

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

JULY 3, 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, Council members Paul Schorr, John Weyant, Pat McMahan and Michael Baker.

Absent: None.

Other Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt, City Clerk Kari Haas, City Attorney Al Paulson, City Engineer Tom Quirk, 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 June 19, 2017 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the June 19, 2017 Executive Session meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Palmer – Voiced concerns over the condition of the road he lives on, Biscayne; stated that he had asked Council last year to do something about their road on Biscayne and the other roads in the area; workers placed gravel on the road, but there is dust everywhere; houses are dirty, cars are dirty, rock causing problems with tires and cars; asked the Council to do something about the roads in this area.

Harold Hollis – Asked the Council to do something more about the roads in the area of Biscayne; can't keep the houses clean; can't keep the cars clean; have dust and tar in the yard

and on their cars. Stated that he was at City Hall on June 16, left a message for the Assistant City Manager, and never heard anything regarding the matter.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: IML Executive Committee meeting, SLM Water Commission meeting, SWIL Council of Mayors meeting, July 4th planning meeting, retirement ceremony for Mike Buelhorn from MEPRD.

City Council

Schorr – Nothing to report.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Bergheger golf tournament.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Bergheger golf tournament, July 4th planning meeting.

Baker – Attended the following meetings and functions: Working on Homecoming Parade.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Attended the Bergheger golf tournament.

City Clerk – July 4th planning and setup.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTIONS

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of resolutions regarding the release of closed session meeting minutes and the destruction of closed session tapes.

Baker moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 17-18-05, a Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Closed Session Tapes and Resolution No. 17-18-06, a Resolution Regarding the Release of Closed Session Minutes.

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

BID AWARD – UTILITY WORK MACHINE

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bid for furnishing a Toolcat Utility Work Machine with accessories.

Mayor asked if the purchase was within budget. City Clerk stated that the budgeted amount was \$53,000.00.

Councilman Schorr asked if other prices were obtained from other dealers. City Engineer stated that other dealers did provide prices but it was the same price from all the dealers.

Councilman Baker asked about if this is need to get transformers in/out of easements then how is it being handled now; asked about the attachments and if they can be used with other equipment and how many more attachments will need to be bought in the future; asked about the need for line inspections and commented on a smaller equipment such as a golf cart could be used; asked about what other jobs could this equipment be used for and what jobs haven't been able to be done now or been delayed.

City Engineer stated that the department has been borrowing equipment from other departments when needed such as the skid steer or bobcat but that equipment is not always readily available for certain jobs or for loading/unloading equipment and materials. City Engineer stated that this is a need for this department and is one machine that will do a lot of tasks. City Engineer stated that this equipment could also be used for landscaping when installing poles and buried lines.

Councilman Schorr asked if it will be available for other departments. City Engineer stated that it would be like other equipment where it can be used by other departments when needed and when available; one example is it could be used for snow removal.

Assistant City Manager stated that during his short time here, he has noticed that there is a lot of borrowing between departments for equipment and tools and it does create some stoppage or delay of jobs for a couple days or a couple hours.

Councilman Weyant commented on the utility departments and the addition of more lines and substation and believes that there is the need for additional equipment in that department to help handle the current and future work load.

Council discussed the fact that there is only one bidder. City Clerk stated that it was not advertised for bids in the newspaper. City Attorney stated that anything over \$20,000 does have to be advertised for bids otherwise the bidding can be waived and the purchase approved but it has to be done by unanimous yes vote.

Mayor stated that at this time, we do already have this piece of equipment; the Electric Department Supervisor, who is new to the position, did purchase the piece of equipment prior to Council approval. City Attorney stated that the Electric Department Supervisor did not have the authority to purchase and the City could send the piece of equipment back and the company would have no recourse in his opinion.

Council was in consensus that the equipment should be properly bid and brought back to Council for approval.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve. Motion died for lack of a motion.

MABAS ADDENDUM ORDINANCE (FIRST READING)

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of an ordinance authorizing an addendum to the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement.

First reading. No action required.

IMEA EFFICIENCY INCENTIVE

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of an electric efficiency incentive for Hayden Best Western Lighting through Illinois Municipal Electric Agency.

City Attorney recommended tabling this item until a future meeting.

Schorr moved, seconded by McMahan, to table item.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Mayor commented on the asphalt walking trail and how horrible it is on the northside. City Engineer and City Attorney will review the project and the contract. Council was in consensus to not pay the contractor for the remainder of the project until it is fixed.

Councilman Baker commented on receiving complaints from other residents regarding the oil and chipping on other streets. City Engineer stated that a work order was put in for the department to clean up the rock in all areas that were oil and chipped so will double check on the progress.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Assistant City Manager provided information to Council regarding a request from the Mascoutah School District to place spirit flags on the City's utility poles during certain times of the year such as at the beginning of the school year, their homecoming, deep running sports playoff times. Assistant City Manager stated the issues to figure out are do we allow in general; school put them up; City put them up; charge to put them up. Mayor stated that he thought it was a good idea in interest of community spirit. Councilman Schorr stated that the school district has all kinds of property that fronts on major streets and why they can't place flags on their own property. Council discussed the flags and the placement; Council was in consensus to let the school use the poles and holders during times when the American flags are not in place. Council was in consensus to have the Assistant City Manager work with the school district on the logistics.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harold Hollis – Asked for a notice to be placed when the gravel clean up will take place so that vehicles can be moved.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) at 7:53 p.m.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Schorr moved, seconded by Baker, to return to Regular Session at 8:47 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

Mayor asked if there was an update on the Mendez property. City Attorney stated that he should have the appraisal back this week but will check on it.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 8:49 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk