

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

NOVEMBER 17, 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, Fire Chief Joe Zinck, 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

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 3, 2014 regular City Council meeting were presented and stood as presented. The minutes of the November 3, 2014 Executive Session meeting were presented and stood as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Joe Zinck – October 2014 report was provided. Councilman Schorr asked about false alarms multiple times at an address and if there are additional charges for those. Chief stated that in the City there is an ordinance that after three false alarms in a year then there

can be additional charges but with the address in question it is with Trinity Services and they are pull alarms in which someone is pulling the alarm so it does not technically qualify as a false alarm because the call is not due to a faulty alarm system.

Public Safety Director Bruce Fleshren – October 2014 report was provided. Councilman McMahan commended Sgt McGinnis and the fire department for the great work they did at the response to his house for a fire underneath his shed.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – Monthly financials provided. Councilman Grodeon asked about the revenues over expenditures for the Ambulance Fund. Finance Coordinator stated that the revenues are a month behind because the numbers were not received in time and adjustments to the receivables are not made until the audit. Finance Coordinator stated that revenues will be over expenditures this fiscal year with what was budgeted.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Yeager – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Councilman Grodeon asked if the modified route for Electric Phase 2 will be brought to Council prior to ROW negotiations. City Manager stated that they can present the modified route to Council at a future meeting. Mayor asked about Harnett. City Engineer stated that they were working today removing old pavement and putting in rock and will continue that work this week going block by block and are hoping to do some asphalt work on Friday or Saturday.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: Finance Committee meeting, teleconference with IML Executive Committee, meeting with Police Chief in East St. Louis, Hunter's Creek Homeowners Association meeting, meeting with Kappert regarding zoning issues, Veteran's Day ceremony, IML Legislative Committee meeting, St. Clair County gift from the heart charity event, Horner & Shifrin open house, Municipal League Budget Committee meeting, East-West Gateway annual awards luncheon.

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Contacted by two residents; one issue was regarding Harnett Street and other issue was regarding issue with obtaining an occupancy permit.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Finance Committee meeting, Chamber meeting, ribbon cutting at new chiropractor business, Veteran's Day ceremony, Leu Civic Center fundraiser, public meeting for N 10th Street Extension.

Weyant – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, ribbon cutting at new chiropractor business, Veteran's Day ceremony, Horner & Shifrin open house.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Chamber meeting, ribbon cutting at new chiropractor business, worked on handicap parking by the bleachers in Scheve Park.

City Manager – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

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

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

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

CODE CHANGE – SNOW REMOVAL (SECOND 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 Weyant asked if the reverse 911 can be used to notify residents regarding the parking. Police Chief stated that we will definitely look into doing the Code Red call to notify residents if we are expecting a winter storm.

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 14-15, thereby modifying Chapter 24 and Chapter 33 regarding Snow Removal of the City of Mascoutah Code of Ordinances.

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

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Councilman Weyant asked about speed signs and having them replaced on West Harnett Street and also on Main Street by the Little Indians building.

Councilman Schorr asked if there was any information on the rate study. City Manager stated that he will contact the company this week to get an update.

Mayor stated that Charles Wright is in attendance tonight and he is doing a project on local government and is here to obtain information and see how things operate and will also be meeting with the Mayor and City Manager later this week.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Attorney provided an update to Council regarding the SSA and stated that the developers are in the process of restructuring the loan to remove the City from the loan and should be completed in 2-4 weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Weyant moved, seconded by Grodeon, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) at 7:25 p.m.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Schorr moved, seconded by Grodeon, to return to Regular Session at 7:47 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 7:49 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk