 Engineer Ron Yeager, Police Chief Bruce Fleshren, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner, and Assistant City Manager Lisa Koerkenmeier.

City Manager stated that this budget workshop is to discuss the proposed FY15/16 budget. Finance Coordinator provided an overview of the proposed FY15/16 budget. Council discussed the proposed FY15/16 budget.

Mayor Gerald Daugherty closed the budget workshop at 6:48 p.m.

**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, Police Chief Bruce Fleshren, Fire Chief Joe Zinck, 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 March 2, 2015 regular City Council meeting were presented and stood as presented.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Amy Komrska – commented on the text amendment for duplexes to be allowed in the RS-8 district. Stated that she is presenting a potential solution to an issue that may or may not come up again. Commented on how approving this text amendment only opens the door to apply for a permit. Commented on how they are a family that will be living in the house next door to the duplex.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

*Fire Chief Joe Zinck* – February 2015 report was provided.

*Public Safety Director Bruce Fleshren* – February 2015 report was provided.

*Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner* – Monthly financials provided.

*City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Yeager* – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Councilman Schorr asked about the amount of single-family residence building permits issued for the fiscal year and in the budget workshop it was stated that there were 30 permits issued for new homes but the report says 19. Assistant City Manager stated that was her error, there were 30 permits issued for new homes for the calendar year 2014. Mayor asked about the North 10<sup>th</sup> Street waterline project. City Engineer stated that they started on fusing pipes today. Mayor asked what this project is going to do for us. City Engineer stated that it will tie in to dead end lines to improve fire protection and water volume. Councilman Weyant asked how they were going across the ditch. City Engineer stated that they will directional bore under the ditch.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*Mayor*

Attended the following meetings and functions: Visit with top Legislators in Springfield regarding proposed LGDF cut, spoke with scout group regarding city leadership, IML Executive Board meeting, meetings in Washington D.C. for the National League of Cities and APPA, visit with new Prairie State CEO, “Fiddler on the Roof” play at the high school.

*City Council*

Grodeon – Commented on a broadcast on channel 5 regarding the Mayor of Aviston talking about brown water and asked if the City could send their waterline replacement program to them to try to help them out.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, gardening talk at Leu Civic Center, meet the candidates forum, Finance Committee meeting, meeting with Chapel Committee chairperson, Leu Civic Center fundraiser.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, meeting with representatives from IDOT and school district regarding bus routes, meeting the candidates forum, “Fiddler on the Roof” play at the high school.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, observed the meet the candidates forum.

*City Manager* – Nothing to report.

*City Attorney* – Nothing to report.

*City Clerk* – Nothing to report.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)**

The February 2015 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

Councilman Schorr asked about the totes for the IML summer board meeting and if IML was going to be reimbursing the cost of those. Mayor stated that the cost will be reimbursed.

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

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

### **PC15-01 – TEXT AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 34, UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ARTICLE V. DISTRICT REGULATIONS, DIVISION 3. RS-8, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, SECTION 34-5-23. CONDITIONAL USES**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval or denial to amend Chapter 34, Unified Land Development Code, Article V. District Regulations, Division 3. “RS-8”, Single-Family Residential District, Section 34-5-23. Conditional Uses, specifically to add “duplex” as a Conditional Use in the RS-8 District.

Councilman Schorr commented on the Planning Commission and staff recommendations to deny the request.

Councilman Grodeon commented on the applicant’s comments and stated that doing this in RS-8 is not a strategic direction of the City and not something that we want to encourage. Councilman Grodeon stated that even though we would have to go through

each request one by one, it is something that would burden staff time and there are costs involved for something that we really don't want to do.

Mayor commented on the issue and agreed with Councilman Grodeon's comments. Mayor stated that he respects the decision of the Planning Commission.

Weyant moved, seconded by Grodeon, to deny the request of a text amendment to add "duplex" as a Conditional Use in the RS-8, Single-Family Residential District, subject to the attached Findings for Denial.

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

#### **CODE CHANGE – BUILDING CODE, ADOPTION OF ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE (FIRST READING)**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval revisions to Chapter 6, Article I – Building Code Adopted, Sec. 6-1-5 – Adoption of Energy Conservation Code of the City Code by adoption of ordinance.

Mayor asked what the major differences are between the 2009 and 2012 version. City Manager stated that he can provide that information prior to the next meeting.

Assistant City Manager stated that it is mandated by state law and was going to be updated in our Code when we did other building code updates, but those changes are taking a little more time so it was decided to go ahead and bring this update to comply with state law.

Councilman Schorr asked if we knew how many builders are following this now. City Manager stated that it is hard to say but the new houses are probably following along with this version.

Councilman Grodeon commented on the R-factors and how the higher R-factors do increase the building costs but do help with utility costs.

First reading. No action required.

#### **ENGINEERING SERVICES – MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT IL ROUTE 4**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of Engineering Services Agreement with EFK Moen, LLC, Civil Engineering Design for preparing construction documents for the Main Street Improvements at IL Route 4 Project.

Councilman Schorr commented on the attached letter from IDOT stated that we are guaranteed the funding from the state. City Manager stated that as of now the funding is guaranteed.

Councilman Schorr asked if the state will reimburse the City for any of the engineering costs. City Engineer stated that the state has committed to a certain amount for the whole project which could be used for engineering and/or construction costs.

Councilman Schorr asked about item #3 of the contract regarding reuse of document. City Attorney stated that this item basically means that they don't want the City to reuse the document for a project that wasn't originally intended to reduce their liability.

Councilman Grodeon commented on requesting quotes for these types of agreements and how other firms would like the chance to provide a quote for services and if this had been sent out for RFQ's. City Manager stated that we went with this engineering firm because we have a current contract with them on the first part of the at this intersection and this firm was instrumental in helping us get the funding from IDOT. Councilman Grodeon stated that he understood the justification for this project but the City may want to look into a policy regarding obtaining quotes for these different projects to make sure we are obtaining the lowest price.

Councilman Weyant asked why we were only doing 50' north and south on IL Route 4. City Engineer stated that 50' was what IDOT would approve and provide funding for.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to accept the City Manager's engineering recommendation to approve EFK Moen, LLC for engineering services for the Main Street Improvements at IL Route 4 Project and authorize appropriate City officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

### **ENGINEERING SERVICES – MANHOLE REHABILITATION PHASE 3 LOCATED WITHIN SUBSYSTEM 3**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of Engineering Services Agreement with RJN Group, Inc. for Manhole Rehabilitation Phase 3 located within Subsystem 3.

Weyant moved, seconded by Grodeon, to accept the City Manager's engineering recommendation to approve RJN Group, Inc. for Manhole Rehabilitation Phase 3 located within Subsystem 3 and authorize appropriate City officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

## **ENGINEERING SERVICES – SANITARY SEWER MAIN INFILTRATION TESTING, PHASE 6 LOCATED WITHIN SUBSYSTEM 4**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of Engineering Services Agreement with RJN Group, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Main Infiltration Testing, Phase 6 located within Subsystem 4.

Mayor asked if this was the final phase. City Engineer stated that there will be one more phase north of the big ditch and east of County Road.

McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to accept the City Manager's engineering recommendation to approve RJN Group, Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer Main Infiltration Testing, Phase 6 Project located within Subsystem 4 and authorize appropriate City officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

## **COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Assistant City Manager provided information regarding the City board and commission appointments and proposed revisions. Council discussed the various boards and commissions and the proposed revisions.

City Manager provided information regarding proposed public comment rules and meeting procedures. Council discussed the proposed rules and procedures.

## **CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Fire Chief Joe Zinck – announced that two captains on the fire department have submitted their requests to retire, Roger Klingel and Tom Yohe.

## **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Schorr moved, seconded by Grodeon, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) at 8:22 p.m.

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

## **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Schorr moved, seconded by Grodeon, to return to Regular Session at 9:08 p.m.

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

## **MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 9:10 p.m.**

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

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Kari D. Haas, City Clerk