

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

**JANUARY 4, 2016**

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 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 Ben Grodeon, Paul Schorr, John Weyant and Pat McMahan.

*Absent:* None.

*Other Staff Present:* City Manager Cody Hawkins, City Clerk Kari Haas, City Attorney Al Paulson, and Assistant City Manager Lisa Koerkenmeier.

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

**AMEND AGENDA**

None.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 21, 2015 regular City Council meeting were presented and stood as presented.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*Mayor*

Attended the following meetings and functions: Holiday events.

*City Council*

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: 5K fundraiser.

Schorr – Nothing to report.

Weyant – Nothing to report.

McMahan – Nothing to report.

*City Manager* – Nothing to report.

*City Attorney* – Nothing to report.

*City Clerk* – Nothing to report.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **CODE CHANGE – NO PARKING, TENTH STREET (SECOND READING)**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of an Ordinance to amend Schedule E – No Parking Streets to add no parking on sections of North Tenth Street.

Councilman Weyant asked if parking was still be looked at on the north side of the park. City Manager stated that a driveway apron was put in north of the ball fields off of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and will look into putting a parking lot in that area.

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 16-01, amending Chapter 24, Schedule “E” – No Parking Streets to add no parking on sections of North Tenth Street.

***Motion passed.*** AYE’s – Grodeon, Schorr, Weyant, McMahan, Daugherty. NAY’s – none.

### **CODE CHANGE – TAXATION (FIRST READING)**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 36 – Taxation, Article III – Municipal Utility Tax of the City Code of Ordinances.

Councilman Weyant asked why the City pays municipal electricity tax on the municipal electric bills. City Manager explained that the revenues from the municipal tax on the municipal buildings does help fund part of the operations at City Hall.

Councilman Schorr asked if this exemption covers all buildings the City owns such as the museum, civic center, etc. City Manager stated that all buildings owned by the City are billed to the City of Mascoutah. City Clerk explained that the majority of the buildings are under one combined bill from Ameren.

First reading. No action required.

## **RESOLUTION URGING REDUCTION OF ILLEGAL DUMPING OF FOREIGN STEEL**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval a resolution urging the United States Congress to take action to reduce illegal dumping of foreign steel.

Councilman Schorr stated that he feels for anyone losing their jobs but feels that this is beyond the scope of the responsibilities of the Council and doesn't believe that we as a Council should be doing anything but could personally. Mayor stated that he was at the special meeting of the area Mayors called by the Mayor of Granite City where this discussion took place and commented that this isn't to support just one company but to support the employment of many people in the region including Mascoutah.

Councilman Grodeon stated that it doesn't obligate the City to anything but is more of a goodwill to aid a company. Mayor stated that he would hope that if something like this was in the City of Mascoutah that we would get the same support from municipalities in the region.

McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-16-13, a resolution urging the United States Congress to take action to reduce illegal dumping of foreign steel.

***Motion passed.*** AYE's – Grodeon, Weyant, McMahan, Daugherty. NAY's – Schorr.

## **COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Mayor provided a copy of last fiscal year's budget guidance to Council for review and will discuss at the next meeting.

Mayor stated that there will be a workshop to discuss the electric project on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Mayor stated that there has been discussion and questions regarding parking around the park and stated that the City Manager will bring this up for discussion at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting next week and provide information to Council afterwards.

## **CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

City Manager provided information to Council regarding the Heritage Museum. City Manager stated that he met with their committee members and discussed maintenance of the building and may need to budget additional funds to help with maintenance that can no longer be done by some of their committee members or volunteers unless there is an influx of younger members. City Manager stated that other item discussed has to deal with the assets of the museum and who (another organization or unit of government) those assets would "fall back" to if the organization were to dissolve. Assistant City Manager stated that the Espenschied Chapel and that committee would fall into that scenario too. Council will discuss these issues at a future meeting and during the budget process.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Richard Fuess – commented on the retention pond near where he lives on Larkspur and the issues with the recent rain and problems with the pumps and the overflow not working and questioned the design of the retention pond. City Manager provided an explanation of the issues that occurred between the pumps and the overflow and why the louder pumps were put in to run 24/7 and stated that tonight is hopefully the last night for those pumps to run 24 hours. City Manager provided an explanation as to why the retention pond has to be dry due to the proximity to the airport overlay zone. City Manager explained that the pumps and the overflow are going to be reviewed by an engineer in the coming days.

## **MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

McMahan moved, seconded by Grodeon, to **adjourn at 7:40 p.m.**

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

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Kari D. Haas, City Clerk