

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

**MAY 4, 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 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, 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 April 20, 2015 regular City Council meeting were presented and stood as presented. The minutes of the April 20, 2015 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: Chamber coffee and donuts event, press conference with surrounding Mayors regarding the possible loss of LDGF, Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, SWIL Council of Mayors meeting, presentation by new Illinois State

Treasurer in Collinsville, IML Lobby Day in Springfield, meeting with IMEA representatives, Congressional Prayer Breakfast in Collinsville.

*City Council*

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Participated in Law Day run in Belleville, sent email to Congressman Bost regarding fraudulent tax returns.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Trimmed shrubbery at Fire House and 4-way, presentation to Joe Cunningham proclaiming Joe Cunningham Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, annual visit to Leu Civic Center regarding Earth Day, Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, Congressional Prayer Breakfast in Collinsville.

Weyant – Nothing to report.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Joe Cunningham presentation, worked on Skate Park in Scheve Park, worked on picnic table for Dog Park.

*City Manager* – Assisted MIA on Skate Park in Scheve Park.

*City Attorney* – Nothing to report.

*City Clerk* – Nothing to report.

## **SWEARING IN**

Council Members Paul Schorr and John “Jack” Weyant were sworn in to office by City Clerk Kari Haas.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **APPOINTMENTS, REAPPOINTMENTS AND RATIFICATIONS**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of acceptance of various appointments, reappointments and ratifications.

#### Staff and Professional Services appointments/reappointments

City Attorney – Alvin C. Paulson, 1 year

Engineer Services – Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc., 1 year

Engineer Services (Electric) – Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer, & Gende, Inc., 1 yr

#### Boards and Commission appointments/reappointments

*Planning Commission* – Ken Zacharski (reappointment – 4 years), Bruce Jung (reappointment – 3 years), Glenn Shelley (reappointment – 3 years), Charles Lee (reappointment – 4 years)

*Parks & Recreation Commission* – Doug Elbe (reappointment – 4 years), Steve Heizer (reappointment – 4 years)

*Fire and Police Commission* – Steve Beimfohr (reappointment – 3 years)

*Police Pension Board* – Terry Giles (reappointment – 2 years)

*Finance Committee* – Kent Schroeder (appointment – 4 years, replace Jim Kuehn)

*Library Board* – Frank Bandre (reappointment – 3 years), Merly Friedland (reappointment – 3 years), Anne Schorr (reappointment – 3 years)

*Zoning Board of Appeals* – Don Taylor (reappointment – 5 years), Harry Friederich (appointment – 5 years, replace Bob Twenhafel)

Board Ratifications: Must be done each year in order for the City to provide property and liability insurance to the City-owned buildings.

*Leu Civic Center* – Elizabeth Peterson (President), Trisha Petroskus (Vice President), Marty Stout (Secretary), Erica Hodge (Treasurer), Patricia Peek (Executive Director), Board members: June Alexander, Mike Hund, Charles Carnahan, Mike Hoercher, Mark Laquet, Gretchen Morio, Mildred Bass, Greg Scharine, Tricia Topalbegovic, and Mary Alice Koriath

*Senior Center* – Lloyd Cauley (President), Kathy Riess (Parliamentarian), Sandra Hakanson (Director), Mary Erwin (Secretary), Ray Kueker (Treasurer), Board members: Alvin Renth and Rosemary Cooper

*Mascoutah Improvement Association* – Harold Knoth (President), Steve Heizer (Vice President), Pat McMahan (Treasurer), Kathy LaQuet (Secretary), Board members: Herb Knobeloch, Jack Weyant, Greg Hoskins, and Don Karpel

*Mascoutah Cemetery Chapel Committee* – Jeanne Bullard (President), Leanne Funk (Vice President), Shirley Hausmann (Treasurer), Amy Sand (Secretary), Board members: Keith Hinton, Marian Krausz, Clarence Richards, Marjorie Worms, Opal Riely, Troy Bullard, Nathan Bullard, Clyde Lembke, Carol Lembke, and Dave Hausmann

*Mascoutah Historical Society* – Jack Klopmeier (President), Kathy Bell (Vice President/ Curator), Colleen Hoercher (Secretary), Dorris Mays (Treasurer), Board members: Eugene Schnurr, Roger Grodeon, and Marilyn Welch

Schorr moved, seconded by Grodeon, to accept the appointments, reappointments and ratifications as identified.

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

## **IDOT RESOLUTION – SOUTH 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET RECONSTRUCTION**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code for the reconstruction of South 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Main Street to the Brickyard development.

Councilman Grodeon commented on doing the reconstruction after concrete work is done within the subdivision so that no damage is done to the new road. City Manager stated that hopefully the majority of the streets within the development will be done prior to the reconstruction of South 10<sup>th</sup> Street. City Manager stated that South 10<sup>th</sup> Street will be reconstructed to IDOT standards which are more stringent than regular City streets so will be able to handle the additional weight from concrete trucks and other construction vehicles.

McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve and adopt IDOT Resolution No. 15-16-01, a Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code for the South 10<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction.

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

### **ENGINEERING SERVICES – SOUTH 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET RECONSTRUCTION**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of Engineering Services Agreement with Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc. (TWM) for preparing construction documents for the South 10<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction Project.

Councilman Grodeon asked if this was design only. City Engineer stated that this is only for the preparation of the plans and submittal to IDOT for approval. City Engineer stated that construction oversight would be an additional cost if it would be needed.

Councilman Weyant asked why the sidewalk is being put in on the east side instead of the west side. City Engineer stated that the parking for MarKa Nursing Home will be on the west side so was not feasible to have sidewalk and parking and would require additional easements and property acquisition to have sidewalks on the west side.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to accept the City Manager's engineering recommendation to approve Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc. (TWM) for engineering services for the South 10<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction Project and authorize appropriate City officials to execute the necessary documents in an amount not to exceed \$34,700.00.

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

### **NORTH 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET 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 the North 10<sup>th</sup> Street Extension Project.

Councilman Grodeon asked what the period of performance is on this project. City Engineer stated that they have a completion date of December 31, 2015.

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve the low bid of \$951,453.70 to DMS Contracting Inc. of Mascoutah, IL for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment 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.

### **PUMP HOUSE GENERATOR – RE-BID AWARD**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bids for furnishing an emergency backup generator for the Pump House located on North Railway Street.

Councilman Weyant asked why diesel instead of natural gas. City Manager stated that cost is the major factor otherwise we would have to pay Ameren to put in a gas service connection and also have a monthly cost to Ameren. City Manager stated that we have a contract for supply and maintenance of diesel fuel

Councilman Grodeon asked about the clerical error on the bid form and if legally the City could still accept the bid. City Attorney stated that since it was a clerical error and there was a 5% security deposit included with the bid which allowed the City to back in to what the bid amount should have been listed at, he sees no problem with accepting the bid. City Attorney stated that the intent was there and the amount is clear.

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve the low bid of \$35,900.00 to CK Power of St. Louis, MO for furnishing all equipment for the Pump House Generator 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 next SWIL Council of Mayors meeting will be hosted in Mascoutah at Roemer Topf on May 28, 2015.

Councilman Schorr commented on the parking on Harnett Street and the placement of the no parking signs on the west side and the need for additional signs. Councilman Schorr stated that there are no signs for no parking on the east side. City Engineer stated that he will check with the Street Department and have the signs put in place.

Councilman Schorr asked about the final seeding and yard restoration for Harnett Street. City Manager stated that the City Engineer and the contractor will be doing a walk through to finish checking the punch list items this week.

Councilman Schorr asked about the SRTS and had received questions regarding the sidewalk cutouts and cutouts near the schools and the reasoning for that. City Manager stated that those are being redone for the crosswalk placement which includes signage and flashing lights.

Councilman Grodeon stated that he received his property tax bill and asked about the City's tax rate and thought that the rate was going to stay the same but on his bill it went from 1.39 to 1.42 and wants to know why the rate went up. City Manager stated that it has to do with the increase in the EAV but will check into it.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the developer issue at Crown Pointe and if the building permits were able to be not issued until the problems with the SSA loan are resolved. City Attorney stated that they are able to hold issuance of any building permits for all parties involved with the development and there will be a letter going out stating that fact this week.

## **CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

City Manager provided information to Council regarding the electric rate design and the two options presented by the rate study company and wanted to know which direction the Council would like to go. Council discussed the two options and were in agreement to go with the first option to provide the most flexibility.

City Manager provided information to Council regarding the meeting last week with IMEA with regards to the City's future electric project and Ameren's role in that project. City Manager stated that IMEA is going to be meeting with Ameren and will help to clarify what Ameren needs from the City regarding their plans for improvements and our plans for improvements.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to **adjourn at 8:00 p.m.**

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

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Kari D. Haas, City Clerk