

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

DECEMBER 4, 2017

The minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Mascoutah.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Gerald Daugherty called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Gerald Daugherty and Council members Paul Schorr, John Weyant, Pat McMahan and Michael Baker.

Absent:

None.

Other Staff Present:

City Manager Cody Hawkins, Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt, Deputy City Clerk Melissa Schanz, Police Chief Scott Waldrup and City Engineer Tom Quirk.

Mayor Gerald Daugherty stated that this public hearing is to consider and review the proposed property tax increase for Mascoutah Special Service Area 1.

City Manager provided an overview of the proposed property tax increase for Mascoutah Special Service Area 1. City Manager explained that the property taxes for residents within the Special Service Area are not increasing; the rate for the Special Service Area is remaining at 0.375%. The amount of property taxes owed within the Special Service Area will only increase if the EAV increases or if the rate increases for another taxing district.

Councilman Schorr asked if Paul Murphy had refinanced the SSA loan. City Manager stated that there was discussions about restructuring the loan but will check with Paul Murphy on the status.

There being no questions or comments from the Council, Mayor Gerald Daugherty closed the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

City Manager and Council reviewed and discussed the City Manager's goals for FY17/18.

There being no questions or comments from the Council, Mayor Gerald Daugherty closed the discussion at 6:57 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City prayer was delivered by Deputy City Clerk Melissa Schanz. 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: City Manager Cody Hawkins, Assistant City Manager Mike Bolt, Deputy City Clerk Melissa Schanz, 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 November 20, 2017 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: Mayor's meeting with the Legislative Committee in Collinsville, John O'Leary Program, Meals on Wheels program, Christmas Parade, 932nd Reserve Unit deployment breakfast, Espenschied Chapel sing-a-long, Illinois State Bicentennial flag raising ceremony.

City Council

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Christmas Parade.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Christmas Parade, Espenschied Chapel sing-a-long, cleaned Santa hut for the season.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Christmas Parade, painted Ag Building floor.

Baker – Nothing to report.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

2017 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

City Manager presented report for Council approval and adoption of the 2017 Property Tax Levy Ordinance.

First reading. No action required.

CODE CHANGE – TRASH RECEPTACLES / GARBAGE CANS

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of an Ordinance to amend and adopt Chapter 25-Nuisances, Article III – Garbage and Debris, of the City Code of Ordinances.

Police Chief asked about the enforcement. City Attorney explained that once the resident has received the warning/notice then the next time they would violate the code, the resident would then receive a citation.

Councilman Baker commented on the location of the receptacles and how it can still be seen if they are located on the side of the house. City Manager stated that a designation could be added on where the receptacle could be located in the front of the house. City Attorney explained that most municipalities have an ordinance similar to this.

Councilman Schorr commented on the aesthetics of seeing the receptacles right in front of the garage door and more specifically those left in the front yard all the time.

Councilman McMahan stated that he has never had a resident approach him about a problem with trash cans left out on the curb.

Councilman Weyant stated that some of the residents he spoke with complained about the receptacles supplied being so large and too heavy to move when they are full so that is why they leave them in the front of the house on the concrete for ease of moving. Councilman Weyant stated he doesn't see an issue where an ordinance needs to be passed.

Councilman McMahan stated he could support keeping the receptacles off of the curb but the City shouldn't be telling residents where to store them on their property; the City shouldn't be deciding what is tacky and unsightly.

Schorr moved, seconded by Daugherty, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 17-24, amending Chapter 25 – Nuisances, Article III – Garbage and Debris of the City Code of Ordinances.

Motion denied. AYE's – Schorr, Daugherty. NAY's – Weyant, McMahan, Baker.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE POLICE UNION

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Policemen's Benevolent & Protective Association Labor Committee.

City Manager explained that this Memorandum of Agreement clarifies the scheduling of overtime due to vacant shifts with the bargaining unit and the Lieutenant position.

Baker moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Policemen's Benevolent & Protective Association Labor Committee and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 7:32 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk