

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

NOVEMBER 3, 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, Assistant City Manager Lisa Koerkenmeier and City Engineer Ron Yeager.

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

AMEND AGENDA

McMahan moved, seconded by Grodeon, to add Pump House Repairs – Change Order No. 1 to Council Items for Action Item No. A-6.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 20, 2014 regular City Council meeting were presented and stood as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wayne Armstrong, resides on West Harnett Street – have been working with the City Manager and City Engineer with regards to elevation of his property and drainage issues. Wayne Armstrong stated that verbally he has received a commitment to have part of his property elevated to correct the drainage issues and just wanted that on the record.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: IML Executive Board meeting, Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, SWIL Council of Mayors meeting, interviews for IML Director, Boards and Commissions Appreciation Dinner.

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Fire Department Chili & Mulligan, Halloween Parade, electronic recycling event at Holy Childhood.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Halloween Parade.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Halloween Parade, Boards and Commissions Appreciation Dinner, Senior Center Wine & Cheese Event.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Fire Department Chili & Mulligan, Halloween Parade, Boards and Commissions Appreciation Dinner, working on the handicap parking at the bleachers at Scheve Park.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING “INTERESTED PARTIES” REGISTRIES AND ADOPTING REGISTRATION RULES FOR THESE REGISTRIES (SECOND 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.

Schorr moved, seconded by Weyant, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 14-13, thereby authorizing the establishment of Tax Increment Financing “Interested Parties” Registries and adopting registration rules for these registries.

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

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR TIF 2B (SECOND 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.

McMahan moved, seconded by Grodeon, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 14-14, thereby establishing a time and date for a public hearing of January 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. for the proposed amendments to the TIF 2B Redevelopment Plan.

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

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF A METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT (MEPRD) PARK AND TRAIL GRANT MATCHING PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR FY15

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of a resolution supporting the submission of a MEPRD Park and Trail Grant for improvements to Scheve Park, specifically to purchase and install skatepark equipment for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Five (5) Phase Skatepark Project.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the 75% match and if there is an option to use in-kind labor as part of the funding. City Manager stated that it can be used but it has no value so it does not decrease the amount of matching funds needed for this type of grant like it does for the St. Clair County grants. Assistant City Manager stated that 25% of the funding has to come from cash.

Councilman Schorr asked about the remainder of the phases of the project and how those are going to be funded. City Manager stated that those phases will be budgeted in the Parks & Recreation Fund in future fiscal years.

Councilman McMahan asked if putting in-kind labor would increase chances of obtaining the grant. Assistant City Manager stated that in some grants it would but in this case the bulk of the \$56,992 for the first two phases is for equipment purchase so there is no in-kind labor for this portion of the project.

Grodeon moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 14-15-13 to support the submission of a Metro East Park and Recreation District Park and Trail Grant application for FY15.

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

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK FOR THE CITY OF MASCOUTAH

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of resolution adopting amendments to the City of Mascoutah Employee Handbook.

City Attorney explained how the majority of other cities provide a period of 6 months recovery time for a work-related injury. City Attorney stated that legally he would not feel comfortable with a time period less than that when the leave is resulting from a work-related injury.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the burden of proof for the different types of leave. City Attorney stated that there is a form provided by the federal law to be filled out by a physician stating the reason for the leave.

Councilman Grodeon asked about other benefits such as sick leave, vacation time, pension, and seniority and if those are still accrued during the leave time. City Attorney stated that those benefits are separate from this section of the handbook but most would not accrue leave time while on unpaid leave. City Attorney and City Manager will review the handbook, code, and union contracts for those provisions.

Schorr moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 14-15-14 adopting amendments to the City of Mascoutah Employee Handbook and authorize appropriate officials to execute the required documents.

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

CODE CHANGE – SNOW REMOVAL (FIRST READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of revisions to Chapter 24 and Chapter 33 regarding Snow Removal of the City Code by adoption of ordinance.

Councilman Schorr asked about the removal of snow and ice from the business district and stated that he believes it is asking a lot of a business owner. City Manager stated that it is consistent with other codes from surrounding cities and that this portion is not a change from what the City's current code reads. Councilman Weyant voiced concerns over requiring business owners to remove the snow and ice from sidewalks. City Attorney stated that the main objective is to keep the City not liable for snow removal on sidewalks. City Attorney stated that he will work with the City Manager on the wording on this section and bring back an amendment for the next meeting.

First reading. No action required.

PUMP HOUSE REPAIRS – CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of proposal for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment to replace outside discharge piping and valves at the pump house located on Railway Street.

City Attorney stated that he is comfortable legally having the Council approve this item because it is an emergency item considering if it is not done, issues could arise if the pipe was to burst which would cause the pump house to drain since the valves cannot be shut down.

Councilman Grodeon asked about foregoing the emergency generator and if that puts us at any more risk. City Manager stated that we are at no more risk than we are today but the generator will be put back into the budget next fiscal year. City Engineer explained

how not having the emergency generator would only cause issues if the pump house was without power for 2-3 days.

Weyant moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve the proposal from Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc. of Okawville, IL for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment to replace outside valves and piping for the pump house located on Railway Street for approximately \$20,000 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Assistant City Manager provided an explanation of the TIF 2B Redevelopment Plan amendments. Keith Moran from Moran Economic Development provided additional information regarding the amendments and the process of notification to the residents. Council discussed the TIF 2B Redevelopment Plan amendments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) at 8:00 p.m.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

McMahan moved, seconded by Grodeon, to return to Regular Session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Weyant, to **adjourn at 8:22 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk