

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

**JULY 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 Al Paulson, Fire Chief Joe Zinck, Police Chief Bruce Fleshren, City Engineer Ron Yeager, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner, 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 July 7, 2014 regular City Council meeting were presented and stood as presented.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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

*Public Safety Director Bruce Fleshren* – June 2014 report was provided. Councilman Schorr commended staff with the fixing of the waterline break and the use of the Code Red notification system.

*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 right of way acquisitions on Fuesser Road. City Engineer stated that they are coming along very well, only have two more to acquire. Councilman Schorr asked about the 2013 roads program and the close-out items and if we are holding money until those are done. City Engineer stated that we are holding money and the close-out items are done but he hasn't had time to review. Mayor asked about the safe route to schools grant and if it is going to be completely funded by the grant or if the City will have expenses. City Engineer stated that right now the project is 100% covered by the grant but if anything goes over the City would have to pay for those. Councilman Grodeon asked about the 2014 roads program and if there was going to be a section done out of MFT. City Engineer stated that John Street will be done for the 2014 roads program and should have bid documents put together soon for construction to start after school starts.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### *Mayor*

Attended the following meetings and functions: Habitat for Humanity meeting, IML Executive Board selection meeting, hosted international visitor from Brussels with representatives from Shiloh and O'Fallon, worked on project at Leu Civic Center to place roof over ADA ramp, Library reading program, SLM Water Commission meeting.

### *City Council*

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Habitat for Humanity meeting.

Schorr – Nothing to report.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Worked on project at Leu Civic Center to place roof over ADA ramp.

*City Manager* – Nothing to report.

*City Attorney* – Nothing to report.

*City Clerk* – Nothing to report.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

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

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

Mayor asked about the expense for Bio Solutions. City Manager stated that it is an annual treatment for the lagoon that is under contract.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the expense with Okawville Electric for a tractor accident. City Manager stated that it was repair due to the tractor accident on North 6<sup>th</sup>

Street from back in May. City Attorney stated that the City has filed a lawsuit with Wuebbels Farming to recoup all costs involved with the repair.

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

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

**PC14-04 – REZONING OF 8.8 ACRES NORTH OF INTERSTATE 64 AND WEST OF IL ROUTE 4 FROM GC, GENERAL COMMERCIAL, TO RM, MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SECOND READING)**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of rezoning of 8.8 acres north of Interstate 64 and west of IL Route 4 from GC, General Commercial, to RM, Multiple-Family Residential, by adoption of ordinance to approve or adoption of resolution to deny.

Schorr moved, seconded by Grodeon, to adopt Resolution No. 14-15-11, denying the rezoning of 8.8 acres north of Interstate 64 and west of Illinois Route 4, subject to the Findings for Denial.

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

**POLICE IN-CAR VIDEO PURCHASE**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of the purchase of an in-car video system for the police department.

Councilman Schorr asked about when cars are retired if the equipment will be transferred to the new vehicles. Police Chief stated that the equipment would transfer from car to car.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the information from other departments. Police Chief stated that they have been looking into this for years and there are bugs with any system but this system seems to work very well and is very reliable.

Councilman Schorr asked how long the data would be stored. Police Chief stated that the timeframe will be determined by the City.

Weyant moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve the purchase of the in-car video system from L3 Mobile Vision, Inc. in the amount of \$49,232.80 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the required documents.

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

### **BID AWARD – 2014 MFT OIL & CHIP PROGRAM**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bids for furnishing and applying oil and chip sealing on various streets identified for the 2014 MFT Oil & Chip Program.

City Manager requested Council table the item until questions regarding the bids can be answered and clarified by IDOT.

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to table item until next meeting.

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

### **BID AWARD – MAINTENANCE SHED FOR ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bids for furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment to construct the Maintenance Shed for the Electric Department.

Councilman Grodeon stated that he had concerns regarding this item during budget and with the payback being almost 28 years, he still thinks the City would be better off renting a building instead of building one.

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve the low bid for furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment for the Maintenance Shed for the Electric Department, awarding it to KRB Excavating Inc. of Trenton, IL in the amount of \$241,000.00 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

***Motion passed.*** AYE's – Schorr, Weyant, Daugherty. NAY's – Grodeon. ABSENT – McMahan.

### **ENGINEERING SERVICES – HARNETT STREET IMPROVEMENTS**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of modified Engineering Services Agreement with Oates Associates for providing construction staking for the Harnett Street Improvements Project.

Councilman Grodeon asked if this was in addition to the staking included in the bid award at the last meeting. City Engineer stated that the staking for the contractor is different than that needed and required by City engineering.

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to accept the City Manager's engineering recommendation to approve the modified contract with Oates Associates for engineering services for the Harnett Street Improvements Project and authorize appropriate City officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

## **COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Mayor commented on the upcoming Homecoming Parade.

Mayor stated that he supports the City Manager's recommendation on the problem with a building at Scheve Park.

Councilman Grodeon asked if the list of streets to be oiled and chipped can be listed on the website. City Manager stated that it is always included in the newspaper and will be included on the website as well.

Councilman Schorr stated that he had a resident ask about a hump on the bridge on Main Street close to the museum and that it is causing vibration in their house. City Manager stated that it would be an IDOT issue but we could ground it down to try to help alleviate the problem but it will require a more permanent fix from IDOT.

Councilman Weyant asked about the state accepting the maintenance from the City for Main Street and Route 4. City Manager stated that it was done in June. Councilman Weyant asked about the intersection of Route 4 and Route 177 being redone. City Manager stated that we are on IDOT's schedule and are hoping that construction starts in 2015.

Mayor asked about a property on Phillips Street that has trash and other junk and debris in the yard. City Manager stated that they have sent written notices to the owners before and will check on it again.

Mayor asked about property at 305 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street. City Manager stated that the City has mowed the grass and put liens on the property and will make sure that it is cleaned up again prior to Homecoming.

Councilman Weyant asked about keeping people from blowing grass clippings into the street. City Manager stated that the problem is catching them in the act but to let him know and they will try to contact them to let them know they have to clean it up.

## **CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

City Manager provided information to Council regarding the Phase II Electric Project. City Manager stated that funds are budgeted this fiscal year for easement acquisitions and wanted to make sure that it is the direction that Council still wants to go. Council was in agreement to keep moving forward on the project and start easement acquisitions.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 7:44 p.m.**

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

---

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk