

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

NOVEMBER 6, 2023

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

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

Absent: None.

Other Staff Present: City Manager Cody Hawkins, City Clerk Melissa Schanz, City Attorney Al Paulson, Police Chief Scott Waldrup, and Executive Assistant Emily Quellmalz

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

AMEND AGENDA

No reason to amend the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 5, 2023, special City Council meeting was presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the October 5, 2023, special executive session meeting was presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the October 16, 2023, regular City Council meeting was presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the October 16, 2023, executive session meeting was presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Mercer, a resident of Mascoutah, voiced his concerns with the city.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor – Attended the Cemetery Walk and has started working on Winterfest at Scheve Park.

Mayor – Presented a Proclamation to the Mascoutah School District.

Police Chief – Presented Department Commendation to multiple Police Department Staff.

City Council

Weyant – Attended Fall Fest.

Battas – Nothing to report.

Seibert – Nothing to report.

Mike Baker – Nothing to report.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Swore in Police Officer Timothy Lay.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Schedule

The City Manager presented a report for Council approval of the annual meeting schedule.

There was no further discussion.

Baker moved, seconded by Seibert to approve, and adopt Resolution No. 23-24-11, a Resolution Adopting the Annual Meeting Schedule of the City of Mascoutah.

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

MABAS Ordinance (First Reading)

The City Manager presented a report for Council approval of an ordinance adopting the new Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement.

There was no further discussion.

First Reading.

Bid Award – Power Line Right of Way Clearance and Tree Trimming

The City Manager presented a report for Council approval of bids and authorization to award a contract to furnish all labor, materials and equipment for the Route 4 Double Circuit and South Railway Easement Power Line Right of Way Clearance and Tree Trimming.

Mayor McMahan asked if we compared the past rates to the current bid. The City Manager stated that the current bid is in line with what we have seen in the past.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Battas to approve the low bid of \$109,000.00 and award a contract to Endrizzi Contracting, Inc. of Vienna, IL to furnish all labor, materials, and

equipment for construction of the Route 4 Double Circuit and South Railway Easement Power Line Right of Way Clearance and Tree Trimming and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

Code Change – Public Comment Policy (First Reading)

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

Councilman Baker asked if staff could check and see when the original comment policy was enacted. The City Manager stated staff will research.

There was no further discussion.

First Reading.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Seibert asked if the Public Works Department could look at fixing the damaged guard rail on N. County Road. City Manager stated he will have staff look into it.

Councilman Baker asked if staff could look into amending our parking ordinance to add a city fee per car for parking lots that charge a fee within city limits. City Manager stated he will do some research and get some information to Council.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS – NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Mercer, a resident of Mascoutah, had additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Weyant moved, seconded by Battas, to adjourn at 7:32 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Melissa Schanz, City Clerk