

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

JANUARY 19, 2021

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

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

Absent: None.

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

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

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 21, 2020 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Joe Zinck – January 2021 monthly report was provided.

Police Chief Scott Waldrup – January 2021 monthly report was provided

Public Works Director Jesse Carlton – January 2021 building and status report was provided.

City Engineer Tom Quirk – January 2021 status report on public projects was provided.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Mayor Daugherty recommended two new appointments to the City Boards and Commissions.

Baker moved, seconded by Battas to appoint John Harris III to the Finance Committee and appoint Scot Erickson to the Library Board.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Mayor – Attended the following meetings and functions: Boards & Commissions drive thru gift bag pick up, Chamber meeting, EDC meeting, Governor COVID call, IML meeting.

City Council

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Boards & Commissions drive thru gift bag pick up.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting.

Baker – Attended the following meetings and functions: Boards & Commissions drive thru gift bag pick up.

Battas – Attended the following meetings and functions: Boards & Commissions drive thru gift bag pick up.

City Manager

Attended the following meetings and functions: Boards & Commissions drive thru gift bag pick up, YMCA meeting, Chamber meeting, Staff meeting, IMEA meeting, City Managers meeting, two bid openings, meeting with Darryl Stein.

City Attorney – Nothing to Report.

City Clerk – Attended the following meetings and functions: Boards & Commissions drive thru gift bag pick up.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

RESCINDING FRANCHISE ORDINANCE NO. 96-137 (FIRST READING)

City Manager presented report for Council approval of an ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 96-137, an agreement with Illinois Power Company. This Franchise Ordinance was approved in 1996 as an electric service agreement with Illinois Power Company for providing service to the newly established MidAmerica Airport. The ordinance contained a settlement agreement that prohibited Mascoutah from challenging and claiming service authority for 10 years. The ten-year limit expired in 2006. This ordinance is no longer enforceable and should be rescinded.

There was no further discussion.

First reading. No action required.

BID AWARD – TRANSFORMER & SWITCHGEAR PURCHASE

City Manager presented report for Council approval to purchase equipment for the Park Street Substation Upgrades. The City of Mascoutah was told in 2019 by our risk engineering services to get pro-active and budget to replace this transformer within 1 to 3 years maximum due to its age and unacceptable levels of moisture. City staff is not sure how old the transformer is, but it was removed from the plant substation in 1994 and serviced by U.S. Transformer then installed in park substation. A search shows the original manufacturer quit making transformers in 1975.

Bids for the Park Street Substation Upgrades were opened Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Three bids were submitted. The lowest qualified bid was submitted by Fletcher-Reinhardt Company in the total amount of \$115,245.00. This project will be paid for with project funds approved in the FY21/22 Budget.

There was no further discussion.

Weyant moved, seconded by Baker, to approve the low bid of \$115,245.00 and award a contract to Fletcher-Reinhardt Company of Bridgeton, MO for the purchase of a transformer and switchgear for the Park Street Substation Upgrades and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Mayor Daugherty along with the City Council would like to do a good will gesture and waive Business License/Vending Machine/Liquor License/Gaming License fees for 2021 due to the effect the COVID19 Pandemic has had on our businesses. City Manager stated staff will put together a Resolution to approve this at the February 1, 2021 City Council Meeting.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Baker, to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Melissa Schanz, City of Mascoutah