

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

**AUGUST 2, 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 Pat McMahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

*Present:* Mayor Pat McMahan and Council members John Weyant, Walter Battas, Nick Seibert and Doug Elbe.

*Absent:* None.

*Other Staff Present:* City Manager Brad Myers, City Clerk Melissa Schanz, City Attorney Al Paulson, Police Chief Scott Waldrup 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 July 19, 2021 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the July 19, 2021 Executive Session meeting were presented and approved as presented.

*Motion passed.* Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Matt Hortenstine representing J&J Ventures and Bryan Benner representing Moto Mart expressed concerns about the Gambling and Video Gaming Ordinance that was being brought to the Council for a second reading.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*Mayor* –Attended the following meetings and functions: Monthly Mayors meeting and Homecoming set-up.

*City Council*

Weyant – Nothing to report.

Battas – Nothing to report.

Seibert – Attended the following meetings and functions: EDC meeting and the STEMKamp at MHS.

Elbe – Nothing to report.

*City Manager*

Attended the following meetings and functions: Ameren meeting (Christ Road).

*City Attorney* – Nothing to report.

*City Clerk* – Nothing to report.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**CODE CHANGE – GAMBLING AND VIDEO GAMING (SECOND READING)**

City Manager presented report for Council approval of revisions to Chapter 7, Article XI, amending Sec. 7-11-1 Definitions, and adding Sec. 7-11-10 Establishment Revenue Requirements by adoption of ordinance.

Council discussed the intent behind the ordinance with regards to limiting the amount of stand-alone gaming establishments and explained that they are not looking to hurt any current businesses.

There was no further discussion.

Item was tabled for further review.

**CODE CHANGE – MOBILE HOUSING CODE (FIRST READING)**

City Manager presented report for Council approval of changes to update the Mobile Housing Code.

- Changing the language so that homes not older than seven years of age can be placed within a mobile home park.
- Increasing Permit Fees from the \$25.00 permit fee to \$500.00 permit fee.
- Adding language that states: In the event that either water or electric service to any mobile home has been disconnected, discontinued or terminated for a period in excess of six (6) consecutive months, said mobile home shall thereby be declared abandoned and shall immediately, after the expiration of said period, be removed from said location at owner's expense. The owner of said mobile home

may request an extension for up to an additional six (6) months, from the City Manager, that said extension be granted only upon proof of hardship, that said extension shall be granted solely at the discretion of the City Manager.

There was no further discussion.

First Reading.

#### **COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Mayor commended city staff for a job well done during the recent storm.

Mayor and the City Council explained how they would like to look at all options related to the spending of ARPA funds, stating that they are not sure they want to put some of the money towards the new sewer plant. EPA has low cost loans available for our new sewer plant so council agrees that we should take all other approved costs from the pandemic into consideration.

#### **CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

City Manager expressed how proud he was of the city's work force during the storm event and how everyone went above and beyond.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bryan Benner with Moto Mart thanked the council and explained how the state is behind on gaming licenses and how they do not have their license yet, so it was a concern if the gaming ordinance would get approved as it was presented tonight and they would not be grandfathered in.

#### **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

***Motion passed.*** Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

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Melissa A Schanz, City Clerk