

CITY OF MARION – REGULAR MEETING

July 14, 2014

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held at Marion City Hall Monday July 14, 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 June 23, 2014 and the Special Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2014 were both approved as presented.

Ed Davis, Co-Chairman of the Veterans on Parade that will take place Saturday September 6, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. Last year's parade featured over 135 units. The Veterans on Parade committee are looking for an even greater number of units in the parade for this year which will be the 10th anniversary of the parade. Some of the entries for this year's parade include a military band from Fort Campbell, Kentucky; a fly-over by volunteers; and possibly the Anheuser- Busch Clydesdale horses and wagon. Mayor Butler thanked Ed for his enthusiasm and willingness to take the lead in putting the parade together. Mayor Butler also stated thanks were in order for the late Joe Loomis the organizer of the parade from 10 years ago.

Brad Hoffman, Southern Illinois Representative for the Illinois Public Risk Fund, came before the Council to present an award to the City of Marion and Safety Director Brian Fisher for the improvement for reducing injuries and claims due to all the efforts by all the City departments. Safety Director Brian Fisher stated that in 2011 the City of Marion had a high number of on the job injuries and work comp claims. Since that time the Department Superintendents' and employees have made a great effort to reduce the number of on the job injuries.

Ron Ferguson asked the Mayor for reconsideration of Andre Baker, Sr. for appointment to the Boyton Street Community Center Board. Mayor Butler told him the Council would seriously consider his request.

ORDINANCE 3190 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVISED EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK TO ALL CITY EMPLOYEES.

Human Resource Director Jane Kidwell stated the Commissioners and Mayor had all seen and approved all of the changes to the Handbook. Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve Ordinance 3190 as presented. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The current Homefield Energy contract expires March 2015. Select Energy, the City of Marion's Energy Consultant, encouraged the City to extend the contract for three more months from March 15, 2015 extending the contract to June 15, 2015 as the rates coming from Ameren will not be announced till June. Select Energy will present new electric rates in June 2015. Commissioner Rix made a motion to extend the contract with Homefield Energy to June 2015. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

RESOLUTION 2014-25 DISCUSS/APPROVE MAKING THE ALLEY BEHIND SMALL WORLD DAYCARE ONE WAY GOING EAST TO WEST.

Commissioner Rix stated with the traffic generated by the new Mexican restaurant now open on E Main Street, for safety purposes, he suggests making the section of the alley that lies between East Main Street and East College Street starting at Virginia Street and ending at South Buchanan street to be one-way going east to west, with the west to east traffic prohibited on that portion of the alley. Commissioner Rix made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-25 as presented. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Fire Chief Jack Reed asked the Council for approval of the Acceptance of FY12 SHSP (State Homeland Security Program) Capital Replacement Grant from Illinois Terrorism Task Force for approval to accept Grant monies and to make disbursements from the continued grant. This is a continuation of the original grant – 100% grant with no matching funds required. Commissioner Rix made a motion to approve the acceptance of FY12 SHSP (State Homeland Security Program) Capital Replacement Grant from the Illinois Terrorism Task Force. Commissioner Rinella seconded the grant.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Fire Chief Jack Reed announced to the Mayor and Council he has submitted his letter of intent to retire from the City of Marion as Fire Chief effective August 27, 2014. Mayor Butler told Chief Reed he appreciated his long service to the City of Marion and will be missed.

Treasurer Steve Hale asked the Council to approve the hiring of Alex McCree as an accounting technician in the Treasurer's office. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the hiring of Alex McCree for the treasurer's office. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Brian Ziegler of Clarida and Ziegler presented the bids for the repair of Champions Drive. Marion Concrete Construction, Inc. bid \$18,955.00 and George Jones Excavating, LLC bid \$24,765.00. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the low bid of Marion Concrete Construction, Inc. at \$18,955.00. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Brian Zeigler presented the bids results for the Holland Street ten inch Watermain replacement with the Engineer's Estimate at \$105,330.50 The bids are as follows: Dean Bush Const. - \$98,913.10; Followell Construction, Inc. - \$95,777.00; Wiggs Excavating- \$92,503.50; Haier Plumbing & Heating - \$98,485.07; and KPS - \$81,428.50. The KPS bid was \$11,000.00 lower than the next lowest bid and \$23,902.00 lower than the Engineer's estimate. Some of the commissioners stated the KPS bid was a lot lower than the other bids. Brian stated he had gone over the KPS bid and everything was there that needed to be and that KPS has done several jobs for the City of Marion, always satisfactorily. The Design Engineering was \$10,500.00. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the low bid of KPS at \$81,428.50. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Brian Ziegler also presented the bids results for the Third Street Sewer Replacement with the Engineer's Estimate at \$258,016.80 with an alternate bid for boring the street instead of cutting the street being \$6,650.00 less or \$251,366.80. Followell Construction bid \$279,777.00 with an additional \$16,140.00 for boring the street instead of cutting the street. KPS bid \$213,437.90 with an additional \$4,140.00 for boring the street instead of cutting the street. Wiggs Excavating bid \$321,096.50 with an additional \$47,515.00 for boring the street instead of cutting the street. The design engineering was estimated at \$22,000.00. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the low bid of KPS \$213,437.90 plus \$4,140.00. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Patton reported the Sewer Department has three Aerzen blowers that are due for overhaul (regular maintenance). Two of the blowers required some work above the standard overhaul. The total price for the repair of the blowers will be \$13,515.38. Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve the repair of the three blowers at a cost of \$13,515.38. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Patton reported the Ray Smith Lift Station is in need of rehabbing. The existing pumps are obsolete. The Sewer Department budgeted for maintenance for the collection system for this year. Two bids were received for the pumps for the Ray Smith Lift Station; one from Straeffler Pump & Supply, Inc at a total cost of \$12,116.00; and one from RJ Equipment for a total cost of \$11,762.00. Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve the bid from RJ Equipment for \$11,762.00. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Patton stated third on the Sewer Department's list of improvements is the approval of diffuser assemblies for the Schreiber Plant. Existing diffusers are past their useful life. This also is a budgeted maintenance item. Sewer Superintendent Brent Cain recommended approval of purchasing the complete diffuser assemblies for \$24,049.30 from SSI Aeration Inc. This is less than half the quoted price for a new set from Schreiber. Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve the purchase of the diffuser assemblies from SSI Aeration Inc. at a cost of \$24,049.30. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Patton also stated the Sewer Department is in need of a new Sewer Cleaning truck (Vacuum truck). Sewer Department received three bids that met their specifications that were detailed. Coe Equipment bid \$340,898.00; Key Equipment bid \$350,278.00 and Jack Doheny Companies bid \$352,057.00. As an alternate, each bidder was asked to give a "trade in" value on the Sewer Department's existing Vactor truck. The trade in values ranged from \$31,000.00 to \$40,427.00. Brent thought the equipment has much more value to the City than what the trade in would bring. Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve the bid from Coe Equipment at the price of \$340,898.00 and the City keep the current Vactor truck. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The Sewer Department is seeking approval from the Council to create and advertise for a new operator/mechanic position in the Sewer Department. This is an operator position with specialties in industrial maintenance. Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve the operator/mechanic position and to advertise for the same. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Code Enforcement Director Jim Phemister asked the council to approve the renovation of City Hall Phase I, which consists of remodeling part of the downstairs where the Police Department was previously located. The first stage of the remodeling would consist of taking down the old handicap ramp, removing some walls, making three offices and a conference room with a table large enough to spread out large maps. Mayor Butler asked what the estimated cost would be. Jim stated estimated cost to be \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Commissioner Patton asked who would be doing the work. Jim told him he planned to get bids. Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve the renovation of City Hall Phase I. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion for Director of Code Enforcement to proceed with getting bids for the remodeling project of the old Police Department Phase I. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Terance Henry reported that he and Martin Holleley have been researching different software systems for the Hub. Maximum Solutions, Inc. offers the best product for the Hub's needs at a cost of \$20,055.00. Terance and Martin have made sure the program is compatible with the financial needs of the Treasurer's office. It is client based. The City will own it. There are annual upgrades. Commissioner Patton recommended to purchase another new server rather than to add a still bigger load to the already existing server in the Treasurer's office. Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve the purchase of the Maximum Solutions Inc. software for the Hub at a final software and services total of \$20,055.00 and to also purchase a server for the Hub at a cost of \$4,946.99. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Patton made a motion for the Council to approve the hiring of Alicia Hill as Sports and Recreation Coordinator for the Hub. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Gail West asked to table the Change Order for the Hub.

IT Director Terance Henry made a presentation to the Council on the benefits of having Public Downtown W-Fi. The first leg of the Wi-Fi would cover all of downtown. This network could also be used for our city workers such as fire, police, water and more. This would be a one-time fee of \$9,974.00 with the City owning it. Terance said there is no pressing need.

Commissioner Goss stated it had been some time since anything had been done with the Downtown Restoration Loan Projects. He stated he still had three interested business owners waiting to see if their restoration loans will be approved; Band Room –Jeff Schuppel- \$10,000.00, Pit Road Racing –Ivan Zwick -\$10,000.00, Crain Printing – Jerry Ross- \$10,000.00. Also, John Brown of John Brown’s on the Square was only funded for \$5,400.00 and should receive another \$4,600.00 to reach the \$10,000.00 amount. Commissioner Goss thought that if the City is not going to go ahead with the project, the Restoration Loan committee should be disbanded and forget about any of the restoration projects. Mayor Butler stated he thinks the project is worthwhile and the benefits go way beyond the money that is spent in the improvements. After a heated debate, Commissioner Rinella made a motion to set aside \$50,000.00 from the General Fund to fund the Restoration Project. \$4,600.00 would go to John Brown to bring his loan up to \$10,000.00 and the other three business mentioned – Band Room, Pit Road Racing and Crain Printing would each get up to \$10,000.00 leaving approximately \$15,400.00 in the fund to fund any future restoration projects through this budget year ending April 30, 2015. Next budget year the funding would have to be approved again. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED NO, MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the contract with Thouvenot, Wade, & Moerchen, Inc Consulting Services to continue their hourly contract with the City of Marion signed October 15, 2012 for Consulting Services during the Construction Phase of the Diverging Diamond Project at I-57 and the Hill Avenue (formerly Morgan Avenue). Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

As was stated at a previous Council Meeting Judy Moore has retired from the Library Board and as President of the Marion Carnegie Library Board. Commissioner Patton made a motion to accept the Retirement of Judy Moore. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Mayor Butler stated that the lights on the east side of the Clock Tower have not burned for two or three weeks. Director of Code Enforcement Jim Phemister will check out the problem with the lights.

The approval of submission of the CDBG Entitlement Grant was tabled.

Mayor Butler read a letter from Marion Senior Citizens Director Letina Poole requesting approval to hire Daleyce Rupert as a Kitchen Substitute on an as needed basis. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve hiring Daleyce Rupert as a Kitchen Substitute on an as needed basis. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

8:15 P.M.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

9:15 P.M.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to close the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to fund City Wi-Fi for downtown up to \$10,000.00 with the funds to come from the Hub TIF. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

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 Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the appointment of George Trammell as President of the Marion Carnegie Library Board. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Goss made a motion for City of Marion Retirees insurance to stay at 38%. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED NO, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED NO, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YES, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED YES AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YES. Motion carried.

9:25 P.M.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to adjourn the Regular meeting. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Robert L. Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice F. Rix, City Clerk