

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

APRIL 7, 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, Police Chief Bruce Fleshren, and Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner.

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

AMEND AGENDA

Schorr moved, seconded by McMahan, to add Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) to Executive Session.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 17, 2014 regular City Council meeting were presented and stood as presented. The minutes of the March 17, 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: IML Executive Session meeting, meeting at Scott AFB with State Legislators and Chief Welsch, Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking ceremony, Chamber meeting, hosted German students at City Hall, SWIL Leadership Council awards dinner, annual CASA dinner.

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking, Coverdell Dash, Habitat for Humanity meeting.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking, Chamber meeting, trimmed shrubbery on Main Street, Library book sale, Fuesser Road informational meeting.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: MIA meeting, Police trivia night, Chamber meeting.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Coverdell Dash, Police trivia night.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

BUDGET 14/15 ORDINANCE

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of the City's FY14/15 Budget.

Mayor asked about the decision to turn over the street maintenance to IDOT. City Manager stated that they did decide to turn that street maintenance back over to IDOT.

Councilman Schorr asked if the electric building was going to be used for any other vehicles besides the Electric Department. City Manager provided information on the vehicles and equipment within the Electric Department along with Fiber Optic equipment that will be housed in the proposed building.

Councilman Grodeon voiced concerns regarding the electric rates versus what Ameren charges and commented on possibly getting a quote from Ameren on providing electric service to the City and let the residents decide which option they want. Councilman Grodeon stated that he would like to wait another year before building a new building and hiring another employee until the rate study is done. Mayor commented on the rate study being necessary and that it was decided at the last meeting that a rate study would be conducted on the electric. Councilman Schorr stated that he agreed with building the

new building but had reservations about hiring a new employee. Councilman Weyant stated that he is in favor of keeping our electric department considering everything they do for the residents and voiced concerns over having Ameren take over the electric. Councilman Weyant stated that he is in favor of building the new building and that he is in favor of hiring a new employee within the electric department.

Mayor summarized the discussions and stated that Council seemed in consensus to do the rate study and to build the new building for the electric department but was not in agreement on hiring the additional employee in the electric department. Council discussed the options. City Manager stated that the Council can pass the budget as amended. Council decided to pass the budget removing the additional employee within the electric department.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 14-02, thereby establishing the City's FY14/15 Budget, as amended.

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

CODE CHANGE – ELECTRIC, WATER & SEWER RATES

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of revisions to Chapter 11 – Electric System and Chapter 38 – Water and Sewer Rates of the City Code by adoption of ordinance.

McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 14-03, thereby modifying Chapter 11, Electric System, Article 1, General Regulations, Section 1; and approve and adopt Ordinance No. 14-04, thereby modifying Chapter 38, Article 4 Division 2 Water Rates, Section 12 and Division 3 Sewer Rates, Section 31.

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

ADOPTION OF WEAPONS POLICY

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of revisions to Chapter 28 – Personnel Code of the City Code by establishing a Weapons Policy by adoption of ordinance.

Schorr moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 04-05, thereby modifying Chapter 28 – Personnel Code establishing a Weapons Policy.

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

ST. CLAIR COUNTY CONTRACTS FOR DISPATCHING SERVICES

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of three contracts with St. Clair County, Illinois for Coordinated Communications Services (dispatching services) provided for the year of 2014 for the Police, EMS, and Fire Departments.

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve the three contracts with St. Clair County for dispatching services and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the required documents.

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

PC 14-02 – REZONING OF PROPERTY AT 751 N. JEFFERSON STREET FROM RM, MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO GC, GENERAL COMMERCIAL

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of rezoning of property at 751 N. Jefferson Street from RM, Multiple-Family Residential, to GC, General Commercial, by adoption of ordinance.

Councilman Schorr asked what the St. Elizabeth's medical plaza and the car wash were zoned as. Assistant City Manager stated that they are both zoned commercial.

Councilman Weyant asked about the requirement for the property to be connected to the City sewer. Assistant City Manager stated that if the property is converted for commercial use, it would require connection to the City sewer. Assistant City Manager stated that if the property sold and continued to be used for residential, it probably wouldn't require connection to the City sewer.

First reading. No action required.

PC 14-03 – REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PROPERTY AT 300 S. INDEPENDENCE STREET, MASCOUTAH ACRES MOBILE HOME PARK

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of a redevelopment plan for property at 300 S. Independence Street, also known as Mascoutah Acres Mobile Home Park.

Councilman Schorr commented on how this will be a good improvement for this area.

Councilman Weyant asked if the internal roads will be private or public. City Manager stated that the internal roads will remain private.

Weyant moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve the redevelopment plan for property at 300 S. Independence Street with the following conditions:

1. The existing private streets are allowed with an upgrade to a 25' pavement width and a minimum of two off-street parking spaces (hard surface) are required for each lot.
2. The lot size of 6,750 is allowed.

3. The minimum separation between units of 10' is allowed.
4. The minimum side yard setback of 5' is allowed for each side yard.
5. The following minimum setbacks from the park property line are allowed; 10' from the north, 5' from the east, 25' from the south and 25' from the west and a 6' white PVC privacy fence is required along the north and east property lines.

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

CITY HALL GENERATOR INSTALLATION – BID AWARD

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

Councilman Grodeon asked what the total amount of the budget. City Manager stated that the budget was \$125,000.00 in the FY 13/14 budget.

McMahan moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve the bid of \$74,352.00 to Guarantee Electric Construction Co. of Granite City, IL for furnishing all labor, equipment and materials for the generator installation for City Hall and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

ASBESTOS REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL – BID AWARD

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bids for furnishing all labor, equipment and means for the Asbestos Removal and Disposal at 315 East Main Street and 40 West Union.

Councilman Schorr asked about 1000 West Main. City Manager stated that there was no asbestos found at that property.

Weyant moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve the low bid for furnishing all labor, equipment and means for the Asbestos Removal and Disposal at 315 East Main Street and 40 West Union awarding it to Midwest Services Co. of St. Peters, MO in the amount of \$24,067.00 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

CONCRETE PAD FOR PARK BLEACHERS – BID AWARD

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bids for furnishing all labor, equipment and means for the Concrete Pad for Park Bleachers in Scheve Park.

Mayor asked how much in grant funds was received from MEPRD. City Manager stated that the grant amount is \$25,000 but the total project cost is \$100,000

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve the low bid for furnishing all labor, equipment and means for the Concrete Pad for Park Bleachers in Scheve Park awarding it to KRB Excavating of Trenton, IL in the amount of \$28,900.00 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

CITY HALL SIDEWALK AND STEP REPLACEMENT – BID AWARD

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bids for furnishing all labor, equipment and means for the Sidewalk and Step Replacement Project at City Hall.

Councilman Schorr asked if the entrance will still be accessible during construction. City Engineer stated it will be done in stages to allow for accessibility to City Hall during construction.

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve the low bid for furnishing all labor, equipment and means for the Sidewalk and Step Replacement Project at City Hall awarding it to KRB Excavating of Trenton, IL in the amount of \$16,000.00 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

CEMETERY MOWING AGREEMENT

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of agreement for furnishing all labor, equipment and means for the mowing of the Mascoutah City Cemetery.

Schorr moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve the agreement with Dan Nelson dba Nelson Tree Service for furnishing all labor, equipment and means for the mowing of the City Cemetery in the amount of \$850.00 per grass cutting for the time period of April 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rick Brown, Mascoutah Acres Mobile Home Park – thanked the Council for the approval of the redevelopment plan.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Sale / Lease of Public Property – Section 2(c)(6), Collective Bargaining – Section 2(c)(2) and Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) at 8:02 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 8:30 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Grodeon, to **adjourn at 8:32 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk