

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

**JULY 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 Paul Schorr, John Weyant, Pat McMahan, and Mike Baker.

*Absent:* None.

*Other Staff Present:* City Manager Cody Hawkins, Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt, City Clerk Kari Haas, City Attorney Al Paulson, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner, Fire Chief Joe Zinck, 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 July 3, 2017 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented. The minutes of the July 3, 2017 Executive Session meeting were presented and approved as presented.

*Motion passed.* Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kevin Klette & Jared Kraus, Byrne & Jones – Spoke regarding the walking trail project in Scheve Park that they had the contract for and what they can possible do to make things better and make things right. Stated that they are not personally happy with the project or how things turned out, wants to correct the situation; the product is not up to their expectations. Mayor stated that they should meet with the City Engineer and City Manager regarding the project and discuss what can be done to fix the project.

Michael Palmer – Stated that he was here two weeks ago regarding the roads in the Biscayne area and thanked the staff and Council for their work on cleaning up the road. Thanked the Council for their work on the Bobcat and keeping expenditures in line.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

*Fire Chief Joe Zinck* – June 2017 report was provided.

*Police Chief Scott Waldrup* – June 2017 report was provided. Councilman Schorr commented about the fireworks calls and if any citations were issued for the calls that were responded to on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Schorr voiced concerns over the illegal fireworks and how dangerous they are and can be and recommended the City and its residents to do their duty and have a zero tolerance. Police Chief stated that he would like to address this issue before the holiday next year and decide how to handle the issue in the future. Councilman Weyant asked about the EMS billing. EMS Interim Supervisor Jeremy Gottschammer stated that we have switched to the new company as of June 1<sup>st</sup> and should start getting results and numbers after about a month or so and will have financial information from the new billing company at that time.

*Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner* – Monthly financials provided. Councilman Baker asked about the revenues for the swimming pool. Finance Coordinator stated that those are not broken down in the reports provided and would have to send that separately.

*City Engineer/Director of Public Works Tom Quirk* – Status report on public projects was provided. Council discussed the Scheve Park Walking Trail Paving project and the trade-off mentioned in the report and that they were not agreeable to that. City Engineer stated that will be discussed when he meets with them but nothing had been agreed to at this time. Councilman Weyant asked about the South 10<sup>th</sup> Street improvements when the cut off is for when the off street improvements are going to be done for their portion of South 10<sup>th</sup> Street. City Manager stated that portion of South 10<sup>th</sup> Street coincides with the development agreement and deals with the development itself so will be subject to review as the development progresses. Councilman Weyant asked about the Main Street / Jefferson Street intersection project and if IDOT had provided a start date yet. City Engineer stated that we do not have a start date yet; waiting for IDOT to approve the final plans; do have right-of-way and easements to acquire. Councilman Weyant asked about the berm trail. City Engineer stated that the final has been submitted for approval so that project could still happen this year. Councilman Weyant asked about the Poplar Street project and when it would be finished. City Engineer stated that it probably will not be completed this construction season but should be completed by the end of the fiscal year. City Manager stated that the idea behind the design build was to not have to wait for the engineering to be completed prior to construction. City Manager stated that having this project a design build will allow us to have another road project engineered this fiscal year to be constructed during the construction season next fiscal year. Mayor commented on the MSWPD project on Railway Street and pointed out that the businesses are made aware of the street closure.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### *Mayor*

Attended the following meetings and functions: July 4<sup>th</sup> activities, meeting with Horner & Shifrin regarding the sewer plant plans and IEPA, meeting with City Manager regarding employment agreement, meeting with Mark Beer regarding submitting the MAC ball fields project for a Governor's Hometown Award, IML meeting in Bloomington, meeting at Scott AFB for a status report on private/public partnerships with Scott AFB and surrounding communities, planning meeting in O'Fallon regarding the Rieder Road interchange. Welcomed the City Manager back and thanked the Assistant City Manager for his work during the City Manager's absence.

### *City Council*

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: July 4<sup>th</sup> activities.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: July 4<sup>th</sup> activities.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: July 4<sup>th</sup> activities, Homecoming preparations.

Baker – Attended the following meetings and functions: July 4<sup>th</sup> activities, Meals and Wheels program at Senior Center.

*City Manager* – Nothing to report.

*City Attorney* – Stated that he spoke with the appraiser regarding the Mendez property and stated that there may be an issue regarding the alley and if it was vacated previously; property would be worth more if the alley is vacated so if it has not been done, he would recommend the Council vacate the alley since it serves no public purpose.

*City Clerk* – Nothing to report.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)**

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

Councilman Schorr asked about the City utility bills and the one that was for over \$18,000. City Manager stated that it is within the sewer department and will have to check to see which one it was.

Councilman Baker commented on the bills from CCP Industries and Sam's Club and asked if those supplies could be purchased in town. City Manager stated that the guys do shop around and have been told to give the businesses in town the opportunity when the pricing is the cheapest. Councilman Baker commented on the need for a purchasing policy. City Manager stated that the City does have one but would be glad to look through it for any additional recommendations.

Councilman Weyant commented on the mower purchase from Mascoutah Equipment and why it was purchased. City Manager stated that he would assume it would be to replace one of the mowers for the right-of-way mowing but will double check.

Councilman Weyant asked about the ordinance scanning project. City Clerk explained that it was a project in her department to have the old ordinance and minute books scanned into a digital format.

Councilman Weyant asked about the Econo-Johns expense. City Manager stated that is the annual cost for the port-a-potties at Prairie Lake.

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

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

#### **CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

Mayor presented report for Council consideration of approval of ratification of City Manager employment agreement.

McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to ratify the terms of the agreement with City Manager Cody Hawkins.

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

#### **MABAS ADDENDUM ORDINANCE**

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

Baker moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 17-14, thereby authorizing an addendum to the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement.

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

#### **MASCOUTAH SCHOOL DISTRICT SPIRIT FLAGS ON CITY POLES**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval to allow the Mascoutah School District to place purple and white spirit flags on City poles periodically throughout the year.

Councilman Schorr asked about liability to the City if anyone from the school district was to get hurt while they were hanging the flags. City Attorney stated that the City would have no liability since it will be employees of the school district doing the work on their own equipment with their own supplies.

McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve the application from Mascoutah School District #19, to place purple and white spirit flags on City of Mascoutah poles.

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

#### **COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Mayor asked if we had an update from Legacy Place on when they might be opening. City Manager stated that he will be putting in a call to the developer to get an approximate date.

Councilman Weyant asked about putting a stop sign at the Dollar General parking lot entrance at Onyx Drive. City Manager stated that there is not a good place to put one and it is not a public road yet.

Councilman Baker commented on an elderly person who stumbled on the curb on Main Street in front of J&J's and what we can do to fix the issue. City Attorney stated that if it is the state road, the City would have to call the state to have it fixed. Assistant City Manager stated that he has contacted IDOT regarding the crumbling conditions of Main Street and the curbs and it has been put on IDOT's list but it could take 2 months or 2 years for repairs. Mayor stated that he has spoken to IDOT's director many times about having Main Street redone; maybe it's time to start contacting the legislators to put additional pressure on IDOT.

Councilman Schorr stated that last meeting we tabled a request from a business owner for energy efficiency funds through IMEA and wanted to know what the status was on that. City Manager explained the grant and what the City has used it for in the past and stated that staff will be looking into a policy regarding how to handle future requests from businesses and how to advertise to businesses about its availability.

#### **CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

None.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Michael Palmer – Asked what the final outcome was on the Bobcat purchase. Mayor stated that it has been put out for bid and the bid opening will be on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Joseph Gillespie – Spoke regarding the fireworks and the issues that was brought up and how it is only an issue one time a year and how it is a stupid law and doesn't think anything should be done to stop people from having fireworks one time a year.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 7:58 p.m.**

***Motion passed.*** Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

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Kari D. Haas, City Clerk