

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

FEBRUARY 18, 2014

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 Mike Nowak, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner, City Engineer Ron Yeager, 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 February 3, 2014 regular City Council meeting were presented and stood as presented. The minutes of the February 3, 2014 Executive Session meeting were presented and stood as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Dicenso – Stated that the primary concern of the Timberbrook HOA was the placement of a business within their neighborhood in violation of their indentures. Stated that they have done research and consulted with their counsel and the City's counsel and based on the FHA and FHAA which does not define them as commercial and can still

prohibit other commercial entities from entering into their subdivision. Stated that the Timberbrook HOA does withdraw its objections to the CUP.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Joe Zinck – absent – January 2014 report was provided.

Public Safety Director Bruce Fleshren – absent – January 2014 report was provided.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – Monthly financials provided. Councilman Weyant asked about the revenues in the Business District account. Finance Coordinator stated that those are for the business district sales tax. Councilman Weyant asked about the hotel taxes and the gaming machine taxes. Finance Coordinator stated that those would be on a revenue sheet and would get those totals for the Council. Councilman Grodeon asked about the TIF 2B fund balance and if that had all project expenses out of it. Finance Coordinator stated that there are still more expenses to come out of TIF 2B so that fund balance will decrease in the 4th quarter.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Yeager – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Councilman Weyant asked about Park Drive and if it will have to be re-bid. City Engineer stated that the contractor would hold those prices until the Spring unless there was a huge jump in petroleum prices. City Engineer stated that they will double check again with the contractor.

Assistant City Manager Lisa Koerkenmeier – Monthly report was provided. Councilman Schorr asked what SCORE stood for. Assistant City Manager stated that it stands for Society Corps of Retired Executives, it's a source for small businesses or entrepreneurs to obtain free mentoring services.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, meeting with Mayor Graham (O'Fallon) and Mayor Vernier (Shiloh) with former Congressman Costello and the SWIL Leadership Council, ribbon cutting of the new Stan Musial Veteran's Memorial Bridge, teleconference with IML Legislative Committee and IML Executive Committee.

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Ribbon cutting of the new Stan Musial Veteran's Memorial Bridge and the 5K for the opening of the bridge.

Schorr – Nothing to report.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: MIA meeting.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: MIA meeting.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

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

Councilman Schorr asked about the phone bill for Frontier. City Manager stated that bill is for the land lines.

Councilman Schorr asked about the lighting repairs at the Library and if those types of expenses will go away after passage of the resolution tonight. City Manager stated that those types of maintenance costs will go away if the resolution is approved.

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

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

PC 14-01 – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A COMMUNITY-INTEGRATED LIVING ARRANGEMENT IN A RS-10, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AT 476 FALLING LEAF WAY

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), with conditions, for a Community-Integrated Living Arrangement in a RS-10, Single Family Residential District at 476 Falling Leaf Way by adoption of Ordinance.

McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 14-01, approving a Conditional Use Permit for a community-integrated living arrangement for the developmentally disabled at 476 Falling Leaf Way, subject to the Findings and Conditions of Approval.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF 3 WEST CHURCH STREET

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of resolution authorizing the transfer of ownership of 3 West Church Street, Mascoutah, IL.

Schorr moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 13-14-16, authorizing the transfer of ownership of 3 West Church Street, Mascoutah, IL and authorize appropriate officials to execute the required documents.

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

MAIN STREET CLOSING – SPRING FEST WITH IDOT RESOLUTION

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of request from Mascoutah Chamber of Commerce to close Main Street (IL 177) on May 16, 2014 for the Spring Fest.

Grodeon moved, seconded by Weyant, to authorize the closing of Main Street (IL 177) from First Street to Market Street on May 16, 2014 from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. for the annual Spring Fest by adopting Resolution No. 13-14-17.

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

CITY HALL GENERATOR – BID AWARD

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bids for furnishing all labor, equipment and materials to install an emergency backup generator for City Hall.

Mayor stated that he agrees that it is needed but asked what generated the need for this. City Manager stated that this is one of those things that had been put off for years due to the General Fund being in deficit and is something needed especially with having EMS operating 24 hours a day at the building and will also provide a shelter if needed.

Councilman Schorr asked if this would be an automatic start when the power goes off. City Manager stated that it will. Councilman Schorr asked where it will be placed. City Manager stated it will be on the east side of the building on a concrete pad and will have buffers around it.

Councilman Grodeon asked why a diesel generator was chosen over a natural gas generator. City Manager stated that the primary reason was cost. City Manager stated that a natural gas generator would have cost over \$125,000 without installation and without having the gas line piped in. Councilman Grodeon commented on the maintenance associated with a diesel generator. City Manager stated that it will be on an exercise schedule where it is run at least once per week.

Councilman Weyant asked about the City having their own diesel. City Manager stated that we do have a 1,000 gallon diesel tank at the Power Plant. City Engineer stated that the majority of the backup generators at the lift stations are diesel. City Engineer stated that we also have an annual maintenance contract where the diesel generators are checked and filled monthly.

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve the bid of \$52,160.00 to CK Power Systems for furnishing all labor, equipment and materials to install an emergency backup generator for City Hall and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of a resolution of support for the Program Year 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The project includes replacement of a 4" cast iron water main and associated valves and fire hydrants with a new 6" PVC water main and will relocate service connections to the front yards. This work will be performed within the street right-of-way to eliminate the old main located in rear yard easements as follows: West Oak Street between 2nd and 4th Street and West Patterson Street between 2nd and 4th Street.

Councilman Schorr asked if we don't receive the grant are we going to do this project anyway. City Engineer stated that we could but like to keep certain amount of projects identified that qualify for the CDBG.

Councilman Schorr asked if the water pressure has been helped in Hunter's Creek with the replacement of these water lines. City Engineer stated that it has some because we have raised the water level a few feet over the last couple years.

Councilman Weyant asked if we still had plans to install a water main on 6th Street. City Engineer stated that one will need to be run eventually but probably not until a developer would come in.

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to move forward with this project, utilizing Water and Sewer Funds for matching funds and adopt Resolution No. 13-14-18.

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

POOL FEES RESOLUTION

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of the Pool Fees Resolution, increase some of the pool fees beginning in the 2014 season.

Councilman Schorr commented on the fee schedule and thought it looked good.

Councilman Schorr asked if the residential rates were just for residents. City Manager stated that the residential rate is for residents within in the school district.

Mayor asked if we knew how many non-residential pool passes have been issued. City Manager stated that they can go through the passes and figure that out.

Council discussed the residential rate and having it only be for residents who live in the City and who pay property taxes to the City not for residents who are within the school district since that is a much wider area and many of those do not pay property taxes. Council was in consensus to change the residential rate to only be for those residents who live in the City limits and amend the resolution to include that wording.

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 13-14-19, Pool Fees Resolution increase the fees beginning in the 2014 season, as amended.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Schorr commented on the article that was passed along by the City Manager.

Councilman Grodeon commented on having a police officer present at the meetings.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) at 7:52 p.m.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Schorr moved, seconded by Grodeon, to return to Regular Session at 7:56 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

Council discussed doing the City Manager's performance evaluation at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 8:02 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk