

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

**OCTOBER 20, 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, City Engineer Ron Yeager, Public Safety Director Bruce Fleshren, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner, and Assistant City Manager Lisa Koerkenmeier.

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

**AMEND AGENDA**

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to remove Executive Session and add Policy Discussion under City Manager – Miscellaneous Items.

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 6, 2014 regular City Council meeting were presented and stood as presented.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rick Surmeier, owns business on South 6<sup>th</sup> Street – voiced concerns over stockpiling of dirt and rock material being done next to his business on property owned by Steve Beimfohr and business operated by Matt Stukenberg. Stated that he couldn't do it 12 years ago and was in court for 2 years over it and does not think it is fair and wants something done about it.

Voiced concerns over berm put up along Industrial Drive but is 6 foot tall that only get cuts once a year and the trees along the berm that are going to die.

Thiry Cameron – thanked City for road getting fixed on John Street next to the church.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

*Fire Chief Joe Zinck* – absent – September 2014 report was provided.

*Public Safety Director Bruce Fleshen* – September 2014 report was provided.

*Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner* – Monthly financials provided. Mayor asked about the taxes received and how much TIF 2B received in property taxes. Finance Coordinator stated that she would get that information together.

*City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Yeager* – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Councilman Grodeon asked what the delay was on asphalt and why they couldn't start last week. City Engineer stated that the rock was too wet and the trucks would have lifted the rock causing problems with leveling of the asphalt.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### *Mayor*

Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, meeting in Springfield with IML staff, dedication of Habitat for Humanity house, Economic Development Commission meeting, Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, meeting with City Manager at Scott AFB regarding partnering, Habitat for Humanity board meeting, SLM Water Commission meeting, IMEA 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting and awards dinner, Fall Fest/Chili Cook-off, SWIL Leadership Council meeting, Bergheger's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary open house.

### *City Council*

Grodeon – Nothing to report.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, dedication of Habitat for Humanity house, Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Fall Fest/Chili Cook-off.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, Rotary picnic, Rodeo, dedication of Habitat for Humanity house, Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, MIA meeting.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Rodeo, Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, MIA meeting, Fall Fest/Chili Cook-off.

*City Manager* – Nothing to report.

*City Attorney* – Nothing to report.

*City Clerk* – Nothing to report.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

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

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

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

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

### **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING "INTERESTED PARTIES" REGISTRIES AND ADOPTING REGISTRATION RULES FOR THESE REGISTRIES (FIRST READING)**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of an ordinance authorizing the establishment of a Tax Increment Financing "Interested Parties" Registries and adopting registration rules for these registries.

Mayor asked what the purpose of the registry is. Assistant City Manager stated that it is to allow anyone who is a resident, business owner or organization of the City to register with the City Clerk to obtain information regarding any amendments that may be made to the TIF.

First reading. No action required.

### **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR TIF 2B (FIRST READING)**

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and adoption of an ordinance establishing a public hearing for proposed amendments to the TIF 2B Redevelopment Plan.

First reading. No action required.

### **COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Council reviewed and discussed the IML trip reports.

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

City Manager provided information regarding FMLA and wanted to obtain Council's input on formulating a policy with regards to how to handle an employee's leave if it goes beyond FMLA's 12 week period. City Attorney stated that a policy does need to be formulated for consistency. City Attorney stated that he knows some municipalities will keep the job open for up to 6 months or a year but stop paying benefits after the FMLA's 12 week period and others that terminate the employment after the 12 weeks FMLA leave is exhausted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

McMahan moved, seconded by Grodeon, to **adjourn at 8:15 p.m.**

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

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Kari D. Haas, City Clerk