

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

AUGUST 17, 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, Police Chief Bruce Fleshren, Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey, 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 August 3, 2015 regular City Council meeting were presented and approved as amended.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey – July 2015 report was provided.

Police Chief Bruce Fleshren – July 2015 report was provided.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – absent – Monthly financials provided.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Yeager – absent – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Councilman Weyant asked if the punch list items on Harnett Street were done. City Manager stated that the City Engineer and contractor went through the punch list and believes that everything has been completed. Councilman Schorr asked if North 10th Street is going to start this week. City Manager stated that it is scheduled to start but with the rain coming there may be a delay. Councilman Weyant asked if all utilities had been moved. City Manager stated that Frontier still has a line within the right-of-way and are still working with them to have it moved. City Manager stated that we will more than likely have to begin work prior to the line being moved.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: Celebration for Pastor Duane Smith's 15 year anniversary, change of command ceremony at Scott AFB, Convoy of Hope in O'Fallon.

City Council

Grodeon – Nothing to report.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, signed up for the State's Attorney government and ethics training at SWIC.

Weyant – Nothing to report.

McMahan – 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 2015 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the Fuesser Road construction expense with TWM. City Manager stated that we have had TWM on the job since the beginning and especially more recently to keep work logs and track progress. City Manager stated that this work is being done in addition to what the City Engineer is doing.

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

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

MAIN STREET CLOSING – FALL FEST

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of request from the Mascoutah Chamber of Commerce to close Main Street (IL 177) on October 17, 2015 for the Fall Fest.

Councilman Weyant asked why the street was going to be closed to 2nd Street. City Manager stated that it is to allow more room for the car show.

Councilman Schorr asked if the Chamber is going to contact the businesses regarding the closing. City Manager stated that the Chamber will and staff will ensure that it is done.

Weyant moved, seconded by Grodeon, to authorize the closing of Main Street (IL 177) from Second St. to Route 4 on October 17, 2015 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the annual Fall Fest by adopting Resolution No. 15-16-05.

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

VACATION OF UTILITY EASEMENT – 10 CORRINGTON PLACE (SECOND READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of vacation of existing utility easement at 10 Corrington Place (Lot 5) by adoption of ordinance.

Schorr moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 15-17, Deed of Vacation for vacation of the utility easement at 10 Corrington Place.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Schorr commented on the cemetery mowing and stated that with all the rain he believes they have been keeping up with it and doing a very good job.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager provided information to Council regarding construction of a cemetery columbarium for cremains. City Manager stated that at the last Cemetery Board meeting, the members recommended going with a small one which contains 72 niches. City Manager stated that the total cost will be around \$63,000. City Manager stated that the Cemetery Board is going to use the Cemetery Trust funds to pay for it and the City would pay that fund back with the sales of the niches. Council was in agreement to move forward with the project.

City Manager provided information to Council regarding the proposed electric rate redesign provided by UFS who did the rate study for the City. City Manager stated that the proposed rate design would provide rate relief for large users and start the process of getting base rates

in line with the market and industry standard. Council was in agreement to move forward with the steps needed to implement.

City Manager provided information to Council regarding the sewer treatment plant design plan. Randy Burk, TWM Vice President, was present and provided additional information. Council asked questions and discussed the plan and was in agreement to have staff move forward with the project.

City Manager provided information regarding TIF 1 and the 4-year remaining life and financial impacts regarding the bond shared with the Electric Fund and the Fuesser Road expenses. Council was in agreement to discuss it with the auditor and then make a decision.

City Manager provided information to Council regarding the entrance signs and redoing one with the funds budgeted. Council was in agreement to start with the north sign.

City Manager provided information to Council regarding the conversations and negotiations with the Greystone Manor developer to pay the City back for debts owed for infrastructure by the developer. City Manager stated that he had worked out a proposal with the developer which Council had agreed to which was to use the funds the City owes the developer on the Townsend Square lift station and apply that to the debt he owes us and there would be a remaining balance which was paid by the developer this week. City Manager stated that the developer did offer another solution which would be for him to add \$1,000 to the lots he still owns in Greystone to pay the City back. City Manager stated that the City would probably get paid back faster under that scenario but the City would still have to continue do the accounting and keeping track of the debt owed. City Manager stated that he does not like the fact that it seems the City is having to make a new deal to undo a deal done in the past. City Manager stated that he has been trying to work with the developer to get the money owed to the City and keep it out of litigation. Council discussed whether or not to make the new deal to pay off the old deal or to have the developer agree to what was already proposed. Councilman Grodeon stated that he did not agree to any future deals and is not in favor of issuing any building permits until the bills are paid. Mayor and Councilman Weyant were in favor of going with the newer proposal to pay back the debt through the sale of the lots in Greystone. Councilman Grodeon, Councilman Schorr and Councilman McMahan were in favor of making no deals and having the developer pay off his debt.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) and Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) at 8:15 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 8:29 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 8:30 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk