

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

SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Mascoutah.

AUDIT PRESENTATION

Mayor Gerald Daugherty called the discussion to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Gerald Daugherty and Council members Ben Grodeon, Paul Schorr, John Weyant, and Pat McMahan.

Absent:

None.

Other Staff Present:

City Manager Cody Hawkins, City Clerk Kari Haas, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner, City Engineer Ron Yeager, and Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt.

Discussion:

Kevin Tepen with C.J. Schlosser & Company, LLC presented the audit and financial statements for Fiscal Year ended April 30, 2016.

Mayor Gerald Daugherty closed the discussion at 6:59 p.m.

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 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Gerald Daugherty and 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, Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt, City Engineer Ron Yeager, City Engineer Tom Quirk, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner and Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey.

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

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 6, 2016 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the September 6, 2016 Executive Session meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey – August 2016 report was provided. Councilman Weyant asked about testing fire hydrants. City Manager stated that the Water Department has been working on testing and flushing the fire hydrants.

Police Chief Bruce Fleshren – absent – Sergeant Kevin McGinnis presented the August 2016 report.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – Monthly financials provided.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Yeager – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Councilman Schorr asked about the Main St. and Jefferson St. intersection. City Engineer stated that they are wrapping up the project report and then will start working on easements and right-of-ways needed; will be bidding the project next year. Councilman Schorr asked about the East West Berm Trail, Phase 1 and the next steps from the input received during the public information meeting. City Engineer stated that the consultant is putting together letters addressing the issues and questions raised at the public meeting which will be sent to those residents.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: United Way golf tournament, Leu Civic Center's 9/11 event, viewed recycling plant at Republic Services in Hazelwood, assisted the Chamber at the Scott AFB spouses newcomer orientation at the Scott Club.

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Meeting with resident regarding TIF 3.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Contacted by residents regarding TIF 3.

Weyant – Nothing to report.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Helped put a new roof on the pool pavilion.

City Manager – Introduced the new Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

The August 2016 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

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

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

CODE CHANGE – NO PARKING, POPLAR STREET (SECOND READING)

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

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 16-19, amending Chapter 24, Schedule “E” – No Parking Streets to add no parking on sections of West Poplar Street.

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

VACATION OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT – STONEMILL ESTATES (SECOND READING)

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval for vacation of a portion of an existing drainage easement at Stonemill Estates by adoption of ordinance.

Weyant moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 16-20, Easement Vacation for vacation of a portion of the drainage easement along the north side of Stonemill Estates.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PROPERTY

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval of resolution authorizing the sale of a portion of land located at 1000 West Main Street, Mascoutah, IL.

Councilman Grodeon asked if this was advertised or appraised. City Manager stated that the price was based on the normal price per square foot the City receives for easements. City Attorney stated the City is okay with not advertising the land because the land has no value to another person except the adjoining property owner.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 16-17-14, authorizing the sale of approximately 2,724 square feet located at 1000 West Main Street, Mascoutah, IL in the amount of \$1,750.00 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the required documents.

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

SOUTH 10TH STREET RECONSTRUCTION – BID AWARD

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bids for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment for the South 10th Street Reconstruction Project.

Mayor asked about the IDOT approval needed. City Engineer stated that the variances for the parking spots took awhile to get the justifications needed from IDOT which did cause about a 6 month delay. City Engineer stated that IDOT will have to approve the awarding of the project which shouldn't be a problem since it is being funded by the City; there should not be any further delay from IDOT for this project.

Councilman Grodeon asked what the schedule was. City Engineer stated that the project will be completed by the end of the year. Councilman Grodeon asked if there are any LD's. City Engineer answered no.

Councilman Schorr asked about the configuration on parking in front of MarKa. City Manager stated that it will pretty much remain the same but will be longer in length. City Engineer stated that the parking lot was moved about 7' closer to the building; will remain straight back out parking stalls.

Councilman Weyant asked about the parking lot being moved to the side of the building. City Manager stated that the apartment complex on the will have the parking lot moved to the north side of the building.

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve the low bid of \$454,672.55 to DMS Contracting, Inc. of Mascoutah, IL for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment for the South 10th Street Reconstruction Project, pending IDOT approval, and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

EXPRESS CIRCUIT – BID APPROVAL

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval of bids for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment for the Express Circuit Project.

City Manager stated that when this project was originally cost estimated, we were planning to use a portion of the existing Park Circuit. City Manager stated that when the bids were put out, the bids were done using a dedicated stand-alone circuit instead of using a portion of the Park Circuit. City Manager stated that the Council will need to decide if they want to build the new circuit now, or save some money and use part of the Park Circuit keeping in mind that eventually the City will need to come off the Park Circuit when the load increases. City Manager stated that it will cost more in the future if we were to wait to build the new circuit. Council discussed the options and were in favor of doing the stand-alone circuit now instead of waiting.

Councilman Grodeon asked what the BHM estimate was. City Engineer stated that the original estimate was around \$500,000 for the project which included \$75,000 for engineering. Councilman Grodeon asked about the 6th Street circuit being bid tomorrow and why weren't the two projects bid together. City Engineer stated that they are two totally different projects and located within two separate portions of town. City Manager stated that the 6th Street circuit was budgeted and the Phase 2 project was added later since we obtained funding from the bank; was a coincidence that they ended up bidding around the same time.

Councilman Grodeon asked what the pros are for this project. City Manager stated that this new dedicated circuit will reduce redundancy and allow the City the ability improve reliability.

Weyant moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve the low bid of \$736,265.00 to L.E. Meyers of Decatur, IL for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment for the Express Circuit Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Grodeon asked for an update on the aerial spraying. City Attorney stated that based on his research he believes the City can pass an ordinance. City Attorney stated that there is a possible argument that could be made but believes the City has a stronger argument to pass an ordinance to restrict the aerial spraying within the City limits. Council discussed the areas of town under most concern. City Manager will work on the wording for a possible ordinance.

Councilman Schorr asked about the water loss at the pool this year. City Manager stated that it was minimal this year and the pipes and pumps held up for this year.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager provided an update to the Council regarding Legacy Place and the expenditures related to only infrastructure improvements. City Manager stated that he is just looking for guidance from Council to start drafting a document for if the TIF 3 is approved in the future and provide the developer with what he needs to start working on the project. Council discussed the funding of infrastructure improvements. Councilman Grodeon stated that he likes the project and the possible incentive funding, but does not like discussing an agreement before the TIF has actually been approved; damages the City's credibility and harms negotiating with IGA's that we don't have yet. City Manager stated that he sees that point but there are project based TIFs in which agreements are in place with developers before the TIF is approved so it is not unusual for discussions like these to occur.

Councilman Schorr asked for an estimation on the timeframe for approval of the TIF 3. City Manager stated that right now the first reading of the approval ordinance could be the 2nd meeting in October so final approval won't happen until November. City Manager stated that they are working to get the intergovernmental agreements in place prior to the approval of the TIF 3 ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Kunkel – Thanked the Council for helping to move this forward. Dave Kunkel stated that their anticipation was that the TIF would have been passed already; are anxious to get the project moving. Dave Kunkel stated that he does understand that this agreement is contingent upon the approval of the TIF 3 and was driven here and to this location by the possibility of a TIF being created.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 7:56 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk