

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

**APRIL 21, 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, and John Weyant.

*Absent:*

Council member Pat McMahan.

*Other Staff Present:*

City Manager Cody Hawkins, City Clerk Kari Haas, City Attorney Mike Nowak, Fire Chief Joe Zinck, Police Chief Bruce Fleshren, 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 April 7, 2014 regular City Council meeting were presented and stood as corrected. The minutes of the April 7, 2014 Executive Session meeting were presented and stood as presented.

*Motion passed.* Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

*Fire Chief Joe Zinck* – March 2014 report was provided.

*Public Safety Director Bruce Fleshren* – March 2014 report was provided.

Police Officer Kyle Donovan was sworn in to office by City Clerk Kari Haas.

*Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner* – Monthly financials provided.

*City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Yeager* – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Councilman Schorr asked about the Safe Routes to School for 6<sup>th</sup> Street. City Engineer stated that they are in the process of getting IDOT's approval of the agreement and once that happens then we should get on the levy schedule in June to begin work in July or August. Councilman Grodeon asked for an estimated start date for Park Drive. City Engineer stated that it should be within 2-3 weeks and should be completed before the end of May.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### *Mayor*

Attended the following meetings and functions: Secretary of Air Force visit at Scott AFB, Wing Commander update at Scott AFB, Community Way of the Cross.

### *City Council*

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Rotary Circus.

Schorr – Nothing to report.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Rotary Circus.

*City Manager* – Nothing to report.

*City Attorney* – Nothing to report.

*City Clerk* – Nothing to report.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)**

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

Mayor asked about an expense to Spaeth Welding for West Church St improvements. City Engineer stated that it was for plates to go over some inlet pads before resurfacing the street.

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

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

## **IDOT RESOLUTION / EXPENDITURE OF MFT FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of Resolution approving the 2014 Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Program beginning May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the resurfacing of North John and if that is enough allocation. City Manager explained about the condition of the road and how curb and gutter is already there so it will not cost as much as other roads. Councilman Grodeon asked if there were enough funds in MFT in case it would cost more. City Manager stated that there is a good fund balance to cover any overruns.

Councilman Schorr asked about the funds for Brickyard. City Engineer stated that it is for the portion within the City limits on the curve between South 10<sup>th</sup> and Brickyard.

Councilman Grodeon asked if funding was included for crack sealing. City Manager stated that it is included as part of the maintenance funds for the material.

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve and adopt IDOT Resolution No. 13-14-22, a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code.

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

## **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.

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 14-06, approving the rezoning of property at 751 N. Jefferson Street from RM, Multiple-Family Residential, to GC, General Commercial, subject to the Findings for Approval.

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

## **ENGINEERING SERVICES – GIS SERVICES**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of Engineer Services Agreement with Thouvenot, Wade and Moerchen, Inc. for GIS Data Management and Mapping Services.

Councilman Grodeon asked if the City will own the data. City Manager stated that the City will own the data after the system is established and data is uploaded.

Councilman Weyant asked about possibly including the cemetery. City Manager stated that is something the City can add in the future but will not be included at first.

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to accept the City Manager's engineering recommendation to approve Thouvenot, Wade and Moerchen, Inc. for engineering services over the next 5 years for GIS Data Management and Mapping Services and authorize appropriate City officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

### **ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARKS GRANT APPLICATION**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of resolution to proceed with the grant application to the St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission for acquiring and installing new playground equipment and completing other improvements in Maple Park.

Councilman Grodeon commented on liability issues raised in one of the latest IML magazines regarding see saws. City Manager stated that he will look into it.

Schorr moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 13-14-23, authorizing the City to apply to the St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission for a grant to purchase \$14,763.60 worth of children's playground equipment, park benches, wood chips and concrete materials and authorize appropriate City officials to execute the required documents.

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

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 161**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval resolution authorizing the purchase of property located on State Route 161, Mascoutah, IL owned by Richard A. Surmeier (Twin Rivers Land Trust).

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 13-14-24 authorizing the purchase of property located on State Route 161, Mascoutah, IL owned by Richard A. Surmeier (Twin Rivers Land Trust) in the amount of \$45,000.00 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the required documents.

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

### **COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

None.

### **CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

City Manager provided information regarding issues that we have been having at the yard waste dump especially with illegal dumping and dumping from out of town residents. City Manager stated that he wanted Council's feedback on how we want to handle the problems. City Manager commented on a couple different options. Council discussed different options and was in agreement that something needed to be done to prevent the abuse. City Manager stated that he will research options and how to recoup the costs.

City Manager stated that he will be meeting with IMEA and BHMG later this month regarding the electric rates. City Manager stated that he did receive a base quote from Utility Services for an independent rate study in the amount of \$18,000.00. City Manager provided information to Council regarding the initial meeting with BHMG. Council will have a discussion at the next meeting to discuss the different options.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Schorr moved, seconded by Grodeon, to **adjourn at 7:58 p.m.**

*Motion passed.* Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

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Kari D. Haas, City Clerk