

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

DECEMBER 7, 2020

The minutes of the regular virtual meeting of the City Council of the City of Mascoutah.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Gerald Daugherty called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Gerald Daugherty and Council members Jack Weyant, Pat McMahan, Michael Baker and Walter Battas.

Absent:

None.

Other Staff Present:

City Manager Brad Myers, Assistant City Manager Kari Speir, City Clerk Melissa Schanz, City Engineer Tom Quirk, and Public Works Director Jesse Carlton.

Mayor Gerald Daugherty stated that this public hearing is to consider and review the proposed property tax increase for Mascoutah Special Service Area 1.

Assistant City Manager provided an overview of the proposed property tax increase for Mascoutah Special Service Area 1. City Manager explained that the property taxes for residents within the Special Service Area are not increasing; the rate for the Special Service Area is remaining at 0.375%. The amount of property taxes owed within the Special Service Area will only increase if the EAV increases.

There being no questions or comments from the Council, Mayor Gerald Daugherty closed the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City prayer was delivered by City Clerk Melissa Schanz. 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 John Weyant, Pat McMahan, Michael Baker, and Walter Battas.

Absent: None.

Other Staff Present: City Manager Brad Myers, Assistant City Manager Kari Speir, City Clerk Melissa Schanz, City Attorney Al Paulson and Public Works Director Jesse Carlton.

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

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 16, 2020 regular virtual City Council meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Mayor recommended appointment of Bill Millikin to the Economic Development Commission to fill the unexpired term of Connie Kappert-Knipp.

Baker moved, seconded by Weyant, to ratify the appointment of Bill Millikin to the Economic Development Commission.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Attended the following meetings and functions: IML Meeting, SLM Meeting, Zonta Proclamation, Chamber Meeting, TIF3 Meetings, Conference call with Governor's Office.

City Council

Weyant – Nothing to Report.

McMahan – Nothing to Report.

Baker – Nothing to Report.

Battas – Nothing to Report.

City Manager

Attended the following meetings and functions: Surface Water Meeting, Staff Meeting, Chamber Meeting, Mascoutah School District Meetings, SLM Meeting, Sourcewell Meetings, Multiple potential developers meetings.

City Attorney – Nothing to Report.

City Clerk – Nothing to Report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CODE CHANGE – YARD WASTE DROP OFF SITE (FIRST READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of revisions to Chapter 16 – Health Code, Article V – Yard Waste Drop Off Site.

Council had previous discussion on amending the rules and regulations for the yard waste drop off site to allow commercially approved biodegradable paper lawn and leaf bags.

There was no further discussion.

2020 PROPERTY TAX LEVY (FIRST READING)

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council approval of the 2020 Property Tax Levy Ordinance. Staff is recommending increasing the levy amount to 4.99% in order to ensure that any and all EAV increase is capture yet staying under the 5% threshold for a public hearing.

There was no further discussion.

BID AWARD – VAC TRUCK

City Manager presented report for Council approval and authorization for purchase of a 2020 Vac Truck for the Water & Sewer, Electric, and Street Department.

Battas moved, seconded by McMahan to approve the bid for a 2020 Freightliner AJV 610 Vac Truck and attachments to Midwest Vac Products LLC of Mascoutah, IL in the amount of \$365,468.40 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

Motion passed. AYE's – Weyant, McMahan, Baker, Battas, Daugherty. NAY's – none.

PC 20-03, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, 406 EAST MAIN STREET

Assistant City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a gaming pub business in an Office Zoning District located at 406 East Main Street.

Councilman Battas expressed concerns of having too many gaming machines/parlors in the City.

Weyant moved, seconded by Baker to approve the Conditional Use Permit for a gaming pub business in an Office Zoning District located at 406 East Main Street, subject to the Conditions and Findings attached.

Motion passed. AYE's – Weyant, McMahan, Baker, Daugherty. NAY's – Battas.

ENGINEERING SERVICES – ROUTE 4 WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT

City Manager presented report for Council approval of an Engineering Services Agreement with Gonzalez Companies, LLC for the surveying, design, preparation of plans and specifications, and bidding assistance for the Route 4 Water Main Extension Project.

McMahan moved, seconded by Baker to approve a contract with Gonzalez Companies, LLC for engineering services in the amount not to exceed of \$77,500.00 for the surveying, design, preparation of plans and specifications, and bidding assistance for the Route 4 Water Main Extension Project and authorize appropriate City officials to execute the necessary documents.

Motion passed. AYE’s – Weyant, McMahan, Baker, Battas, Daugherty. NAY’s – none.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Weyant moved, seconded by McMahan, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) and Purchase/Lease of Property – Section 2(c)(5) at 7:47 p.m.

Motion passed. AYE’s – Weyant, McMahan, Baker, Battas, Daugherty. NAY’s – none.

McMahan moved, seconded by Baker, to return to regular session at 7:58 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 7:59 p.m.

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Melissa A Schanz, City Clerk