

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

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

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

COUNCIL WORKSHOP – American Rescue Plan (ARPA)

Mayor Pat McMahan called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Pat McMahan and Council members John Weyant, Walter Battas, Nick Seibert and Mike Baker.

Absent:

None.

Other Staff Present:

City Manager Becky Ahlvin, City Clerk Melissa Schanz, City Attorney Al Paulson.

Discussion:

Mayor and City Council discussed the different options for obligating the ARPA funds.

Mayor Pat McMahan closed the workshop at 6:53 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

Mayor Pat McMahan and Council members John Weyant, Walter Battas, Nick Seibert and Mike Baker.

Absent: None.

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

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

AMEND AGENDA

Weyant moved, seconded by Battas to amend the agenda to add personnel.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 5, 2023 regular City Council meeting and September 5, 2023 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 his concerns.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOR AUGUST WERE PROVIDED

Fire Chief Joe Zinck announced he will be retiring along with Deputy Fire Chief Greg Moll at the end of the year.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor – Will be heading to Chicago for IML Conference this week.

City Council

Weyant –Nothing to report.

Battas –Nothing to report.

Seibert –Attended the Mascoutah Athletic Commission meeting this month.

Baker –Nothing to report.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney –Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

The August 2023 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

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

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

**ORDINANCE RE-NAMING THE ROADWAY LYING DIRECTLY NORTH OF
LEGACY PLACE CURRENTLY KNOWN AS HERITAGE WAY TO ONYX DRIVE.
(FIRST READING)**

City Manager presented a report for Council approval of an ordinance re-naming the roadway that runs west from Illinois Route 4 directly north of Legacy Place from “Heritage Way” to “Onyx Drive” within the City Limits of Mascoutah, Illinois.

Mayor along with Council feel the change makes sense and Councilman Baker recommended that the first reading be waived, and the ordinance get approved.

There was no further discussion.

Baker moved, seconded by Battas to waive the first reading and approve and adopt Ordinance 23-20, an Ordinance re-naming the roadway directly north of Legacy Place from Heritage Way to Onyx Drive.

Motion passed. AYE’s – Weyant, Battas, Seibert, Baker, McMahan. NAY’s – none.
ABSENT –none

**RESOLUTION OBLIGATING CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL
RECOVERY FUNDS.**

City Manager presented a report for Council approval of a resolution to obligate the City of Mascoutah’s Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allocation.

The Mayor and City Council decided after much discussion to approve Scenario 1 which included funds for the Splash Pad at Scheve Park, Park Upgrades and Sewer System Infrastructure.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Battas to approve and adopt Resolution No. 23-24-10, a resolution to obligate the City of Mascoutah’s Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and allocate the funds as follows: Splash Pad funding in the amount of \$150,000.00, Park Upgrades in the amount of \$100,000.00, and Sewer System Infrastructure in the amount of \$837299.35. The council also stated that they do not want to see the sewer system infrastructure funds be reduced.

Motion passed. AYE’s – Weyant, Battas, Seibert, Baker, McMahan. NAY’s – none.
ABSENT –none.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Battas explained how he had a water leak at his home, and he requested we look into putting reminders about checking your indoor utilities for leaks in monthly utility bills. The City Manager will check with utility office as to if they put something in the bills throughout the year and if not will work on getting something in the monthly utility bills a couple times per year. Councilman Baker asked about the Metrolink and the cost the city will be responsible for. City Manager said it is in the early stages and cost for those involved have not been discussed yet.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The City Manager gave a Strategic Plan Update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Mercer had additional comments.

Mary Jeanne Hutchinson introduced herself.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Weyant moved, seconded by Battas, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel at 7:30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Weyant moved, seconded by Battas, to adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Melissa Schanz, City Clerk

