

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

MAY 5, 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 Al Paulson, 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 April 21, 2014 regular City Council 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: STP roads project meeting in Collinsville, IML Legislative Committee meeting, SWIL Council of Mayors meeting, Arbor Day planting at Espenschied Chapel, meeting with New Baden regarding boundary agreements, IML Lobby Day, IML Board meeting, two change of command ceremonies at Scott AFB.

Presented proclamation to City Clerk proclaiming May 4-10, 2014 as Municipal Clerks Week.

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Law Day run in Belleville.

Schorr – Nothing to report.

Weyant – Nothing to report.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Boston marathon, worked on bleachers in Scheve Park, worked on fence around kiddie playground in Scheve Park.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASE

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of the purchase of two vehicles to be used as marked squad cars for the police department.

Councilman Schorr asked if there are any ramifications if we do not take the low bid. City Attorney stated that the City would be fine in deciding to purchase local.

Councilman Schorr commented on a purchase in the past where the Police Chief commented on favoring the Ford vehicles over other makes. Police Chief stated that in the past with squad cars the Fords held up better than the Chevrolet models but the police does currently have two Dodge unmarked vehicles that are performing well.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the requirement for an SUV vehicle over a regular squad car and voiced concerns over the service life of an SUV and the gas mileage of an SUV compared to a sedan. Police Chief stated that the biggest reason is that the sedans are getting smaller and tight with the multitude of equipment that has to be equipped in the vehicles with computers, weapons, radios, video equipment, and other equipment. Police Chief commented on the gas mileage difference between an SUV and a sedan and the information from Dodge was 2 miles per gallon difference between an SUV and a sedan. Council discussed the purchase of the SUV's over a sedan style vehicle. McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve the purchase of two 2014 SUV style vehicles from Brent Bergheger Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Mascoutah, IL in the amount of \$55,760.00 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the required documents.

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

APPOINTMENTS, REAPPOINTMENTS, AND RATIFICATIONS

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of acceptance of various appointments, reappointments and ratifications.

Staff and Professional Services appointments/reappointments

City Attorney – Al Paulson (Becker, Paulson, Hoerner & Thompson, P.C.), 1 year

Engineer Services – Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc., 1 year

Engineer Services (Electric) – Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer, & Gende, Inc., 1 yr

Boards and Commission appointments/reappointments

Planning Commission – Jack Klopmeier (reappointment – 3 years), Darren Goodlin (reappointment – 3 years)

Parks & Recreation Commission – Harold Knoth (reappointment – 4 years), Bill Witts (reappointment – 4 years)

Fire and Police Commission – Jim Cooper (reappointment – 3 years)

Economic Development Commission – Tony Sax (reappointment – 4 years)

Police Pension Board – Dave Lembke (reappointment – 2 years)

Finance Committee – Tim Boyce (reappointment – 4 years)

Library Board – Wayne Wilhelm (reappointment – 3 years), Jordan Kneschke (reappointment – 3 years), Suzy Friederich (reappointment – 3 years)

Cemetery Board of Managers – Muriel Brockmeier (reappointment – 4 years), Frank Armstutz (reappointment – 4 years), Kenny Case (reappointment – 4 years)

Board Ratifications: Must be done each year in order for the City to provide property and liability insurance to the City-owned buildings.

Leu Civic Center – Christy Griffin (President), Elizabeth Peterson (Vice President), Marty Stout (Secretary), Erica Hodge (Treasurer), Tiffany Young (Assistant Treasurer), Patricia Peek (Executive Director), Board members: June Alexander, Mike Hund, Kevin Dawson, Mike Hoercher, Mark Laquet, Trisha Petroskus, and Gretchen Morio

Senior Center – Lloyd Cauley (President), Kathy Riess (Parliamentarian), Sandra Hakanson (Director), Mary Erwin (Secretary), Ray Kueker (Treasurer), Board members: Alvin Renth and Rosemary Cooper

Mascoutah Improvement Association – Harold Knoth (President), Steve Heizer (Vice President), Pat McMahan (Treasurer), Kathy LaQuet (Secretary), Board members: Herb Knobloch, Jack Weyant, Greg Hoskins, Don Karpel and Tom Laquet

Mascoutah Cemetery Chapel Committee – Jeanne Bullard (President), Leanne Funk (Vice President), Shirley Hausmann (Treasurer), Amy Sand (Secretary), Board members: Keith Hinton, Bobbye Patterson, Lisa Bumpus, Marian Krausz, Clarence Richards, Clyde Lembke, Betty Schanz, Marjorie Worms, Roger Bergheger, Opal Riely, Troy Bullard, Nathan Bullard, and Dave Hausmann

Mascoutah Historical Society – Jack Klopmeier (President), Kathy Bell (Vice President/ Curator), Colleen Hoercher (Secretary), Lavern Riess (Treasurer), Board members: Eugene Schnurr, Dorris Mays, and Marilyn Welch

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to accept the appointments, reappointments and ratifications as identified.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Grodeon commented on the email sent to the Council regarding the property tax rate and did not agree with the way it was handled by emailing the Council asking for their opinions and should have been discussed at a City Council meeting in the public. City Manager stated that the timing would not allow for a meeting because the information was received from the County on a Tuesday and it had to be filed with the County by that Friday. Council discussed the process and City Attorney commented on the legality of the discussion and that the City Manager was okay in asking for Council's opinion on whether to roll the tax rate back or not. Councilman Grodeon stated that in the future the process needs to be clearer.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager provided preliminary information on a request from Barry Hayden for the construction of more apartments on Hayden Drive on the property North of I-64. City Attorney stated that no comment should be made by the Council at this point so that it cannot be viewed as the Council influencing the Planning Commission's decision. City Manager stated that this was for informational purposes and will have Barry Hayden go through the formal development process for this proposal.

City Manager provided information resulting from the Cemetery Board meeting last week regarding the purchase of more land in the near future or waiting until later. City Manager stated we do have some time before we run out of room but may want to discuss possibly starting to look into additional land and locations of land available.

City Manager provided information regarding the electric utility rates and information regarding the meeting with BHMG and information on possible rate relief. Verbal Blakely from BHMG provided additional information regarding the City's electric fund and utility rates and possible rate stabilization. Council discussed the information provided from the City Manager and BHMG. Council was in agreement to have the rate study done. City Attorney provided information to Council regarding a back door referendum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 8:10 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk