

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

OCTOBER 5, 2015

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 Pro-Tem Ben Grodeon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Ben Grodeon, Council members Paul Schorr, John Weyant and Pat McMahan.

Absent: Mayor Gerald Daugherty.

Other Staff Present: City Manager Cody Hawkins, City Clerk Kari Haas, City Attorney Al Paulson, 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 September 21, 2015 regular City Council meeting were presented and stood as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Pro-Tem

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Hero Run.

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Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Government Ethics session, service project at Leu Civic Center, IML Conference, Hero Run, Main Street Improvements public informational meeting.

Weyant – Nothing to report.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Work at Maple Park, Hero Run.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

AMENDED FINAL SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT / DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR BRICKYARD COMMUNITY

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of an amended Final Subdivision Improvement / Development Agreement for the Brickyard Community.

Councilman Schorr asked about the internal paved public streets and the use of concrete streets. City Manager stated that the Code does not specify what type of material is used for the internal paved streets.

Councilman Schorr asked about the variance being granted for the cul-de-sac and has there been talk about changing the code for cul-de-sacs so that the City is constantly granting variances. Assistant City Manager stated that the code will be changed to prevent these variances being needed in the future during the overhaul of the whole zoning code.

Councilman Schorr asked about the section regarding recreation / open space and if the wording should be changed to previously owned by. City Manager stated that he will change that wording.

Councilman Weyant asked about the requirement for a monument sign for the subdivision entrance. City Manager stated that there is no requirement in the code for a monument sign so it is optional.

Councilman Godeon asked about the phasing of the development and the colored map not matching the description. City Manager stated that he will revised the colored map.

Councilman Godeon asked about the additional greenspace not being identified in the agreement. City Manager stated that it could be identified in the agreement but was not required since the greenspace requirement was satisfied with the dedication of the 31.7 acres of wooded property. Council was in agreement that if the additional greenspace is going to be provided then it should be in the agreement.

Councilman McMahan asked about the earthen landscape berm on the southern edge. City Manager stated that the berm is on the City's property which is why it is identified to be used as the buffer to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Schorr moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve the amended Final Development Agreement for Brickyard Community and authorize appropriate officials to execute the required documents, as amended.

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

ACCEPTANCE AND DEDICATION OF SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS FOR CHIEF VIEW ESTATES (FIRST READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of an ordinance accepting the dedication of subdivision improvements for Chief View Estates, a six (6) lot single-family residential development located at the southwest corner of N. 6th Street and Fuesser Road.

Assistant City Manager provided an update on the perimeter sidewalk and it will be started this week. Councilman Weyant asked if the sidewalk is going to be finished along Indian Prairie Estates at the same time. Assistant City Manager stated that as of right now, the only sidewalk to be completed is on the perimeter for Chief View Estates. Councilman Grodeon asked about the portion on North 6th Street connecting to Indian Prairie Estates and thought that was going to be done at the same time and thought that was discussed at a previous meeting. Assistant City Manager stated that they will double check the minutes and will ask the developer for clarification. City Manager stated that they will get an answer on the sidewalks before second reading.

First reading. No action required.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Schorr asked if we had any active Safe Routes to Schools applications. City Manager stated that the City does not; the funding was changed from 100% to 80/20% and there weren't any additional funds in the budget. Councilman Schorr commented on the school district adding the sidewalk from the cemetery to the high school and that the City should look at putting a sidewalk in along the cemetery. City Manager stated that it will be included in a future budget. Assistant City Manager stated that the Safe Routes to School program is only for elementary and middle school so would not be able to use that grant program to help pay for that particular sidewalk.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager stated that the current trash service contract with Waste Management will be expiring March 31, 2016. City Manager stated that he was wanting to know Council's thoughts on the terms of the agreement with regards to trash, recycling and yard waste requirements.

City Manager provided information regarding the St. Clair County LIHEAP program and the terms changing with regards to if there are eligible residents, then the City would not be allowed to disconnect their electric during the November 1st thru March 31st timeframe. Council discussed the program and was in agreement to continue with the program.

City Manager provided information to Council regarding a request from the school district to place their 'word of the month' on the City Hall marquee sign and wanted to know Council's thoughts on participating or not. City Attorney stated that since it is not an advertisement there would not be any legal ramifications either way; it is more a policy decision. Council was not in agreement but general consensus was to leave the policy as it is and leave the marquee sign for City business, meetings and events.

City Manager provided information to Council regarding a request from SWIC to place banners on the City's light poles for advertising. Council was in agreement to not allow advertisement banners on the City's light poles.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 7:42 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk