

CITY OF MARION – REGULAR MEETING

May 27, 2014

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held at Marion City Hall Tuesday May 27, 2014. Mayor Butler called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

The City Clerk was instructed to call the roll and the response was as follows:

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS RIX, RINELLA, GOSS, PATTON AND MAYOR BUTLER
ABSENT: NONE

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2014 and the Special Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2014 were both approved as presented.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Fire Chief Jack Reed came before the Council asking approval of the bid from Marion Ford Hyundai as the accepted bid with correct specifications to purchase a 2014 F-150 Ford pick-up truck for the Fire Department. The bid that was approved at the May 12, 2014 Regular Council Meeting did not meet all the specifications. Commissioner Rix made a motion to approve the Marion Ford Hyundai bid of \$27,295.00. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Mrs. Kay Howell, from the Little Egypt Arts Association spoke to the Council about a Creative Class Group Seminar she had attended at Carbondale. From the class she had gained information about creating a Museum Art Destination at the Star Bonds area in Marion. It would possibly house among other things exhibits on the area coal mine history here in Southern Illinois as well as information on other areas such as Cache River. Mayor Butler told her she had a good idea and a good concept, but that projects always come down to the money and the funding.

Jack Hancock, spokesperson for the Bainbridge Road and surrounding area neighborhoods, spoke to the Council about a house they were all concerned about on the corner of Bainbridge Road and South Carbon Street. The neighborhood was afraid it was going to be a group home for the mentally handicapped. Mr. Hancock asked if the owners would have to get a Zoning Variance since there would be eight unrelated persons living in a house that was zoned single family residential. Mayor Butler told him the Federal government has jurisdiction over the City Ordinances and the Federal Government considers the residents in a group home as a single family. The big concern was that the value of their homes would decrease. Mayor Butler told the group he understood their situation.

Director of the Williamson County Tourism Shannon Johnson spoke to the Council about the things Tourism does for Marion, Williamson County and all of Southern Illinois. She told of sending out 5000 hunting and fishing guides, and 40,000 visitor guides across the United States and Europe. She has attended six trade fairs already this year in Illinois, Missouri, Indiana and Kentucky selling our area to all of them. Williamson County Tourism has helped to bring to Marion several sporting events among them the Whirl Wind Soccer Tournament and Cabella Crappie USA that brought in 102 teams from nine different states. Shannon told the Council she travels to Springfield two to three times a year to lobby for tourism dollars for Southern Illinois.

Williamson County Tourism works with a \$400,000.00 annual budget with \$300,000.00 coming from the bed tax. Shannon said they are experts in “Marketing”. Mayor Butler told her he was impressed with the record she has compiled.

Glenn Clarida presented the bid results for the widening of Hillview Way and Morgan Avenue Widening.

Sierra Bravo Contractors	\$1,025,117.34
George Jones Excavating	\$ 812,574.00
E.T. Simonds Construction	\$1,013,098.75

Commissioner Goss made a motion to accept the low bid of George Jones Excavating at \$812,574.00. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Glenn also presented the bid results for the widening of Morgan Avenue Improvements, FAU Route 9718, Section 1R-1 (Diverging Diamond Project).

Sierra Bravo Contractors	\$5,647,092.48
George Jones Excavating	\$5,385,960.45
E.T. Simonds Construction	\$5,184,705.53

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the low bid of E.T. Simonds Construction at \$5,184,705.53 pending title approval from IDOT. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Glenn stated that when this area of construction on Morgan Avenue gets started, Morgan Avenue will be closed for approximately fourteen days.

On other City street construction and repair, Glenn noted that Red Row is now open to traffic with four-way stops in place. There is still striping to be done to finish up the project.

RESOLUTION 2014-22 - a Resolution requesting permission and authority from the State of Illinois to occupy, and relocate an existing 12” watermain on Morgan Avenue, east of I-57 to accommodate the proposed improvements to Morgan Avenue, Stanford Avenue, and the diverging diamond interchange that will be completed under IDOT contract #78318.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-22 as presented.

Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to approve additional hardware and security card entrance for new Police Department – A. Door hardware to support 3 additional card readers – hardware not to exceed \$5,000.00 and B. \$5,785.00 to Bruce Electric Service, Inc. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to approve the \$21,750.00 for the cost of the after-market equipment for the new Police squad cars and SUV, along with the cost of removing the old equipment from the squad cars and re-installing on the new vehicles. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve adding a full time accounting position in the Treasurer's office. Debbie Bennett, who is now working full time, will go back to half time and the new position will be a full time non-union position at \$16.00 per hour. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve advertising for a full time accounting position in the Treasurer's office. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Item 9. Approving the hiring of lead man to fill vacancy in the Street Department was tabled.

Commissioner Goss asked permission to hire two laborers in the Street Department to fill two vacancies. Commissioner Patton questioned as to whether the new hires were to be approved by Council. Further discussion on the matter was continued to the Executive Session.

Commissioner Goss presented a bid for the Light House Shelter for concrete for their storm shelter from Samron at \$31,500.00. Light House Shelter is getting a grant but the work needs to be done by June 14, 2014. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve up to \$15,000.00 to be given for the storm shelter at the Light House Shelter. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Goss presented a bid from Midwest Fence Corporation for Guard Rails for Cherry Street at Marion Junior High - \$10,800.00; Aurelia and Broeking Road - \$2,200.00; Bentley Street at Morgan Avenue - \$2,200.00 and Old Creal Springs Road at the curve - \$2,000.00. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the purchase of the guard rails as presented. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Mayor Butler gave a special note of thanks to Glenn Clarida for all his hard work in negotiating with Ameren Illinois for a reduction in the cost for the pole relocation along Morgan Avenue. Mayor Butler also noted that Brian Ziegler in sending invoices from Clarida & Ziegler had waived the payment on an invoice saving the City \$142.50. Thank you to Clarida & Ziegler Engineering.

Commissioner Goss presented a bid from Municipal Fleet Sales for a 2014 International 7400 SFA 4 x 2 Single Axle Dump Truck chassis at a cost of \$68,857.00 including license and title. Commissioner Goss also presented a bid from Woody's Municipal Supply for the dump body, the underbody hoist, hydraulics, plow pitch, lighting package and miscellaneous options for \$36,150.00. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the two bids for the truck chassis and dump body, plow and other items for a total cost of \$105,007.00. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the purchase of a Premium AC Recover, Recycle and Recharge Machine at a cost of \$3,415.00 for the Street Department. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the purchase of an Automatic Parts Washer from L & L Industrial Supply at a cost of \$8,089.00. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Goss recommended tabling the bids to remove and replace the sidewalk on West Main Street beside the Vault restaurant.

Commissioner Goss presented the bid from Asphalt Maintenance to apply sealcoat and crack fill to the streets in Rose Hill Cemetery at a cost of \$14,995.00. Funds are to come from MFT fund. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Goss asked the Council for approval to purchase the Yakob property on East Main Street for \$35,000.00. The City would then have the two buildings torn down and prepare the lots for someone else to build on. Commissioner Goss told the Council there are seven buildings around the downtown area that need immediate attention. Commissioner Rix asked why the owner of each of the buildings can't be made to fix or tear his or her building down. Commissioner Patton thought the Council had talked about a Structural Engineer inspecting the Yakob building. Commissioner Goss said Neat Cut said the Yakob building and Ivan Zwick's building are not tied together. Also, Commissioner Patton thought should have an asbestos company check the asbestos situation in the building before starting a demolition project. Commissioner Patton thought the whole project was a liability to the City. It was decided to table the item to the next meeting.

Commissioner Goss recommended tabling Item 19 to create a position of office manager split between Cemetery and Street Departments and also Item 20 to appoint J.D. Shelton as acting Cemetery Superintendent until July 31, 2014 at which time he will become Cemetery Superintendent.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve replacing the electric gate at the Street/Sewer Department entrance at a cost of \$15,000.00 with funds coming from the Sewer Department. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Since the Council had not seen the Sports Facility Management Agreement, the item was tabled to the next meeting.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve of SFM hiring the Fitness and Membership Director for the Hub Recreation Center at a starting salary of \$45,000.00 with an incentive based on sales to \$58,000.00. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.
Commissioner Patton presented a change order from Brown Electric, Inc. to add \$27,246.77 to the Electrical Contract for the Hub Recreation Center for low voltage cable trays. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Item 25 to hire cook at Senior Citizens Center to fill a vacancy was tabled for lack of information.

Human Resource Director Jane Kidwell told the Council that before Andre Baker can be appointed to the Boyton Street Community Center Board, Mr. Baker will have to pass a D.C.F.S. background check since the Boyton Center deals with children of various ages.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve the City Hall Fire Alarm System from Marion Sprinkler & Alarm at a cost of \$6,464.00, along with the bid for alarm monitoring - \$300.00 a year and an annual inspection fee of \$551.00. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The Public Relations item was tabled to another meeting.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to pay the monthly bills as funds become available with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for payment as funds become available. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

8:30 P.M.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel item and a contract item. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

9:20 P.M.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to go out of Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to establish a Hiring Policy for filling all City of Marion positions. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to continue the Regular Meeting to June 2, 2014. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Robert L. Butler

Robert L. Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice F. Rix

Alice F. Rix, City Clerk