

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

JANUARY 21, 2020

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Gerald Daugherty and Council members John Weyant, Pat McMahan, Michael Baker, and Walter Battas.

Absent: None.

Other Staff Present: City Manager Brad Myers, City Attorney Al Paulson, Police Chief Scott Waldrup, Public Works Director Jesse Carlton, and City Engineer Tom Quirk.

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

AMEND AGENDA

Weyant moved, seconded by McMahan to amend the agenda to remove Council Item No. 1 Code Change – Ball Field Use and Regulations.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 17, 2019 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Schorr asked council to vote to not allow adult use cannabis business establishments.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Joe Zink – December 2019 report was provided.

Police Chief Scott Waldrup – December 2019 report was provided.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – Absent - Monthly financials provided.

Public Works Director Jesse Carlton – December 2019 building report and 2019 Annual Report was provided.

City Engineer Tom Quirk – Status report on public projects was provided.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

The Mayor requested two appointments:

McMahan moved, seconded by Baker to appoint Keith Cook to the Economic Development Commission and to appoint Ron Bishop to the Police Pension Board.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Attended the following meetings and functions: Military Affairs Committee Meeting, Economic Development Commission Meeting, MIA Appreciation Dinner, Ben Grawitch Eagle Scout Ceremony, Spotlight on Mascoutah Meeting with the Herald, Chamber Dinner, Municipal League Executive Board Meeting via phone.

City Council

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: MIA Appreciation Dinner.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: MIA Appreciation Dinner, Chamber Dinner.

Baker – Attended the following meetings and functions: MIA Appreciation Dinner, Chamber Dinner.

Battas – Attended the following meetings and functions: MIA Appreciation Dinner, Chamber Dinner.

City Manager – Attended the following meetings and functions: Military Affairs Committee Meeting, Spotlight on Mascoutah Meeting with the Herald, Chamber Dinner, Boy Scout Troop from Holy Childhood, Athletic Use of Park Meeting, Water Line Meeting, Employee Sexual Harassment Meeting,

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

The December 2019 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

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

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

Code Change – Economic Development Commission (First Reading)

City Manager presented an ordinance for Council approval and adoption of revisions to Chapter 4 – Boards and Commission, Article V – Economic Development Commission of the City Code.

There was no discussion.

First reading. No action required.

Code Change – Reconnect Fees for Electric and Water (First Reading)

City Manager presented an ordinance for Council approval and adoption of revisions to Chapter 11 – Electric System and Chapter 38 – Utilities to increase the reconnect fees for electric and water disconnections.

There was discussion about our current process and the dangers of our employees associated with after hour call outs. Baker asked if we checked with Clinton County Co Op or Ameren on their procedures. City Manager stated that we had not looked into those larger companies.

Mayor would recommend no reconnects after hours. Other council members think that the cost increase will take care of most of the after hour call outs.

First reading. No action required.

Ordinance Naming the Roadway Lying Directly North of Legacy Place as Heritage Way (First Reading)

City Manager presented an ordinance for Council approval and adoption of an Ordinance naming the roadway that runs west from Illinois Route 4 directly north of Legacy Place as "Heritage Way", within the City Limits of Mascoutah, Illinois.

There was no discussion.

First reading. No action required.

Adult-Use Cannabis Business Establishments (First Reading)

City Manager presented information for a decision to be made by city council to prohibit or allow adult-use cannabis business establishments in the City of Mascoutah.

Many of the council members have been doing their research and asking the residents their thoughts on having a cannabis business establishment within the City of Mascoutah. It was explained that if we do allow this kind of business then the zoning will have to be adjusted and that would go through the Planning Commission.

Mayor Daugherty gave feedback and information from the IML Board. He also explained how a business right outside of the city limits could open and we would not be able to take advantage of the financial benefits.

First reading. No action required.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Council was given the Budget Guidance FY2019-2020 to review and make changes. All recommendations should be sent to the administration office no later than January 31, 2020 so that a Council Budget Guidance recommendation can be made for FY 2020-2021.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Claus Brenndorfer explained how he just happened to have found out that the City of Mascoutah allows its residents once per twelve calendar months to request extra time up to a week for paying their utility bill. He explained that he would have had his utilities turned off for 24 hours if someone would not have told him this rule. He is requesting that this information get put on all utility bills so that residents know in case they would need it.

Paul Schorr commented on the adult cannabis business establishments.

Cody Whitworth stated that city staff is making subjective recommendations on objective data with regards to the increase of reconnection fees. He also said that the city should look at the cost of having cannabis facilities in other states and questioned if it will be worth us having said establishments or will it be costing the city money.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Melissa A Schanz, City Clerk