

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

OCTOBER 6, 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 Pro-tem Ben Grodeon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council members Ben Grodeon, Paul Schorr, John Weyant and Pat McMahan.

Absent: Mayor Gerald Daugherty.

Other Staff Present: City Manager Cody Hawkins, City Clerk Kari Haas, City Attorney Al Paulson, and City Engineer Ron Yeager.

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

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 15, 2014 regular City Council meeting were presented and stood as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Holt, resides in the Timberbrook subdivision – voiced concerns over utility bill being 100% more than what it was from last year and asked about the fuel adjustment charge on the utility bill. City Manager provided explanation of how the fuel adjustment charge is a pass through for the City and is the cost to supply the power from IMEA (electric co-op). City Manager stated that an electric rate study has been commissioned which should be completed in mid-November.

Jerry Patterson, resides in Hunter's Creek subdivision – asked about the total kilowatt hour cost being passed on to the residents. City Manager stated that the City's cost has been around 5-8 cents per kilowatt hour and the cost to the resident has ranged from 11-14 cents

per kilowatt hour. Jerry Patterson stated that Ameren's residential rate is between 4.2-4.6 cents from June to September. City Manager stated that wouldn't be all of their charges. Jerry Patterson commented on the co-op the City belongs to and possibly looking into going back to Ameren for power.

Mike Peterson, lives on Impala Drive – voiced concerns over increase in water usage bills and voiced concerns over the quality of the water and asked about improvements to water quality. City Manager provided information regarding the water breaks and provided information regarding issues at SLM that caused the water to smell and taste different and information regarding how SLM has changed their treatment which caused a chlorine smell and taste which should work itself in the next couple weeks.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: IML Conference in Chicago, participated in Hero Run.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: IML Conference in Chicago, cleaned out the planters on Main Street, Library book sale, made ice cream for kids at Leu Civic Center, participated in Hero Run.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: IML Conference in Chicago.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: IML Conference in Chicago, participated in Hero Run, working on rodeo set-up.

City Manager – IML Conference in Chicago, had the privilege of being a guest with the Atlantic Fleet and stayed on the USS Roosevelt.

City Attorney – IML Conference in Chicago.

City Clerk – IML Conference in Chicago.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

4TH STREET LIFT STATION REPAIRS – BID AWARD

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bids for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment to replace discharge piping at the 4th Street Lift Station.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the overrun on the budget and what is the plan to account for that. City Manager stated that we will have to wait and see how the year goes for other expenses and other projects but this fund does have a healthy reserve so it can handle a budget overrun.

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve the low bid of \$95,977.00 to Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc. of Okawville, IL for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment for the 4th Street Lift Station Repairs Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

NORTH JOHN STREET – BID AWARD

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bids for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment to mill and resurface John Street from Main Street to Patterson Street and Patterson Street from John Street to Independence Street. This project will also include spot curb and gutter repairs.

Councilman Grodeon asked if there was any opportunity to extend the length of the project since the bid amount is below the \$100,000 budgeted. City Engineer stated that this project was approved by IDOT for around \$60,000 which is what was actually budgeted as part of the \$100K road improvements program.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve the low bid of \$65,549.00 to Rooters American Maintenance, Inc. of Beckemeyer, IL for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment for the North John Street Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – BID AWARD

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bids for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment to construct the Safe Routes to School Project located on North 6th Street.

Councilman Schorr asked if there was going to be enhanced crosswalks at the Middle School and at the Elementary School. City Manager stated that there are enhanced crosswalks included in the project for both that include signage, lighting and striping.

Councilman Grodeon asked about a timeline for the project. City Engineer stated that he asked IDOT and they stated that the award could take up to 30 days and then there will be a preconstruction meeting and signing of contracts so there is a chance that the project may get started this fall.

Weyant moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve the low bid of \$132,601.56 to Fournie Contracting Company, Inc. of Belleville, IL for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment for the Safe Routes to School Project and authorize IDOT to proceed with the award of this contract.

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

RECONSTRUCTION OF 6TH STREET CIRCUIT, PHASE 1

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of accepting the bid for Reconstruction of the 6th Street Circuit.

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve the low bid of \$208,835.00 to J.F. Electric, Inc. of Edwardsville, IL for the Reconstruction of the 6th Street Circuit, Phase 1 Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

ENGINEERING SERVICES – NORTH 10TH STREET EXTENSION SUPPLEMENT

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of Supplemental Engineering Services Agreement with Kuhlmann Design Group, Inc. (KdG) for preparing construction documents to include improvements from Hackberry Drive to Harnett Street for the North 10th Street Extension Project.

Councilman Schorr asked if this would include a sidewalk on the east side to replace the lime trail. City Engineer stated that the estimated construction cost does not include a concrete sidewalk at this time so as not to impact the oak trees along the lime trail but can be added if wanted. Councilman Schorr stated that he would favor sidewalks on the east side if it won't impact the trees. City Engineer stated that we would look into the addition of the sidewalks and the impact on the trees.

Councilman Weyant asked about including parking on the north side of Park Drive across from the nursing home. City Engineer stated that parallel parking could probably be done without causing any other issues.

Councilman Grodeon asked if the estimate was in line with the construction. City Engineer stated that we are currently at 13%.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to accept the City Manager's engineering recommendation to approve Kuhlmann Design Group, Inc. for additional engineering services for the North 10th Street Extension Project in the amount of \$26,600.00 and authorize appropriate City officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Grodeon commented on the bid requirements and possibly extending that to professional services especially when it comes to big projects like these construction

projects. City Attorney stated that there is merit in looking at it but there are certain requirements from the state statutes and projects funded by the state.

Councilman Grodeon relayed a message from the Mayor to have IML trip reports completed to discuss at the next City Council meeting.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerry Patterson – asked about the expenses for the IML Conference and how those are paid for. Councilman Grodeon commented on the IML Conference and stated that the time from the Council members is volunteered and the expenses are reimbursed and paid for by the City.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to **adjourn at 7:45 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk