

**1CITY OF MASCOUTAH
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
#3 WEST MAIN STREET
MASCOUTAH, IL 62258-2030**

MAY 19, 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, 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 May 5, 2014 regular City Council meeting were presented. Councilman Grodeon noted one correction. The minutes stood as corrected.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Joe Zinck – April 2014 report was provided.

Public Safety Director Bruce Fleshren – April 2014 report was provided.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – Monthly financials provided. Councilman Grodeon commended staff for good work on the past year's budget. Councilman Grodeon commented on the health insurance line being over budget and the budget guidance for the current fiscal year regarding health insurance. Mayor asked about the Police Pension revenues being at 137%. Finance Coordinator stated that the investment income was more than anticipated.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Yeager – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Councilman Schorr asked about the Park Drive improvements and if the cross walks were going to be put in. City Manager stated that two cross walks will be put in when staff does the striping for parking. Mayor asked about Perrin Road and estimated completion date. City Engineer stated turn lane will be in by end of the month weather permitting. The North lane and then middle lane will then get done to complete the project.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, volunteered at the Visitor's Center, interview with Boy Scout, retirement ceremony at Scott AFB, Chamber After Hours, SpringFest.

Mayor asked for ratification of the reappointment of Connie Kappert-Knipp to the Economic Development Commission. Council ratified the appointment.

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Habitat for Humanity meeting, Farmer's Market.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: City-wide Yard Sale, working on planters at 4-way and Haas Park.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, Lion's Club golf tournament, SpringFest.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, Lion's Club golf tournament, working on bleachers in Scheve Park, SpringFest, worked on kiddie playground fence in Scheve Park.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

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

Mayor asked about the fund balance for TIF 2B. Finance Coordinator stated that would have resulted from several project payments.

Councilman Schorr asked about the water meter purchases. City Manager stated that one line was for the water meter purchases and the other was for maintenance parts.

Mayor asked about the lumber for new rooms paid to Aviston Lumber. City Engineer stated that it was for the Electric Department new building.

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

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

CODE CHANGE – RECREATION AND PARKS CODE

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval revisions to Chapter 31 – Recreation and Parks of the City Code by adoption of ordinance.

No action required. First reading.

MAJOR STREETS PROJECTS – RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR SIGNING OF LOAN DOCUMENTS

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the loan documents for the Major Streets Projects.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the savings by not going through a GO Bond. City Manager stated that it will save the City approximately \$40,000-\$60,000 in bond fees and underwriting. Councilman Grodeon commented on making sure there are funds set aside to pay back the loan over the next few years. Councilman Grodeon asked if the loan would have to be renegotiated in 5 years. City Manager stated that if the City would need more time to pay back the loan then the terms would have to be renegotiated at that time.

Councilman Weyant asked about when bids would be going out for the Harnett Street improvements. City Engineer stated that they are hoping to be on the bid letting with IDOT in early June with bid opening late June, early July.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 14-15-01, Resolution of Authorization for Signing of Loan Documents for the Major Streets Projects.

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

DISCUSSION OF PRE-APPLICATION FOR CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES SUBMITTED BY BILL MILLIKIN, MILLIKINS LLC FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY AT 101 EAST MAIN STREET

City Manager presented report for Council discussion of pre-application for City economic development incentives submitted by Bill Millikin, Millikins LLC for redevelopment of property at 101 East Main Street.

Assistant City Manager provided additional information regarding the project and the economic development incentives and possibly amending the TIF 2B budget. City Manager provided additional information regarding the possible TIF 2B budget amendment.

Bill Millikin with Millikins LLC provided an overview of the proposed building renovations, the new storage facility and uses, and the proposed retail.

Council discussed the project and the economic development incentives and the amendment of the TIF 2B budget and was in agreement with staff's research and recommendation.

No action required. Discussion only.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Weyant asked about the timeframe for the demolition of the Mendez house. City Manager stated that the asbestos has been removed and will be scheduling a time to demolish both that house and the one at 1000 West Main.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) at 8:13 p.m.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to return to Regular Session at 8:22 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 8:23 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk