

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

NOVEMBER 19, 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, Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey, 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 November 5, 2018 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the November 5, 2018 Executive Session meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Timothy Petersen – Spoke regarding the alley vacation at 47 W. Poplar St., does not believe that this vacation is the right thing to do; spoke on vacations done in the past by the City; spoke in opposition of this alley vacation.

Mike Maue – Spoke in opposition of the alley vacation at 47 W. Poplar St.

Craig Klingelhoef – Spoke regarding the alley vacation; owns the property; if he desires to put a fence on the property or wants to make any other improvements to the property then would need the alley vacation; desires to combine the parcels into one in order to improve the property; asked the Council to approve the alley vacation.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey – October 2018 report was provided.

Police Chief Scott Waldrup – October 2018 report was provided. Councilman Schorr asked about the possibility of doing a police explorer program. Police Chief stated that they have talked about it but have not had any meetings regarding starting one up.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – Monthly financials provided.

City Engineer Tom Quirk – Status report on public projects and monthly building report were provided. Councilman Schorr stated that he received a call from a resident regarding their loss of privacy since the berm trail had been installed; resident had asked for some sort of fence; Councilman Schorr asked about a park grant for a possible berm trail buffer. Assistant City Manager stated that grants can be looked at next year for some sort of buffer along the berm trail. Councilman Weyant asked about the Main Street/Jefferson project and when the bid was going to go out. City Engineer stated that work is still being done on right-of-way acquisition so still hopeful to bid out this winter. Councilman Weyant asked for an update on the easement acquisition for the electric project. City Engineer stated that those are still being worked on. Councilman Weyant asked about the completion date of the berm trail. City Engineer stated that it is a working date contract so there wasn't a completion date identified; there are a few items left to be done on each side so should be completed soon weather depending.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: Meeting at MidAmerica Airport with Mayors from surrounding areas, Finance Committee meeting, SLM Water Commission meeting, open house at Brightly Assisted Living, annual East-West Gateway awards banquet.

City Council

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, Finance Committee meeting, open house at Brightly Assisted Living, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, open house at Brightly Assisted Living.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, assisted with set-up of the Hero Run fundraiser.

Baker – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, delivered meals on wheels.

Assistant City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

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

Councilman Weyant commented on purchases being bought locally but there were numerous purchases from other places not local this past month. City Engineer stated that employees are aware of the policy and do purchase items locally when they can. Council reiterated that purchases need to be purchased following the purchasing manual. Assistant City Manager will speak with the Public Works Coordinator and will remind the public works employees of the purchasing policy and review purchases.

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

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

PC 18-07 – ALLEY VACATION, 47 W POPLAR (SECOND READING)

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval to vacate an alley located at 47 W. Poplar Street.

Councilman Baker asked if any alleys had been vacated that were located in the middle of an alley. Assistant City Manager stated that there was one done a couple years ago on South Street.

Councilman Schorr commented that normally a portion of an alley is not vacated, usually do from street to street; in the cases that have been done like the one on South Street, there was no opposition from the neighbors; in this case there is opposition from the neighbors. Councilman Schorr stated that it appears that the application that the request for alley vacation was done after the code violation occurred which makes it appear to be an attempt to right a wrong.

Mayor commented that he has spoken with the property owner and the neighbors; does not believe that we should be vacating partial alleys; should get all property owners involved and vacate entire alley. Mayor stated that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to not vacate the alley and Council should follow their recommendation.

Councilman Weyant commented on the shed being a separate issue; does not see any issue with vacating this portion of the alley since the property owner owns property on

both sides of the alley and desires to improve the property. Councilman Weyant commented on other fences already built across the alley throughout that block.

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 18-17, approving the alley vacation located at 47 W. Poplar St.

Motion failed. AYE's – Weyant. NAY's – Schorr, McMahan, Baker, Daugherty.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY MIDAMERICA ENTERPRISE ZONE – AMENDING ORDINANCE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT (SECOND READING)

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval to amend St. Clair County MidAmerica Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement and approval of an Ordinance to add incentives to the Enterprise Zone.

McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to amend the St. Clair County MidAmerica Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement and approve Ordinance No. 18-17, an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14-09 to add incentives to St. Clair County MidAmerica Enterprise Zone and authorize the appropriate city officials to execute the appropriate documents.

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

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE POLICE UNION

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Policemen's Benevolent & Protective Association Labor Committee.

Councilman Schorr asked if the City Attorney had reviewed this. City Attorney stated that he had reviewed this and had no issues.

Councilman Schorr asked about the two tier system for insurance reimbursement and if this change coincides with that system. City Clerk explained that it does and that with the employee that falls under this, it will save the City over \$1,400.00 per month.

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Policemen's Benevolent & Protective Association Labor Committee and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – CITY MANAGER

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of Employment Agreement for the position of City Manager.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve the Employment Agreement with Bradley Myers for the position of City Manager and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO IMPLEMENT COUNTY PARKS GRANT

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval to authorize the Assistant City Manager to proceed with the Notice of Award from St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission in regards to a \$48,000 grant for Scheve Park Restroom.

Councilman McMahan asked if there was any estimation on how much it was going to cost to run utilities to the location. Assistant City Manager stated that staff has not gotten to that point yet.

Weyant moved, seconded by Baker, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 18-19-14, a resolution authorizing execution and implementation of the St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission Contract for the Scheve Park Restrooms Project.

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

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of resolution adopting the annual meeting schedule.

Councilman Schorr asked about notice required to be provided for cancelled meetings or meetings not held. City Attorney stated that he does not believe there is no requirement for cancelled meetings or meetings not held. City Clerk stated that the calendar on the website is updated and the marquee is updated to state no meeting.

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 18-19-15, a resolution adopting the Annual Meeting Schedule of the City of Mascoutah.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Timothy Petersen – Spoke regarding the agendas and minutes posted online and that they are not searchable. Asked Council to consider using a system similar to the school system for agenda and minute postings.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Purchase of Property – Section 2(c)(5) and Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) at 7:49 p.m.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Schorr moved, seconded by McMahan, to return to Regular Session at 8:12 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Baker, to **adjourn at 8:13 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk