

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

MAY 18, 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, 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 May 4, 2015 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 – April 2015 report was provided.

Public Safety Director Bruce Fleshren – April 2015 report was provided. Councilman Grodeon asked about body cameras and if there was a place for that in our department. Police Chief stated that they are not allowed in Illinois right now because of the need for

consent between both parties to be recorded. Mayor asked about safe zones for trading like sales on Craigslist. Police Chief stated that people are encouraged to meet people in the lobby at the police department if they wish or in a public place.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – Monthly financials provided. Councilman Grodeon asked about the balance sheet for the Ambulance Fund and how the end of year fund balance compares to the recovery plan. Finance Coordinator stated that it is very comparable to the plan but there will also be audit adjustments but should still remain on target. Councilman Weyant asked about the bulletproof vests and budgeted funds for this fiscal year and next fiscal year. Finance Coordinator stated that there are funds to replace bulletproof vests placed in the budget each fiscal year and the amount purchased depends on if any grant money is received.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Yeager – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Councilman Schorr asked about the berm trail and expected start date and that he saw in the paper that it wouldn't start until 2019. City Engineer stated that the City was able to move up on the list since we had all of our paperwork completed and required approvals from IDOT.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Presented proclamation proclaiming May 23rd, 2015 as VFW Buddy Poppy Day.

Mayor asked for ratification of appointment of Dean Smith to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacancy of Robert Skeen. McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to ratify the appointment of Dean Smith to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, volunteered at the Visitor's Center, IML sponsored police seminar regarding deadly force, Armed Forces Ball, guest on the National Public Radio regarding attractions in the Metro-East, reception at Scott AFB for civic leaders from around the country, Spring Fest, Fire Department open house, Norton movie theatre dedication at the museum.

City Council

Grodeon – Nothing to report.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, community garden dedication, Spring Fest clean up, Fire Department open house.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Lion golf tournament, Spring Fest, Fire Department open house, Norton movie theatre dedication at the museum.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, Lions golf tournament, Spring Fest, Fire Department open house.

City Manager – Nothing to report.
City Attorney – Nothing to report.
City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

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

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

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

POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASE

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of the purchase of two vehicles to be used as marked squad cars for the police department.

Councilman Weyant asked about purchasing two SUVs instead of one of each. Police Chief stated that he would love to have two SUVs but was trying to remain frugal.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the service costs between the sedans and the current SUVs. Police Chief stated that they are still new so there hasn't been any service needed. Police Chief stated that they haven't noticed a spike in fuel costs with the use of the SUVs.

Council was in agreement to purchase two SUVs if there were enough funds in the budget. Finance Coordinator stated that there is \$48,000 budgeted for the loan payments so there would be enough budgeted funds for the loan payment of two SUVs.

Weyant moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve the purchase of two 2015 SUV vehicles from Brent Bergheger Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Mascoutah, IL in the amount of \$63,766.00 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the required documents.

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

MANHOLE REHABILITATION PROJECT – BID AWARD

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bid for sanitary manhole repairs located between Bernard Street and 1st Street which were identified during the 2012 I&I Studies performed by RJN Group.

Mayor asked about the alternate bid and what the difference was. City Engineer stated that the alternate bid uses a fiberglass (polymer plastic) type liner instead of cement based

but is still being tested in other communities so we are staying with the cement base for now.

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve the low bid of \$50,997.50 for furnishing all materials, equipment and labor to construct the Manhole Rehabilitation Project to SpectraTech LLC of Noblesville, IN and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

CODE CHANGE – PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY (FIRST READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 1 – Administration to add a Public Comment Policy to the City Code of Ordinances.

Council discussed the draft policy at length. Council decided to strike the subsection regarding submittal of a form by individuals to be placed on the agenda under public comment.

No action required. First reading.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager provided information to Council regarding an energy grant application for possible solar panel energy to be used at the sewer treatment plant. City Manager stated that he wanted to know if Council wanted him to pursue the grant possibility. The City Manager stated that the grants can pay up to 80% of the cost and the payback is usually within the first 5 years. Council was in agreement to proceed with the process of the grant application.

Councilman Schorr asked about the letters sent out to Greystone Manor and Crown Pointe and asked if it was just those entities that are restricted from obtaining building permits because he has noticed basements and foundations being put in at Greystone Manor within the last week. Assistant City Manager explained that there are lots within Greystone Manor that were sold off to other builders or that had already been purchased by residents anywhere between 6 months to 2 years and are now starting to be built on. Assistant City Manager stated that the next phase on the Greystone Manor subdivision would be to place a lien on the unsold lots which would hinder any future lot purchases until the debt has been settled.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager provided information to Council regarding the issues with the payment to the developer on the reconstruction of Douglas Avenue and the building of the Douglas apartments. City Manager stated that the development agreement stated that the City agreed to an estimated price of \$18.38 per square yard to mill and repave Douglas Avenue based on a 4 inch asphalt overlay along with an additional \$9,200 for incidentals

(curb repairs, base repairs, etc.). City Manager stated that the developer wants what is stated in the contract but the City is wanting to pay for what is actually out there, which is a little over 2 inch asphalt overlay. City Manager stated that he is wanting Council's guidance and input. Councilman Schorr asked about the building permit fees and if those are reimbursable. City Manager stated that the City Code states that building permit fees are forfeited if the building permits are forfeited. Council was in agreement that the building permit fees should not be reimbursed. Council discussed what should be done about the cost of the road. Council asked if the City had received a bill from the contractor for the work that was done. City Engineer stated that we have received a bill from the contractor which was based on \$18.38 per square yard plus the \$9,200 for incidentals, which is the inflated unit price. City Engineer stated that he did receive a copy of the bill from Christ Brothers (subcontractor) to Stukenberg which was received on Friday. Council was in agreement to have staff review the bill received from the subcontractor and negotiate a unit price with the contractor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 8:21 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk