

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

MARCH 21, 2016

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 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 and Council members Ben Grodeon, Paul Schorr, John Weyant, and Pat McMahan.

Absent: None.

Other Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Lisa Koerkenmeier, Deputy City Clerk Melissa Schanz, City Attorney Al Paulson, Police Chief Bruce Fleshren, Fire Chief Joe Zinck, City Engineer Ron Yeager, and Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner.

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

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 14, 2016 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as amended.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Joe Zinck – February 2016 report was provided.

Police Chief Bruce Fleshren – February 2016 report was provided.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – Monthly financials provided.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Yeager – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Councilman Grodeon asked about the potential environmental issues identified by IDOT for the South 10th Street improvements. City Engineer stated that there is the potential for hazardous waste that will need to be tested in the soil located in the area of the current Meineke and Reinneck businesses from past uses of the sites. Councilman Schorr asked when engineering is going to be started for phase 2 of the East-West Berm Trail. City Engineer stated that the City originally wanted to do phase 2 in conjunction with phase 1 but are still waiting for the agreement with the State regarding shared cost of the project. Mayor asked about the Poplar Street project and how the storm water is going to work. City Engineer stated that storm sewers will be in place on the north side but the open ditch will remain on the south side.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: IML Executive Committee meeting, Heartland Conservancy conference, visit with Congressman Mike Bost at City Hall, benefit for the Epilepsy Foundation in Belleville, aided with delivery of Meals on Wheels.

City Council

Grodeon – Nothing to report.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Heartland Conservancy conference.

Weyant – Nothing to report.

McMahan – Nothing to report.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Stated a letter was sent to Surmeier reflecting the City's position.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

The February 2016 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the emergency repair at 500 block S Jefferson paid to Haier Plumbing. City Engineer stated that it was for a sanitary sewer line block that was too deep for our workers to get to.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the repairs done at Oliver C. Joseph. Police Chief stated that it was for repairs to the ambulance which cannot be done locally.

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

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

PC 16-02 – REZONING OF 711 W CHURCH STREET FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RS-5) TO DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL (DC) (SECOND READING)

Assistant City Manager report for Council consideration of approval or denial of a rezoning application for 711 W Church Street from RS-5, Single-Family Residential, to DC, Downtown Commercial.

Mayor commented on the rezoning request and how the City Council's focus needs to be on the issue at hand for rezoning of the property.

Councilman Grodeon stated that he was contacted by a resident in the area who expressed concerns over having a commercial zoning in a residential zoning. Councilman Grodeon stated that he agrees with staff in that the zoning should not be changed to commercial.

Councilman Weyant moved to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 16-05, approving the rezoning of 711 W. Church Street from RS-5, Single-Family Residential, to DC, Downtown Commercial, subject to the Findings attached. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Schorr moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-16-19, denying the rezoning of 711 W. Church Street from RS-5, Single-Family Residential, to DC, Downtown Commercial, subject to the Findings attached.

Motion passed. AYE's – Grodeon, Schorr, McMahan, Daugherty. NAY's – Weyant.

CODE CHANGE – CEMETERY (SECOND READING)

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 9 – Cemeteries, Article II – Regulations and add Article III – Cemetery Columbarium of the City Code of Ordinances.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the discount promotion and why we would want to offer a discount before we even begin selling; would rather offer a discount at a later date if they do not sell.

City Attorney questioned the definition of a single niche and a double niche as identified in Sec. 9-3-2 – Niche prices. Council discussed the wording of the niche prices and decided to amend the ordinance to state that the price of a single niche which will allow for inurnment of one cremated remains shall be \$1,800.00 and the price of a single niche which will allow for inurnment of two cremated remains shall be \$2,800.00.

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 16-05, amending Chapter 9 – Cemeteries, Article II – Regulations and add Article III – Cemetery Columbarium of the City Code of Ordinances, as amended.

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

CEMETERY MOWING AGREEMENT

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council approval and authorization of agreement furnishing all labor, equipment and means for the mowing of the Mascoutah City Cemetery.

Councilman Weyant requested verbiage be added to the contract regarding removal of grass clippings from the cemetery roads and pathways so there is no confusion. Council was in agreement.

Councilman Grodeon asked about not accepting the low bid and if we are basically saying the low bid was not a qualified bid. City Attorney answered yes and the City is not obligated to always accept the lowest bid.

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve the agreement with Kurtis Clay for furnishing all labor, equipment and means for the mowing of the City Cemetery in the amount of \$1,385.00 per grass cutting for the approximate time period of April 1, 2016 to October 31, 2016 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

Motion passed. AYE's – Grodeon, Schorr, Weyant, McMahan, 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 7:41 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk