

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

AUGUST 3, 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 Executive Assistant Julia Biggs. 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

Physically Present: Mayor Gerald Daugherty and Council members Pat McMahan and Walter Battas

Virtually Present: Council member Michael Baker.

Absent: Council member John Weyant.

Other Staff Physically Present: City Manager Brad Myers, Assistant City Manager Kari Speir, Executive Assistant Julia Biggs, Police Chief Scott Waldrup.

Other Staff Virtually Present: City Attorney Al Paulson.

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

AMEND AGENDA – NONE

MINUTES

The minutes of the July 20, 2020 City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: SLM Water Commission meeting, IML Summer Meeting, and the Mascoutah Alumni Golf Tournament.

City Council

Weyant – Absent.

McMahan – Distributed MIA Homecoming buckets and raffle tickets.

Baker – Nothing to report.

Battas – Nothing to report.

City Manager

Attended the following meetings and functions: Met with Mascoutah Surface Water Protection District, Mascoutah Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, met with East West Gateway regarding the Great Streets Initiative, and participated in a teleconference with the ICC regarding Phase II Electric.

City Attorney – Nothing to Report.

City Clerk – Absent.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CODE CHANGE – Business Code – Establishing Rules and Regulations for Mobile Food and Beverage Vendors (Second Reading)

City Manager presented Code Changes to Chapter 7- Business, removing Article IV- Food Establishments and amending Article V- Mobile Food and Beverage Vendors of the City Code by adoption of ordinance.

Mayor Daugherty stated he had heard there were concerns from not for profit organizations regarding the proposed fee. City Manager Myers spoke with members of the Chamber of Commerce Board, who felt that the City's fee would be too high in addition to the fees that are charged during community events, however Myers pointed out that the City's fee is non-applicable to not for profit organizations. The Chamber also felt the fee was too high and might preclude mobile food vendors from coming into town.

Mayor Daugherty suggested that the ordinance include a sentence that stated not for profits could negotiate their own fees with the vendors. McMahon stated that would satisfy the Mascoutah Improvement Association. He felt that would be sufficient for not for profit organizations.

Mayor Daugherty stated that the proposed fee began at \$500 and was reduced to \$250, however he feels that is too high. McMahon stated it might seem high; however, the existing restaurants in town may disagree.

Baker stated that some municipalities charge more and some charge less. Why wouldn't the mobile food vendors pay any requested fee? He feels that the fee should be more, but stated \$250 would be sufficient.

McMahon stated \$250 was too steep; however, \$150 was too low.

Battas suggested a \$100 fee but limit the days the mobile food vendors could come to Mascoutah.

Mayor Daugherty felt that if the City set a \$250 fee and no vendors came to town, then the fee might need to be reassessed.

Battas suggested raising the fee a small amount this year and see how it works, and then raise it again each year. Baker stated that limits on the days the vendors are in town would take up too much time and a graduated structure will not work. By imposing a fee, this will protect Mascoutah's restaurants and citizens on the lost sales tax and that the suggested fee is in line with other municipalities. Mayor Daugherty felt that the citizens' interest is not lost sales tax, it is if the City has food trucks available in town or not

McMahon asked what fee was in place currently, which is they have to get a \$25 business license. He wants to impose a fair amount.

Myers said it was suggested to him that the City imposes a \$25 fee per visit with a visit limit per year; however, a flat fee would be more feasible.

McMahon moved, seconded by Baker to approve and adopt Ordinance 20-11, thereby modifying Chapter 7- Business Code, Article IV, Food Establishments and Article V, Mobile Food and Beverage Vendors, with the addition of the sentence that not for profit organizations are exempt from that portion of the ordinance.

Motion passed. AYE's – McMahon, Baker, Battas, Daugherty. NAY's – None. Absent-Weyant.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Baker inquired about airport and its parking. He also wanted to see if any research had been done regarding the fact that commercial electric rates are higher than residential. He asked if there would be any way to bring in another company's dumpster to bring a second recycling dumpster to the Leu Civic Center if another company would be cheaper. Assistant City Manager Kari Speir stated that the City receives those dumpsters free of charge. Mayor Daugherty stated that he and the City Manager are researching the electric rates at this time.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Myers stated that Mascoutah is scheduled for road oil and chipping during the week of August 24th. The City will be working on approximately 9 miles of road, using a dark gravel that lasts much longer and emits less dust. Battas asked if there is any possibility of scaling the oil tanker in and out every day to ensure the City is receiving everything

they paid for. Myers stated that would potentially add additional costs, as it was not included in the original contract.

Myers stated that the drainage project on North First and North Knipp would greatly benefit the residents of that neighborhood.

McMahon asked about the future of Main Street, which Myers stated he is working with IDOT to see what the City has to pay for in regards to any updates. Mayor asked if there is a way to get our representatives to put pressure on IDOT to move forward.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Battas, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Julia A. Biggs, Executive Assistant