

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

APRIL 17, 2017

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 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, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner, Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey, and Police Chief Scott Waldrup.

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

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 3, 2017 regular City Council 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 – March 2017 report was provided. Assistant Fire Chief stated that the open house will be on Sunday, May 7th.

Police Chief Scott Waldrup – March 2017 report was provided.

Police Chief provided information regarding Officer Jared Lambert's police career to date. City Clerk Kari Haas swore in Officer Jared Lambert as Sergeant.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – Monthly financials provided. Councilman Weyant asked about the developer expense (in/out) line item. Finance Coordinator stated that account is used for the different work for developments and subdivisions that are billed to the developers for materials.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Tom Quirk – absent – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Mayor asked about the update on the facilities planning study and answer from IEPA. City Manager stated that he knows it does take time but can have the City Engineer try to get an update from IEPA. Councilman Schorr asked about an update on easement acquisitions for the Phase II Electric project. City Manager stated that we are waiting for the appraisals to come in which should be this month and then they will begin working on the easements. Councilman Weyant asked about South 10th Street improvements and an update on the grading and seeding. City Manager stated that he will have the City Engineer look into it. Councilman Grodeon asked about the grant award from MEPRD. City Manager stated that \$18,000 was approved and awarded; it is an 75/25 match grant; work has commenced on the project.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Presented proclamation to the VFW proclaiming May 6, 2017 as Buddy Poppy Day.

Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, SWIL Leadership Council annual awards dinner, benefit dinner for the Southern IL epilepsy association, way of the cross walk on Good Friday, meeting with IML Director Brad Cole.

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Toured museums in Springfield, Mascoutah running club, Lion's Club Easter egg hunt.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, opening ceremonies at the museum for the World War I exhibit.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Opening ceremonies at the museum for the World War I exhibit.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

The March 2017 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

Councilman Schorr asked how we are doing with getting money from the state. Finance Coordinator stated that we are one month behind on state income tax but that is the current trend and everything else is being received on time.

Councilman Schorr asked about the Breathalyzer purchase. Police Chief stated that the software on the old machine was outdated and obsolete so we were forced to purchase a new one.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the bills for dumpsters for demolitions and if liens are placed on those properties for those costs. City Manager stated that all costs for the demolitions are billed to the previous owner and when not paid, liens are placed on the property. City Attorney explained the process of the liens.

City Attorney stated that the Mendez property auction was conducted and the City took ownership of the property. City Attorney stated that there is interest by other parties to purchase the property so he recommended the City put the property up for sale to recoup the City's expenses. Council discussed the property and was in consensus to obtain an appraisal of the property before placing the property up for sale.

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

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

IDOT RESOLUTION / EXPENDITURE OF MFT FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of resolution approving the 2017 Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Program beginning May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018.

McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve and adopt IDOT Resolution No. 16-17-24, a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code.

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

CONTRACT FOR EMS BILLING SERVICES AND COLLECTION AGENCY

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval of a contract with Andres Medical Billing for EMS billing and approval of a contract with Account Resolution Corporation for EMS collections.

City Attorney stated that he did review the contracts and they are for one year so if for some reason it does not work out, the City could research other companies if needed.

Councilman Grodeon asked if other cities are using this billing system. Police Chief stated that he did speak with Columbia and they were very pleased with their billing service. Police Chief stated that Alton just started with them a month or so ago.

Weyant moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve the contract with Andres Medical Billing, Ltd. / Fire Recovery EMS, LLC for EMS billing services and approve the contract with Account Resolution Corporation as the collection agency for EMS and authorize appropriate City officials to execute the required documents.

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

CODE CHANGE – STOP INTERSECTIONS

City Manager report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of an ordinance to amend Schedule A – Stop Intersections.

First reading. No action required.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Schorr commented on the inserts in the utility bills and thought they were done very well.

Councilman Weyant stated that he was asked about how a business would get a handicap parking spot and signage. City Manager stated that they would need to contact him to discuss the options.

Councilman McMahan commented on how nice the new parking lot in Scheve Park looks but voiced concerns over the driveway off of 10th Street where it meets the sidewalk and how it is lower than the parking lot. Assistant City Manager stated that another layer of asphalt will be placed in the next few days.

Councilman McMahan commented on the water fountain at the dog park still leaking.

Councilman McMahan commented on some issues at the dog park and has spoken with the Police Chief regarding it but it is not really a police action; the rules are adopted and posted at the dog park so wanted to know how to handle aggressive dogs and if they can be banned from going back. City Attorney stated that those owners can be contacted and told that their

aggressive dogs are banned from the dog park. City Manager will take care of the issue and send a letter to the owner.

Councilman Grodeon commented on the large trash pile close to the dog park. Assistant City Manager stated that Steve Powers has been working on removing the material in small increments but will talk to him about expediting the clean-up process.

Councilman Grodeon asked about getting a copy of the fund balance and balance sheet reports after the end of this current fiscal year and a status report on the current debt.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Grodeon moved, seconded by McMahan, to **adjourn at 7:37 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk