

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 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, Assistant City Manager Lisa Koerkenmeier and City Engineer Ron Yeager.

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

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 17, 2015 regular City Council meeting were presented and stood as presented. The minutes of the August 17, 2015 Executive Session meeting were presented and stood as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Presented proclamation to the Knights of Columbus proclaiming September 18-19, 2015 as "Helping Citizens with Developmental Disabilities" days.

Presented proclamation to the Mascoutah Police Department proclaiming September 19, 2015 as “Paint Illinois Blue” day for National Thank a Police Officer Day.

Attended the following meetings and functions: IML Executive Committee meeting, grand opening of Wingate Elementary School, SLM Water Commission meeting, meeting with MIA, visit from IL State Treasurer Michael Frerichs, grand opening of Ace Hardware.

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Participated in the Leu Civic Center Duathlon.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Helped tree sub-committee with trees in Scheve Park, Public Trust and Government Ethics Training at SWIC, Chamber meeting, grand opening of Ace Hardware.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Grand opening of Wingate Elementary School, grand opening of Ace Hardware.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Participated in the Leu Civic Center Duathlon.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

SOUTH 10TH STREET WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT – BID AWARD

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bids for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment to construct an 8’ watermain along the west side of South 10th Street from State to South Street.

Councilman Schorr asked if this was the contractor we had problems with finishing the yard and site restoration work on a previous project. City Engineer stated that we did have problems with this company on the North 10th Street/Jackson Street waterline project but this project doesn’t have much yard restoration work needed; the majority of the work is in the roadway. Councilman Schorr asked about the timeline for this project. City Engineer stated that they are able to start soon and the project must be completed by the end of the year.

Councilman Weyant asked when South 10th Street overlay project is going to be done and why we are going to be doing asphalt pavement repair when we will be tearing up the road and repaving it. City Engineer stated that the projects specifications are at IDOT now. City Manager stated that the South 10th Street overlay project won’t occur until the spring so some type of asphalt overlay will be needed to get through the winter months.

Weyant moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve the low bid of \$32,881.35 to Ehret Inc. of Belleville, IL for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment for the South 10th Street Watermain Replacement Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

CODE CHANGE – BIDDING AND CONTRACT PROCEDURES (FIRST READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of an ordinance to amend Chapter 1 – Administration, Article II – City Officials, Section 1-2-27 – Bidding and Contract Procedures of the City Code of Ordinances.

Mayor asked about projects such as the smoke testing which RJN has done and would RJN be able to continue doing the work without going through the bidding process. City Manager stated that he would look at that kind of work as part of a whole project and would continue to use the same firm that had started the project. Councilman Grodeon stated that industry practices would allow you to have a sole source justification to be provided in lieu of having to bid the service out so this could be used for those types of projects.

Councilman Schorr asked if “limited number of qualified professionals” could be specified. City Manager stated that typically we would request bids from at least three firms. Council was in agreement to change the wording to “a minimum of three qualified professionals”.

First reading. No action required.

STREET CLOSING – HERO RUN

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of resolution to close portions of Main Street and Sixth Street for the annual Hero Run as requested by Brent Bergheger Chrysler.

Councilman Weyant asked about the detour route and what happens if Fuesser Road is not completed. City Clerk stated that she will change the detour route to Route 161 instead of using Fuesser Road.

Schorr moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-16-06, authorizing the closing of Main Street from Market Street to Sixth Street and Sixth Street from Main Street to Church Street, from 8:00 am. to 11:00 a.m. on October 3, 2015 for the annual Hero Run.

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

MAIN STREET CLOSING – LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval resolution to close portions of Main Street on December 4, 2015 for the annual lighted Christmas Parade as requested by the Mascoutah Chamber of Commerce.

McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-16-07, authorizing the closing of Main Street (IL 177) from Jefferson Street to Second Street on December 4, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for the annual Lighted Christmas Parade.

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

BID WAIVER – CEMETERY COLUMBARIUM

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval to waive the competitive bidding requirements for the Cemetery Columbarium purchase.

Councilman Grodeon asked why we couldn't use some type of requirements document with the specifications to solicit bids. City Manager stated that we probably could but the document is going to be so specific it would result in only one bid. City Manager explained that it is like picking out a piece of art; the design is very specific to the shape, niche details, and base details. Councilman Grodeon asked if soliciting bids could result in another design that they may like better. City Manager stated that could be possible. City Manager stated that they had started with a company out of St. Louis but then started discussions with the local monument company which led them to this design. City Manager stated that this columbarium is essentially phase 1; it can be expanded in the future.

Councilman Schorr asked about the opening/closing and who would do that. City Manager stated that the City's Cemetery Sexton Bryan Haas would do the opening/closing of the niches.

Weyant moved, seconded by McMahan, to waive the competitive bidding requirements for the Cemetery Columbarium purchase.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Council discussed the IML Annual Conference sessions.

Mayor stated that he had received an email from a gentleman who does conceal carry training who asked about the cemetery being posted a gun free zone. City Manager stated that he had discussed this with the City Attorney and the city cemetery cannot be a gun free zone according to the concealed carry law so we will be removing the signage.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager asked about the engineering for the Poplar Street reconstruction project and wanted to ensure the same engineering firm who is preparing the preliminary work will also be the same engineering firm doing the construction phase.

City Attorney stated that Hayden has filed for appeal of the Zoning Board of Appeals decision. City Attorney stated that he has been in contact with Hayden's attorney regarding the appeal and the question was asked about constructing villas. Council was in agreement that Hayden needs to go through the planning and review process to have the proposal either approved or denied.

City Manager provided information from Mark Ratterman who submitted a letter requesting the abatement, elimination or reduction to the tap fees and electric installation fees for the building he is constructing at Hayden Drive. Council discussed the request and was not in favor of considering any abatement, elimination or reduction in fees for this project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

Councilman Schorr asked about the status of North 10th Street extension project. City Engineer stated that the bridge work has been held up with Frontier not having their communication lines relocated. City Engineer stated that there has been work that could have been done while waiting for the communication lines to be relocated. City Manager stated that the contractor has a deadline for the end of the year. City Attorney stated that right now nothing can be done until the deadline has passed.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Groleon, to **adjourn at 8:22 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk