

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

**AUGUST 21, 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, and Police Chief Scott Waldrup.

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

**AMEND AGENDA**

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to amend the agenda to add Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) to Executive Session.

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the August 7, 2017 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Michael Palmer – Spoke regarding the traffic at the intersection of Harnett and Sixth Street being a hazard during the Homecoming especially on Saturday and asked for some additional police presence and/or traffic control during that weekend.

Tim Marriott – Thanked the Council for allowing the boy scouts the opportunity to come to the meeting and observe.

Tom Hanley – Stated that he has a disgruntled resident who lives in his mobile home park which is Holland Mobile Home Park who he thought was going to be coming to the meeting tonight. Thanked the City Council and staff for everything they do for Mascoutah.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

*Fire Chief Joe Zinck* – absent – July 2017 report was provided.

*Police Chief Scott Waldrup* – July 2017 report was provided.

*Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner* – Monthly financials provided. Councilman Schorr asked about the due to Light Fund owed in the Ambulance Fund. Finance Coordinator stated that was to help cover some operating costs in the first quarter until property taxes were received so that will clear up before the end of second quarter. Mayor asked about the new 2% sales tax surcharge the state will be imposing and if we knew how much that was going to affect the City. Finance Coordinator stated that she has run preliminary numbers on the original estimated surcharge but will refigure that based on the final surcharge rate and will provide that information to Council.

*City Engineer/Director of Public Works Tom Quirk* – absent – Status report on public projects and monthly building report were provided. Councilman Schorr commented on the walking trail in Scheve Park and the cracks in the trail on the southern portion of the park and if that is going to continue. City Manager stated that they will relook at those and follow up. Councilman Weyant asked about the berm trail and if we had the approval from MSWPD. City Manager stated that we do have verbal approval from MSWPD but still have to do the final paperwork and have everything signed which will be done before the construction starts. Councilman Baker asked about the Scheve Park walking trail and the fix being done on the north side. City Manager commented on the fix being done by Byrne & Jones Construction and commented on how he believes having the thicker asphalt base will be better and last longer given the amount of freeze/thaw the City has and the affect it can have on asphalt.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*Mayor*

Attended the following meetings and functions: SLM Water Commission meeting.

*City Council*

Schorr – Nothing to report.

Weyant – Nothing to report.

McMahan – Nothing to report.

Baker – Nothing to report.

*City Manager* – Nothing to report.  
*City Attorney* – Nothing to report.  
*City Clerk* – Nothing to report.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

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

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

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

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

### **CODE CHANGE – YARD SALES**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 7 – Business Code, adding Article XIII – Yard Sales, of the City Code of Ordinances.

Councilman Baker stated that he spoke with many residents and had placed it on Facebook and had a mixed review of how many to allow so stated that he would be in favor of allowing 6 yard sales.

Councilman Weyant commented on a yard sale being considered a one day event and stated that he would like to see a yard sale considered a two day event. Council discussed the change and was in consensus to amend the ordinance to have a yard sale considered a two consecutive day event.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 17-15, amending Chapter 7 – Business Code, adding Article XIII – Yard Sales to the City Code of Ordinances, as amended.

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

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of a resolution authorizing the sale of surplus equipment.

Weyant moved, seconded by Baker, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 17-18-09, a resolution authorizing the sale of surplus equipment.

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

### **2017 MFT OIL & CHIP PROGRAM AND STREET MAINTENANCE – BID AWARD**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of bid and authorization for furnishing and applying oil and chip sealing on various streets identified

for the 2017 Oil & Chip program and for furnishing and delivering oil and chip, and other aggregate materials, for street maintenance.

Councilman Weyant asked if we had a plan for additional material left on the street so we do not have the problems that we have had in the past. City Manager stated that staff will sweep up the additional rock and material and will stockpile the rock to be used again.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve the only bid of \$38,648.85 for oil to JTC Petroleum Company of Maryville, IL and the low bid of \$24,493.25 for slag chips and other aggregate materials to Beelman Logistics, LLC of East St. Louis, IL for the 2017 MFT Oil and Chip Program, and street maintenance.

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

### **CODE CHANGE – BIDDING PROCEDURES**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 1- Administration to amend the bidding procedures.

Councilman Schorr commented on how future contracts will be made. City Manager explained that for future engineering contracts, the City will vet the companies, pick the company that meets the standards and negotiate with that company on the cost.

First reading. No action required.

### **PC 17-02 – ALLEY VACATION, 313, 315 & 323 E. MAIN STREET**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval to vacate an alley located at 313, 315 and 323 E. Main Street.

First reading. No action required.

### **PC 17-03 – ALLEY VACATION, SOUTH STREET AND S. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval to vacate an alley located at S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street and South Street.

First reading. No action required.

### **COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Councilman Schorr commented on the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> and Harnett and that discussion had taken place previously and asked if there was any update. City Manager stated that now that school has started back up there has been increased police presence and enforcement and will have a discussion with the school superintendent in the near future to discuss that intersection and safety concerns.

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

City Manager provided information regarding the yard waste drop off site and the progress of the improvements; gate and fence has been installed, ditch has been filled, road will be oil

and chipped during the normal schedule, waiting on pricing for the security cameras, and the card reader system will be installed soon. City Manager stated that after all this is done and we have the pricing for the security cameras staff will bring a recommendation back for an annual fee.

City Manager provided information regarding the monetary support for non-profit organizations operating in city buildings. City Manager stated that he does have a request from the museum for monetary support for painting and how much the Council would like to provide in support; Council was in consensus to provide support based on the low bid amount. City Manager stated that in future contracts, his recommendation would be to budget a certain amount to be distributed between the different organizations on a case by case basis.

City Manager provided information regarding the request from the inspectors to increase their inspection fees reimbursement and if the City wants to increase the fees paid by the residents by the same amounts or decrease the revenues for the City. City Manager will work on the bottom line numbers to see the impact on the revenues and bring it back to Council.

City Manager provided information regarding requests received from resident to allow non-motorized boats, canoes etc. on Prairie Lake and wanted to know Council's thoughts on allowing them or restricting them. Council was in consensus to allow boating. City Manager stated that staff will bring back those code changes at the next meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jason Dressler – Commented on the yard waste drop off site and how access will be, if it can be done on a one-time basis. City Manager explained that it will be an access card issued annually.

Michael Palmer – Commented on the yard waste drop off site and the card system idea, does like the idea to help prevent abuse.

## **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) at 8:01 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 8:10 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 8:12 p.m.**

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

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Kari D. Haas, City Clerk