

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

**APRIL 3, 2023**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – FY22/23 BUDGET**

Mayor Pat McMahan called the Budget Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

*Present:*

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 and City Clerk Melissa Schanz.

*Discussion:*

City Manager presented reports for the City of Mascoutah FY23/24 Budget.

Mayor Pat McMahan closed the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

**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**

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

*Absent:* None.

*Other Staff Present:* City Manager Becky Ahlvin, Assistant City Manager Kari Speir, City Clerk Melissa Schanz, City Attorney Al Paulson and Police Chief Scott Waldrup.

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

## **AMEND AGENDA**

None.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 20, 2023 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Eric Mercer, a resident of Mascoutah, voiced concerns about his civil rights.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*Mayor* – Attended the “meet the candidates” forum.

*City Council*

Weyant – Attended the “meet the candidates” forum.

Battas – Attended the “meet the candidates” forum.

Seibert – Announced a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish for the Middle School VB Team.

Kohrmann – Attended the “meet the candidates” forum.

*City Manager* – Nothing to report.

*City Attorney* – Nothing to report.

*City Clerk* – Nothing to report.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **BUDGET 23/24 – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE (FIRST READING)**

City Manager presented report for Council approval and adoption of the City’s FY23/24 Budget.

There was no further discussion.

First Reading.

### **CODE CHANGE – ELECTRIC, WATER & SEWER RATES (FIRST READING)**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of revisions to Chapter 11 – Electric System and Chapter 38 – Water and Sewer Rates of the City Code by adoption of ordinance.

There was no further discussion.

First Reading.

**CODE CHANGE – RIGHT-OF-WAY ORDINANCE (FIRST READING)**

City Manager presented report for Council approval of AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND Chapter 38: UTILITIES to add Article 6: CONSTRUCTION OF UTILITY FACILITIES IN THE RIGHTS- OF-WAY.

There was no further discussion.

First Reading.

**BID AWARD – NORTH SUBSTATION UPGRADES COMMISSIONING SERVICES**

City Manager presented a report for Council consideration of approval of bid to provide commissioning services for the North Substation Upgrades.

Mayor McMahan and the Council did question the large difference in bid amounts and asked the representatives of BHMg if they are sure the bidder has included all services. BHMg did agree with the concerns of the bid being so low, but stated they have gone over everything with the bidder three times and the company is very dependable. BHMg recommends going with the low bid.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve the low bid of \$95,815.00 and award a contract to Electric Power Systems of Maryland Heights, MO to provide commissioning services for the North Substation Upgrades project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

**BID AWARD – ELECTRIC PHASE II PROJECT, 138KV LINE 2 CONSTRUCTION**

City Manager presented report for council consideration of approval of bid and authorization to award a contract to furnish all labor and equipment for the 138kV Line 2 Installation Project.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Seibert, to approve the low bid for furnishing all labor and equipment for the construction of the 138kV Line 2 Installation Project (Option 1) and award a contract to J.F. Electric in the amount of \$2,415,740.98 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

## **STREET CLOSINGS – SPRING FEST, HOMECOMING PARADE, FALL FEST AND LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE**

City Manager presented report for council approval of street closings for 2023.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Kohrmann, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 22-23-32 (Spring Fest), Resolution No. 22-23-33 (Homecoming Parade), Resolution No. 22-23-34 (Fall Fest) and Resolution No. 22-23-35 (Lighted Christmas Parade).

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

## **COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

None.

## **CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

City Manager presented a new tap fee schedule for water and sewer.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Eric Mercer, a resident of Mascoutah, responded against the proposed electric, water and sewer rates.

## **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Battas moved, seconded by Weyant, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Litigation at 7:48.

***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**

Battas moved, seconded by Seibert, to return to regular session at 8:09 p.m.

## **MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Weyant moved, seconded by Battas to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

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

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Melissa Schanz, City Clerk