

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

MARCH 3, 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, Assistant City Manager Lisa Koerkenmeier, City Engineer Ron Yeager, and Police Chief Bruce Fleshren.

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

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the February 18, 2014 regular City Council meeting were presented and stood as presented. The minutes of the February 18, 2014 Executive Session meeting were presented and stood as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: Finance Committee meeting, SLM Water Commission meeting, Habitat family selection committee meeting, talked to kids at Mascoutah Elementary School regarding their upcoming testing, meeting with County Chairman Kern regarding sales tax increase for County jail.

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Received comments from residents regarding road conditions on Harnett and Fuesser and spoke with City Manager regarding that.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Finance Committee meeting.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: MIA meeting regarding rodeo, Huddle House grand opening.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Finance Committee meeting, MIA meeting regarding rodeo.

City Manager

Nothing to report.

City Attorney

Nothing to report.

City Clerk

Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

IDOT RESOLUTION/PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AT NEW WATER LINE ON NORTH 6TH STREET (CH RTE. 48) FROM MAIN STREET TO CHURCH STREET

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of adoption of Resolution approving construction of an 8” water line on the east side of North 6th Street from Main Street to Church Street within the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) right-of-way.

Councilman Schorr asked if this is a project already funded. City Engineer stated that it was a change order on the current \$100K waterline replacement project we are doing on Lincoln and South 6th since those bids came in lower than estimated.

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt IDOT Resolution No. 13-14-20, and authorize appropriate City officials to execute appropriate documents.

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

ENGINEERING SERVICES – SANITARY SEWER MAIN INFILTRATION TESTING, PHASE 5 LOCATED WITHIN SUBSYSTEM 4

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of Engineering Services Agreement with RJN Group, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Main Infiltration Testing, Phase 5 located within Subsystem 4.

Councilman Grodeon asked if this was bid out or if the amount is close to the other studies. City Engineer stated that it is in line with the pricing from the other studies we have had done. City Engineer stated that we asked for them to give us the amount of work that could be done in that price range.

Councilman Weyant asked about the repairs. City Manager stated that the repairs have been done in Phase 1 and 2 and are currently being done in Phase 3. Councilman Weyant asked if we could tell if it was helping the water infiltration. City Manager stated that it is starting to help but there is still a lot of work to be done.

Weyant moved, seconded by McMahan to accept the City Manager's engineering recommendation to approve RJN Group, Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer Main Infiltration Testing, Phase 5 Project located within Subsystem 4 in the amount of \$50,000.00 and authorize appropriate City officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

FIBER TERMINATIONS – BID RATIFICATION

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bid for the Fiber Terminations.

Councilman Schorr asked how much money will be left in the grant after this. City Manager stated that this will be the end and the grant balance will be zero.

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to ratify approval of the bid of \$59,000.00 to complete the Fiber Terminations to Dice Communications, Inc. of Omaha, NE and to authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

ILLINOIS PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY CONSTRUCTION (PARC) GRANT APPLICATION

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of a Resolution of Support for the Fiscal Year 2014 Park and Recreational Facility Construction (PARC) Grant funds.

Councilman Weyant asked what kind of liability we would have with this. City Manager stated that it would fall under the City's liability insurance and would be no more than a playground.

Councilman Schorr asked if the skate parks still as popular as they were years ago. City Manager stated that yes they are and we have a lot of kids using our pavilions as their skate parks.

Councilman Schorr asked about the regulations and the times it would be open. City Manager stated that it would fall under the normal park rules and hours.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the tennis courts and their usage. City Manager stated that use was looked at and the tennis courts are under utilized and the tennis courts at the high school are open to the public so the Parks and Recreation Commission thought this would be a better utilization of the funds since there are access to tennis courts elsewhere in the City. Councilman Grodeon asked if maybe the tennis courts are underutilized because of the condition. City Manager stated that while they are not 100% the tennis courts are not in that horrible condition, they just aren't being used.

McMahan moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve Resolution No. 13-14-21, authorizing the City to apply to IDNR for a \$100,000 PARC grant to construct the skateboard park in Scheve Park and authorize appropriate City officials to execute the required documents.

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

AMENDED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – DOUGLAS AVENUE APARTMENTS

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of the amended Development Agreement for the Douglas Avenue Apartment Project.

Mayor asked about the time frame for the phases. City Manager stated that the clock will start when the permits are issued and is 180 days and there are extensions that can be granted by administrative staff if requested.

Councilman Grodeon asked about putting in the improvements and the landscaping being done during the start of phase 3 and if there is any protection if phase 3 was not to occur so that you don't have 2 buildings sitting with no landscaping. Assistant City Manager stated that the developer does not know which building he is going to build second but we know that by the time he gets to building 3 we know he will be in the most eastern half of the lot so that is when we expect all improvements to be completed. Councilman Grodeon asked if there is any risk waiting until building 3. City Manager stated that he doesn't think there is, that they will require the landscaping on the first two buildings and

believes that if they start building 2 then that means the market is there and will result in buildings 3 and 4.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the façade and if that was staying the same as before. Assistant City Manager stated that everything is the same as before.

Schorr moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve the amended Development Agreement between the City of Mascoutah and M.T.S. Development (Matt Stukenberg) for the Douglas Apartment Complex.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager provided information on the IDOT Maintenance Agreement the City has for Route 177, Route 4 and a portion of 6th Street. City Manager stated that we receive around \$12,000 per year to maintain those portions of state highways. City Manager stated that they have spoken with IDOT and IDOT does not do those types of agreements with cities anymore and would be willing to take back over maintenance on those streets. Concerns were voiced over the maintenance costs the City will be spending on taking care and repairing the roads. Concerns were voiced over the timing of IDOT coming in to do repairs. Council was in consensus to turn the maintenance back over to IDOT.

City Manager commented on the major road projects and the conditions of Fuesser and Harnett. City Manager asked if we may want to look at throwing Fuesser back in for funding this fiscal year because of the condition of the road now. City Manager stated that they are working the engineer for Harnett to try to get construction moved up to late Spring/early Summer instead of late Summer. City Manager stated that they have a meeting with the engineers for Fuesser Road this week and if we can get the right-of-ways obtained the construction of Fuesser Road could start this year. Council was in agreement that if we can afford it to go ahead and do all of Harnett (east and west) and Fuesser.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Matt Stukenberg – commented on the road conditions and stated that he could hold the unit prices from the previous road project which would allow repairs to start much sooner. Council discussed the comment but was in consensus to wait until the construction documents are completed and bid the project.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Weyant moved, seconded by Grodeon, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) and Purchase/Lease of Property – Section 2(c)(5) at 7:45 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 8:05 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 8:06 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk