

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

**OCTOBER 15, 2018**

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 Kari Haas. The Council remained standing and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Gerald Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

*Present:* Mayor Gerald Daugherty and Council members Paul Schorr, John Weyant, Pat McMahan, and Michael Baker.

*Absent:* None.

*Other Staff Present:* Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt, City Clerk Kari Haas, City Attorney Al Paulson, Police Chief Scott Waldrup, City Engineer Tom Quirk, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner, Fire Chief Joe Zinck, 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 September 17, 2018 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Schiermann – Voiced complaint regarding the construction along his backyard from the berm trail; backfill is 2-3 feet into his yard. Requested the City seriously consider building a fence along the trail where it borders homes.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

*Fire Chief Joe Zinck* – September 2018 report was provided.

*Police Chief Scott Waldrup* – September 2018 report was provided.

*Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner* – Monthly financials provided.

*City Engineer Tom Quirk* – Status report on public projects and monthly building report were provided. Councilman Schorr asked about the Major Electric Project. City Attorney stated that things are moving along and the property owners' attorney has a draft easement document almost complete so foresees a meeting soon. Councilman Schorr asked about an update on the sewer plant land acquisition. City Attorney stated that he is working on that one and has it almost finalized. Councilman Schorr asked about having rules and hours of operation for the berm trail. Assistant City Manager stated that staff will work on rules for the berm trail. Councilman Weyant asked about the easement acquisitions for Main Street and Jefferson Street. City Engineer stated that we do not have all the easements but are working on them. Councilman McMahan asked about the easement acquisitions for 10<sup>th</sup> Street. City Engineer stated that one easement has been received and we are working on the others.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### *Mayor*

Attended the following meetings and functions: IML Conference, SLM Water Commission meeting, Jerry Holt retirement brunch, Chamber meeting, National Night Out festivities, annual Prayer Breakfast, change of command ceremony at Scott AFB.

### *City Council*

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Scheve Park Master Plan public workshop, tree sub-committee meeting, Mayor's annual Prayer Breakfast, walk thru of trees in Scheve Park.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: IML Conference, funeral for Lt. McGinnis.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: IML Conference, Jerry Holt retirement brunch, Chamber meeting, Mayor's annual Prayer Breakfast, work on Lion's Club fountain.

Baker – Attended the following meetings and functions: Meals on Wheels, Chamber meeting, assisted with placement of bench in cemetery.

*Assistant City Manager* – Nothing to report.

*City Attorney* – Prosecuted many fireworks violators this past month.

*City Clerk* – Nothing to report.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)**

The September 2018 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

Councilman Weyant asked about clothing allowance for City employees. Assistant City Manager stated that City Hall employees receive \$100 per fiscal year. City Clerk stated that the Laborers by contract receive \$600 per fiscal year; does not carry over to the next fiscal year.

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

*Motion passed.* AYE's – Schorr, Weyant, McMahan, Baker, Daugherty. NAY's – none.

### **STREET CLOSING – LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of a resolution to close Main Street (IL 177) on November 30, 2018 for the annual Lighted Christmas Parade.

Baker moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 18-19-10, authorizing the closing of Main Street (IL 177) from Jefferson Street to Second Street on November 30, 2018 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for the annual Lighted Christmas Parade.

*Motion passed.* AYE's – Schorr, Weyant, McMahan, Baker, Daugherty. NAY's – none.

### **COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Council discussed the IML trip reports.

Councilman Baker commented on the packets being delivered earlier than Friday. Council was in consensus that they would like to see packets delivered on Thursday. Assistant City Manager stated that staff will try it out on a trial basis for the next few meetings.

Councilman Baker commented on safety at the schools, particularly the flashing stop signs being placed on Harnett St. at the 6<sup>th</sup> St. intersection. Council discussed and recommended having a meeting with public safety and the school superintendent regarding safety concerns and look into placing the flashing stop lights at that intersection.

### **CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pam Rensing – Reported that the Herald has moved to 410 E. Main St. Asked about the status of hiring a new City Manager. Mayor stated that the search committee is conducting interviews right now and then will provide Council with a short list of candidates for the Council to conduct interviews.

### **MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 7:55 p.m.**

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

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Kari D. Haas, City Clerk