

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

**DECEMBER 4, 2023**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Pat McMahan called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

*Present:*

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

*Absent:*

Mike Baker.

*Other Staff Present:*

City Manager Cody Hawkins, City Clerk Melissa Schanz, City Attorney Al Paulson

*Discussion:*

City Manager provided information to Council regarding the Special Service Area 2023 Tax Levy.

*Adjournment:*

Mayor Pat McMahan adjourned the public hearing at 6:32 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, 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**

Baker moved, seconded by Battas to amend the agenda to add Personnel – Section 2(c)(1).

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

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 20, 2023, City Council meeting was presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the November 20, 2023, executive session meeting was presented and approved as presented.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Troy Gryga, a resident of Mascoutah voiced his concerns about the city's 2022 net metering policy. Would like to see all existing solar customers get grandfathered into the city's 2016 net metering policy.

Becky Rehberger, a property owner near Barry Hayden's developments voiced concerns about the drainage of Barry Hayden's proposed new developments. She requested that the city not approve any further Hayden developments until the drainage issues get resolved.

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

Jerry Daugherty, a resident and past Mayor of Mascoutah, thanked the council for having the wisdom to hire Cody Hawkins back and stated that it was the best thing they could have done. He then welcomed Cody back into the role of City Manager. He also thanked the council for following up and getting the road jobs east of town completed, stating it looks very good.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*Mayor* – Attended the Winterfest Opening Night at Scheve Park and the Grinch event held by the Tuesday Women's Club and the Christmas Parade.

*City Council*

Weyant – Attended the Christmas Parade.

Battas – Nothing to report.

Seibert – Attended the Winterfest Opening Night at Scheve Park and the Christmas Parade.

Mike Baker – Nothing to report.

*City Manager* – Nothing to report.

*City Attorney* – Nothing to report.

*City Clerk* – Attended the Grinch event held by the Tuesday Women's Club.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **PC 23-10 Final Plat for Hayden Drive Warehouses (Second Reading)**

The City Manager presented a report for Council approval of a final plat for the Hayden Drive Warehouses on 8.71 acres on property located at Hayden Drive (parcel no. 10-06.0-301.009) in GC, General Commercial Zoning District lot located east of Hawkins Point Townhomes, south of proposed Falcon Townhome Phase 2, north of Luann Drive, and west of lots adjacent to Beller Drive.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Battas, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 23-15, approving the Final Plat Subdivision for the 8.71-acre lot at Hayden Drive (parcel no. 10-06.0-301-009) in GC, General Commercial Zoning District, subject to attached Findings.

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

### **PC 23-10 Final Plat – Prairie Lakes Phase I (Second Reading)**

The City Manager presented a report for Council approval of an ordinance adopting the final plat for the Prairie Lakes Subdivision Phase I.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Seibert to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 23-16 approving the Final Plat for Prairie Lakes Subdivision Phase I, subject to the attached Findings of Approval.

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

### **PC 23-03, Chapter 34 Code Changes – Recreational Vehicles**

The City Manager presented a report for Council approval of revisions of City Code to Chapter 34 – Unified Land Development Code of the Mascoutah City Code of Ordinances, by adoption of ordinance.

Mayor McMahan stated that he really is not in favor of most of the changes.

There was no further discussion.

Seibert moved, seconded by Weyant to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 23-17, thereby modifying Chapter 34-Unified Land Development code of the Mascoutah City Code of Ordinances: Section 34-9-21 – Recreational Vehicles

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

**2023 Property Tax Levy (First Reading)**

The City Manager presented a report for Council approval of an ordinance for the 2023 Property Tax Levy.

There was no further discussion.

First Reading.

**Paid Leave for All Workers Act – Ordinance (First Reading)**

The City Manager presented a report for Council approval and adoption of an ordinance regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act.

There was no further discussion.

First Reading.

**COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - NONE****CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

The City Manager asked the Council if they were onboard with proceeding to do research and put a fee/tax program in place for paid parking areas within the city. It was decided that they would like to proceed.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Seibert moved, seconded by Baker, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel at 7:38 p.m.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS****ADJOURNMENT**

Weyant moved, seconded by Baker, to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

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

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Melissa Schanz, City Clerk