

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

DECEMBER 5, 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, City Engineer Ron Yeager, 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 November 21, 2016 regular City Council meeting were presented and the minutes were approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: Helped St. John's Church deliver Thanksgiving meals, Eagle Scout ceremony for Josh Hulliung, Chamber Executive Committee meeting, IML winter board meeting.

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Belleville turkey trot, Santa parade, Tuesday Women's Club Santa breakfast.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Santa parade.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Helped St. John's Church deliver Thanksgiving meals, Chamber person of the year meeting, Santa parade, sing-a-long at Espenschied Chapel.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber person of the year meeting, Santa parade.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

PRESENTATION

Marty Thomas, President of BHMG, and Verbal Blakely, Vice President from BHMG, presented information to Council regarding the 138kV Transmission Line Project design build qualifications. Verbal Blakely explained that BHMG has acquired Big D Electric during this past year so now has the option of a design build project and provided information on potential savings for the 138kV Transmission Line project if the City was to utilize the design build option: would not need to create formal specifications differential, there would be no need for material review selection when there are different materials purchased from different suppliers, no contract creation or contract review for multiple contractors or material suppliers.

Question was asked about the spacing of the poles and if the new line was going to match Ameren's line pole for pole or if the new line was going to have a shorter distance between poles; and if the city will need to look at acquiring easements or purchasing the land needed. City Manager explained that as easement acquisition discussions take place, the City may need to discuss either option but will not know which option is better until easement negotiations. Verbal Blakely explained that the City will be looking at the pole placement as easement acquisitions occur. It was discussed that matching pole spans would be better aesthetically.

Question was asked how this will would legally with the City's bidding requirements. City Attorney was not sure how the City would waive the bidding requirements under the statute especially with a project of this magnitude and this amount of money but will check into it and let Council know.

Council will review and think about the options presented and discuss in the future as the project begins.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

2016 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of the 2016 Property Tax Levy Ordinance.

Councilman Grodeon asked how it was estimated that there could be an additional \$800,000 in Disabled Veterans' Homestead Exemptions for this year. City Clerk stated that the County was able to provide that estimation based on the applications that had been received so far. City Clerk stated that amount could increase though because residents have until the end of the year to file for the exemption.

Schorr moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve the 2016 Property Tax Levy by adopting Ordinance No. 16-29.

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

PC 16-13 – 910 WEST SOUTH STREET ALLEY VACATION

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of an ordinance to vacate an alley located at 910 West South Street.

McMahan moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 16-30, approving the alley vacation at 910 West South Street.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Matt Stukenberg – commented on the design build presentation and questioned who looks out for the best interest of the City to make sure that the City is getting the best deal.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) and Discussion of Closed Session Meeting Minutes – Section 2(c)(21) at 7:51 p.m.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Schorr moved, seconded by Grodeon, to return to Regular Session at 8:03 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 8:05 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk