

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

MARCH 5, 2018

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

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor Gerald Daugherty called the budget workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

None.

Other Staff Present:

City Manager Cody Hawkins, City Clerk Kari Haas, Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt, Police Chief Scott Waldrup, and City Engineer Tom Quirk.

City Manager provided an overview of the proposed budget for FY18/19. Council discussed the proposed budget.

Mayor Gerald Daugherty closed the budget workshop at 6:45 p.m.

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, Council members Paul Schorr, John Weyant, Pat McMahan and Michael Baker.

Absent: None.

Other Staff Present: City Manager Cody Hawkins, City Clerk Kari Haas, City Attorney Al Paulson, Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt, City Engineer Tom Quirk, Police Chief Scott Waldrup, and Public Works Coordinator Jesse Carlton.

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

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the February 20, 2018 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as corrected.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rich Fuess – Asked if the City could use the City’s Facebook page to post Council agendas, Council packets and like information. Spoke in favor of the use of golf carts.

Toni Rehfeldt – Spoke against the use of golf carts on City streets due to safety issues.

Shane Wilson – Spoke in favor of the use of golf carts; additional revenue for the City merchants, residents, and the City as a whole.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: Finance Committee meeting, SLM Water Commission meeting, SWIL Council of Mayors meeting, Center for Racial Harmony award ceremony put on by the First Presbyterian Church in Belleville where a Mascoutah youth received an award, fundraiser at Roemer Topf for the Espenschied Chapel, Chamber business after-hours, farewell dinner for Colonel Nazamis, attended veterans’ event at Faith Family Church in O’Fallon.

City Council

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Finance Committee meeting, fundraiser at Roemer Topf for the Espenschied Chapel, tree sub-committee meeting, Chamber business after-hours.

Weyant – Nothing to report.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber business after-hours.

Baker – Attended the following meetings and functions: Delivered meals on wheels, spoke with 50-60 citizens regarding the use of golf carts.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CODE CHANGE – NON-HIGHWAY VEHICLES (SECOND READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of an ordinance to amend the City of Mascoutah Code of Ordinances to allow non-highway vehicles to operate on any roadway within the City of Mascoutah.

Mayor stated that he has had more people come to him not supporting the golf carts and most of the concerns raised are safety.

Councilman Schorr stated that the people who have spoken to him are not in favor of golf carts voicing safety concerns.

Councilman Weyant stated that he doesn't have a problem with allowing golf carts given all the rules and regulations that must be followed and the requirement of additional features by the state.

Councilman Baker stated that he is in favor of golf carts; stated that Illinois is one of 47 states that allow golf carts. Councilman Baker commented on the safety issues raised and compared those to the allowance of motorcycles that do not have as many safety features as golf carts are required to by state law.

Baker moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 18-02, an Ordinance amending the City of Mascoutah Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24 – Motor Vehicle Code, adding Article VIII – Non-Highway Vehicles.

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

CODE CHANGE – ELECTRIC, WATER & SEWER RATES (FIRST READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of revisions to Chapter 11 – Electric System and Chapter 38 – Water and Sewer Rates of the City Code by adoption of ordinance.

First reading. No action required.

MAIN STREET CLOSING – SPRING FEST WITH IDOT RESOLUTION

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of request by Mascoutah Chamber of Commerce to close Main Street (IL 177) on May 18, 2018 for the Spring Fest.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 17-18-26, authorizing the closing of Main Street (IL 177) from First Street to Market Street on May 18, 2018 from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. for the annual Spring Fest.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD FEES RESOLUTION

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of the Planning Commission and Zoning Board Fees Resolution, increasing some of the Planning and Zoning application fees beginning May 1, 2018.

Councilman Baker asked about the reasoning for increasing the fees. City Manager stated that the reasoning is the additional staff time, increased costs for publications in the paper, mailings to residents, etc.

Councilman Baker asked about the additional expenses listed under alley/street vacations. City Clerk explained that there is additional recordings at St. Clair County which the applicant is billed for that are not required by the other processes. City Manager stated that there is survey work required for alley/street vacations which are paid for by the applicant.

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 17-18-27, increasing planning / zoning fees beginning May 1, 2018.

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

CHANGE ORDER – SWIMMING POOL DECK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of a change order proposal to replace deck drainage as part of the work to replace the concrete pool deck around the 140,000 gallon swimming pool.

Councilman Schorr asked if any other bids were received. City Manager stated that no other bids were sought since this contractor is already on site. City Manager stated staff did research the costs of the materials and the material proposal from KRB Excavation is in line with the material costs; and also researched the labor rates and how much labor would be needed and the labor bid is in line as well.

Councilman Baker asked if this was something hidden under the concrete. City Manager stated yes these drains and piping are under the concrete and were not visible until after the concrete had been removed.

Councilman Schorr asked about the first contract being awarded in October and now we are into March. City Manager stated that once the concrete deck was torn out, then electric work was needed to remove the transformers from the pool deck per state regulations and then the issues with the drains and piping were uncovered and was waiting on a quote from KRB Excavation.

City Manager stated that unfortunately with a pool renovation, these types of things do come up especially when we do not have the original plans from when the pool was first built in 1959.

City Manager stated that all pool renovation project expenses will be paid out of this budget year.

McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve the proposal from KRB Excavation, Inc. of Trenton, IL in the amount of \$31,000.00 for the construction of new pool deck trench drains in conjunction with the previously approved Swimming Pool Deck Improvement Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the required documents.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Schorr commented that with now having the yard waste site by access card only and wondered how many residents were leaving the pile of brush, etc. in their yard instead of getting the access card and asked about looking into offering a free week/weekend during the twice a week clean up.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager provided information regarding fence permits; ICC does not require fence permits unless the fences are over 6 feet tall; City requires permits for any size fence; wanted to start a conversation with Council on whether to continue requiring fence permits or not; fence permits are not a revenue generator with only about \$2,400 in revenue per year; there is a lot of staff time involved with issuing the permit and enforcement; requiring a permit does allow control on where the fence can be located. City Manager stated that other cities who do not require permits do put out informational sheets regarding guidelines and where fences can be erected. Council discussed the options and will think about it for discussion later.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Section (2)(c)(1) – City Manager Annual Evaluation at 7:37 p.m.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Schorr moved, seconded by Baker, to return to Regular Session at 8:30 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 8:32 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk