

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

OCTOBER 3, 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, Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt, and City Engineer Tom Quirk.

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

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 19, 2016 regular City Council meeting were presented and the minutes were approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Karasek – Stated that he is the architect for the Espenschied Chapel building addition. Spoke regarding the letter provided to the City Manager regarding their request to the City for additional items to assist with the construction project and items needed for the existing building and sidewalk.

Jeanne Bullard – Stated the importance of the help needed with the construction of the addition. Stated that they are hoping to start construction this month. Asked the Council for their help.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Mayor presented proclamation to the Mascoutah Evening Lions proclaiming October 8th, 2016 as “Lions Candy Days”.

Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber After Hours, IML Conference in Chicago.

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Fall Fest at MES.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Helped trim trees in Scheve Park by the ball fields, cleaned planters on Main Street, volunteered at the Hero Run.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: IML Conference in Chicago.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: IML Conference in Chicago, helped set-up for the Hero Run.

City Manager – IML Conference in Chicago.

City Attorney – Reported that as of today, the case has been settled with Charter and Wuebbels & Sons Farming.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

6TH STREET CIRCUIT UPGRADE, PHASE 2 – BID AWARD

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bids for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment for the 6th Street Circuit Upgrade, Phase 2 Project.

Councilman Schorr asked about the bidder from the other project. City Manager stated that contractor was the second lowest bidder.

McMahan moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve the low bid of \$209,333.00 to J.F. Electric Contractors of Edwardsville, IL for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment for the 6th Street Circuit Upgrade, Phase 2 Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

PC 16-08 – REZONING OF 515 W CHURCH STREET FROM RS-5, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RS-5), TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) (FIRST READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval or denial of a rezoning application for 515 West Church Street from RS-5, Single-Family Residential, to GC, General Commercial.

Mayor commented on how this does look like it would be the best use for the property. Mayor stated that he does want to make sure the City is being consistent with evaluating rezoning requests. City Manager stated that this request is consistent, complies with the use, does follow best practices, adjoins other commercial property so no issues with spot zoning.

Councilman Schorr stated that once this property is zoned general commercial, any type of business could go there, and voiced concerns over the neighboring properties if a type of business that creates more traffic or noise was to locate there. City Manager stated that notices were sent out to the property owners within 250' radius of the property and only one resident called but had no issues with it. Council discussed placing conditions of approval. Council discussed the possible issues in the future if another business was to locate there. City Manager stated that the lot size is going to restrict what types of business would be able to be located there. Council discussed some type of buffering being placed on the edge of the property next to the residential properties in the future if another business was to locate there.

No action required. First reading.

PC 16-10 – FINAL PLAT FOR LEGACY PLACE (FIRST READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of an ordinance approving the Final Plat for Legacy Place, a three (3) lot development consisting of one (1) RS-8 Single Family lot and two (2) General Commercial lots located west of Route 4 and north of Prairie View Estates.

Councilman Schorr asked about the second access street and the width. City Manager stated that we are getting 30' of right-of-way from this parcel and will obtain another 30' from the northern parcel whenever it is developed.

Councilman Weyant asked about the detention pond and who was going to own it and be responsible to maintain it. City Manager stated that the detention pond is located on this property so Mascoutah Development will be responsible for maintenance.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the Findings and the one regarding APZ-2. City Manager stated that it was probably carried over from a previous list and is not applicable to this development so will be removed.

No action required. First reading.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Schorr asked about the status of the start for the ball field parking lot. City Attorney has signed the contracts and will get them to the City Manager tomorrow. City Manager will send the signed contracts over to the County and once we receive the approval letter, we will get started on the work.

Councilman Schorr asked about the parking lot at the cemetery. City Manager stated that we are waiting until the building addition is started and almost finished so that there is no damage done to a new parking lot during construction of the addition.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the aerial spraying draft ordinance. City Manager stated that he has done additional research and the best option would be for the City to tell the farmer that he cannot spray on City property. City Manager stated that there are regulations that the farmers already follow on how far they are supposed to be from residential areas and what types of chemicals are allowed in certain areas and how it's applied. Council discussed not allowing aerial spraying on City property, especially the farmland in the park. City Attorney stated that we will place a prohibition in the farm rental agreement to not allow aerial spraying and will provide a definition of what constitutes aerial spraying.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager stated that he will need information from Council regarding the request from Espenschied Chapel for the additional items for funding. Council discussed the items requested and how this is a substantial request from the original request a few months ago and also the fact that there is no funding in the current budget for these additional expenses. Council discussed the need to decide what to do regarding additional requests from other city owned buildings where funding is not in the current budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 7:46 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk