

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

DECEMBER 19, 2022

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 Melissa Schanz. The Council remained standing and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pat McMahan called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pat McMahan and Council members John Weyant, Walter Battas, Nick Seibert and Eric Kohrmann.

Absent: None.

Other Staff Present: City Manager Becky Ahlvin, Assistant City Manager Kari Speir, City Clerk Melissa Schanz, City Attorney Al Paulson, Fire Chief Joe Zinck, Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner, Police Chief Scott Waldrup and EMS Supervisor Jeremy Gottschammer.

Establishment of a Quorum: A quorum of City Council members was present.

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 5, 2022 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the December 5, 2022 Executive Session meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Mercer, a resident of Mascoutah, voiced some concerns about the police not having body cameras. He also expressed frustration towards the police department, administrative staff and members of the city council.

Thane Kifer, the owner of Best Western Hotel, was present to speak about parking on Hayden Drive.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Joe Zinck – November 2022 monthly report was provided.

Police Chief Scott Waldrup – November 2022 monthly report was provided.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – November 2022 monthly financials were provided.

Public Works Director Jesse Carlton – absent – November 2022 building and status report was provided by City Manager Becky Ahlvin.

City Engineer – absent – November 2022 status report on public projects was provided by City Manager Becky Ahlvin.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor – Attended the SAFB Winter Concert.

City Council

Weyant – Attended the SAFB Winter Concert and a Holiday Play in Lebanon.

Battas – Attended the SAFB Winter Concert.

Seibert – Attended MHS Choir Concert and the SAFB Winter Concert.

Kohrmann – Nothing to report.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

The November 2022 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

Seibert moved, seconded by Battas, to accept all items under Omnibus consideration.

Motion passed. AYE's – Weyant, Battas, Seibert, Kohrmann, McMahan. NAY's – none. ABSENT – none.

2022 PROPERTY TAX LEVY (SECOND READING)

City Manager presented report for Council approval and adoption of the 2022 Property Tax Ordinance.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Kohrmann, to approve the 2022 Property Tax Levy by adopting Ordinance No. 22-14.

Motion passed. AYE's – Weyant, Battas, Seibert, Kohrmann, McMahan. NAY's – none. ABSENT – none.

BID AWARD – POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASE

City Manager presented report for Council approval and authorization of bid for the purchase of one vehicle for the Police Department.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Battas, to rescind the purchase approved on May 16, 2022 in the amount of \$36,720.00 to Morrow Brothers Ford Inc. of Greenfield, IL for furnishing a 2022 Ford Police Interceptor SUV and approve the purchase in the amount of \$40,575.00 to Morrow Brothers Ford Inc. of Greenfield, IL for furnishing a 2023 Ford Police Interceptor SUV and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

Motion passed. AYE's – Weyant, Battas, Seibert, Kohrmann, McMahan. NAY's – none. ABSENT – none.

RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION – WARRANTY DEED CHRISTOPHER LEMBKE

City Manager presented report for Council approval and adoption of resolution authorizing the execution of a warranty deed for purchase of property in conjunction with the 138KV Phase II Electric Project.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Battas, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 22-23-25, a Resolution to authorize the Mayor or City Manager to execute any and all documents to procure a warranty deed for purchase of property from Christopher D. Lembke in the amount of \$60,000.00 in conjunction with the 138KV Phase II Project.

Motion passed. AYE's – Weyant, Battas, Seibert, Kohrmann, McMahan. NAY's – none. ABSENT – none.

RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION – DEED OF EASEMENT – MASCOUTAH SURFACE WATER PROTECTION DISTRICT

City Manager presented report for Council approval and adoption of resolution authorizing the execution of a deed of easement for electrical utilities.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Seibert, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 22-23-26, a resolution to authorize the Mayor or City Manager to execute any and all documents to procure deed of easement for electrical utilities with Mascoutah Surface Water Protection District in conjunction with the 138KV Phase II Project.

Motion passed. AYE's – Weyant, Battas, Seibert, Kohrmann, McMahan. NAY's – none. ABSENT – none.

RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION – DEED OF EASEMENT – CHARLOTTE AND MYRON WOMBACHER

City Manager presented report for Council approval and adoption of resolution authorizing the execution of a deed of easement for electrical utilities.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Seibert, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 22-23-27, a resolution to authorize the Mayor or City Manager to execute any and all documents to procure deed of easement for electrical utilities with Charlotte Wombacher and Myron G. Wombacher in the amount of \$20,000.00 in conjunction with the 138KV Phase II Project.

Motion passed. AYE's – Weyant, Battas, Seibert, Kohrmann, McMahan. NAY's – none. ABSENT – none.

RIGHT OF WAY DEDICATION PLAT – N LEBANON STREET RECONSTRUCTION

City Manager presented report for Council approval of the Right of Way Dedication Plat for the North Lebanon Street Reconstruction Project.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Kohrmann, to Approve the Right of Way Dedication Plat for the North Lebanon Street Reconstruction Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

Motion passed. AYE's – Weyant, Battas, Seibert, Kohrmann, McMahan. NAY's – none. ABSENT – none.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager provided the Council with information and background on Parking restrictions on Hayden Drive. Thane Kifer who owns the Best Western was present at the meeting to express his concerns about the parking prohibition. Kifer stated that no parking would cause the hotel to lose several thousands of dollars of revenue. Kifer asked the Council to consider allowing parking for 400 feet on either side of the entrance to the hotel. Sean Hayden, one of

the owners of the apartments at the end of Hayden Drive, called the City Manager and has concerns about the trucks clogging Hayden Drive and causing issues for drivers on the street. Councilman Weyant is worried about trucks continuing to break up the road. Councilman Battas stated that the road was not built correctly and stated that it has been breaking up since the first set of apartments were built. After Council Discussion, Council agreed to have parking on the South side of Hayden Drive 400 feet on either side of the Best Western Entrance.

City Manager asked Council if they wanted to reinstate the business license fees for 2023. It was decided by Council to reinstate all business license fees for 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Mercer stated that his work orders never get done and that his rights have been violated. He also expressed concerns about it being too bright outside his residency due to lights at the storage facility on the edge of town.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Battas moved, seconded by Seibert, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Purchase/Lease of Property – Section 2(c)(5), Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) and Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) at 7:51p.m.

Motion passed. AYE's – Weyant, Battas, Seibert, Kohrmann, McMahan. NAY's – none. ABSENT – none.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Kohrmann moved, seconded by Seibert, to return to regular session at 8:16 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Weyant moved, seconded by Kohrmann, to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Melissa Schanz, City Clerk