

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

**JANUARY 20, 2015**

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

*Absent:* None.

*Other Staff Present:* City Manager Cody Hawkins, City Clerk Kari Haas, City Attorney Al Paulson, City Engineer Ron Yeager, Fire Chief Joe Zinck, Police Chief Bruce Fleshren, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner, and Assistant City Manager Lisa Koerkenmeier.

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

**AMEND AGENDA**

None.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 5, 2015 regular City Council meeting were presented. One correction was noted. The minutes stood as corrected.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rick Surmeier – stated that he wanted to discuss the Fuesser Road project and that he had provided information to the Council and wanted to rebut what was said at the last Council meeting by the City Manager and City Engineer. Mayor asked if we were working on getting the issues addressed and a work schedule together. City Engineer stated that an updated schedule has been requested and they will look at the wet soil issue when the schedule has been received.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

*Fire Chief Joe Zinck* – December 2014 report was provided.

*Public Safety Director Bruce Fleshren* – December 2014 report was provided. The 2014 Mascoutah Public Safety Department annual report was also provided.

*Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner* – Monthly financials provided. Mayor asked about the employee benefits being high. Finance Coordinator stated that would include the annual worker's compensation insurance payment. Mayor asked about the general insurance. Finance Coordinator stated that it would be for the annual risk management insurance payment. Councilman Weyant asked about council expenses and if that included the IML conference. Finance Coordinator stated that it did include the IML conference and it wasn't originally budgeted for every member to attend.

*City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Yeager* – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Councilman Grodeon asked about the building report and the budget being off and if that was going to impact the budget. City Engineer stated that there may be quite a few permits issued during the spring prior to the end of the fiscal year. City Manager stated that the budget might be a little bit off but with the apartments on Douglas Avenue the budget should be fine. Mayor asked about getting an additional column to compare previous years' numbers with the current years on the annual report. City Engineer stated that it could be done.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### *Mayor*

Attended the following meetings and functions: Area Coordinating Management Board, Missouri Athletic Club for reception for new General at Scott AFB, SLM Water Commission meeting, City holiday party, MIA appreciation dinner, Governor's inauguration in Springfield, IML executive committee meeting, annual Chamber meeting, meeting with City staff regarding the IML summer board meeting. Presented plaque received by United Way recognizing the City and its employees as the 2014 Illinois Division Top Government Campaign with under 100 employees.

### *City Council*

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: City holiday party, School Board meeting, annual Chamber meeting.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: City holiday party, annual Chamber meeting.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: City holiday party, MIA appreciation dinner, School Board meeting, annual Chamber meeting.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: City holiday party, MIA appreciation dinner, annual Chamber meeting.

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

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

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

The December 2014 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

Councilman Schorr asked what road saver sealer bricks were. City Engineer stated that is the tar that goes into the joints to seal the joints.

Councilman Schorr asked about the pool phone from Frontier. City Manager stated that we have to keep a landline at the pool and the reconnect fees are more expensive than to keep the phone active all year and pay the minimum.

Mayor asked about salt and the shortage that other areas were having the prices increasing. City Engineer stated that the City goes with the state purchasing plan at a set price so did not have shortage issues and did not have to pay the increased costs.

Mayor asked about the payment for the Perrin Road Phase 2 project and if that was the final payment. City engineer stated that it was the final payment.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the park loan payment. City Manager stated that there is still a balance of around \$54,000 and is still hoping to be able to pay it off by the end of the fiscal year but it will depend on if grant money is received for projects that have already been done in the parks.

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

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

### **ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE MASCOUTAH TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) 2B DISTRICT (FIRST READING)**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of an amended redevelopment plan for the Mascoutah Tax Increment Financing (TIF) 2B District by adoption of an ordinance.

No action required. First reading.

**QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR A STRIP OF LAND (IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 2)  
LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF HOLLAND MOBILE HOME PARK AND THE  
WEST SIDE OF MINE ROAD AND ACCEPTANCE OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of a Quit Claim Deed for a strip of land (identified as Parcel 2) located on the east side of Holland Mobile Home Park and the west side of Mine Road and acceptance of a Drainage Easement within Parcel 2.

Councilman Schorr asked if the City Attorney had a chance to look it over. City Attorney stated that the engineer would have to vouch for the accuracy of the legal description. City Engineer stated that he reviewed the legal description and that Mascoutah Surface Water Protection District approved the same deed at their meeting earlier today.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve the Quit Claim Deed for a strip of land (identified as Parcel 2) located on the east side of Holland Mobile Home Park and the west side of Mine Road and accept a Drainage Easement located within Parcel 2.

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

**COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Council discussed the FY15/16 Budget Guidance.

**CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

City Manager stated that IMEA is bringing back their Energy Efficiency Program and stated that he has had some requests from businesses for aid to do energy efficient upgrades to their businesses such as lighting and HVAC upgrades. City Manager stated that the allocation should be around \$30,000. City Manager stated that he is wanting to know if Council wishes to use the program to provide assistance to businesses. Council discussed the option and was in general consensus to provide some assistance to businesses and but still use some of the funds for City upgrades. City Manager stated that he will get some parameters together for Council to review.

City Manager provided information regarding the four different routes for the Phase II Electric Project. Council discussed the different options and was in general consensus to begin work on the route that would provide the most reliability. City Manager will provide additional information at the next meeting regarding the cost differences and reliability differences.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) and Discussion of Closed Session Meeting Minutes – Section 2(c)(21) at 8:20 p.m.

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

### **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Schorr moved, seconded by McMahan, to return to Regular Session at 8:35 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 8:37 p.m.**

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

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Kari D. Haas, City Clerk