

MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - CITY OF MARION DECEMBER 12, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Marion City Council was called to order December 12, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Butler. The City Clerk was advised to call the roll. Those physically present were:

Commissioners Rix, Rinella, Goss, and Patton and Mayor Butler.

Minutes of the November 28, 2011 Regular Meeting were approved.

Ed Davis, Chairman of the seventh annual Christmas Parade and show at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center, stated the parade and show were a great success again this year with many thanks going to the City, which among others Chief Reed, Fire Department and Chief Eibeck, Police Department received special thanks. Also receiving thanks were Black Diamond Harley Davidson, Farmers State Bank, Heartland Regional Hospital, Marion Main Street, individuals, and several civic organizations.

Ed Davis, along with Terance Henry and Josh Benson presented Steve Cook, of Farmers State Bank with an Appreciation Plaque from Marion Main Street for the donation of the new Santa House from Farmers State Bank. Sixty three donated bikes were given to 63 young boys and girls. Part of the show consisted of the "The Cat in the Hat", "The Grinch" and a group of former students of Mrs. Yolonde Peterson.

Ed also stated that Bill Dwyer, retiring Santa from several years was presented a plaque from Marion Main Street for all his years of time he put in bringing Santa to downtown Marion.

Terance Henry thanked Josh Benson for all his time and efforts in putting the finishing touches on the Santa House.

Josh Benson, Executive Director of the Marion Cultural and Civic Center presented the Orchestra Pit Filler Proposal, to be paid for from funds raised specifically to install the orchestra pit filler. Zeller Construction gave a bid of \$104,162.00 which includes a deduction of \$16,800.00 profit and overhead from Zeller Construction.

Commissioner Rinella made motion to accept the bid of Zeller Construction to install the Pit Filler at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Treasurer Steve Hale presented the Property Tax Levy, Ordinance 3021 in the amount of \$1,107,300.00. Steve stated that this Property Tax Levy is approximately an increase in taxes of 1 and ½ cents, which is less than a 5% increase, so therefore a Public Hearing was not required.

Commissioner Rix made motion to approve Ordinance 3021, Property Tax Levy, as presented with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

John Tucker, resident of Marion, and former owner of a firearms business in the Westenaire Subdivision, announced to the council that he is no longer transacting business at his house in Westenaire. He has sold all of his inventory and store fixtures to Strictly Outdoors in Harrisburg, Illinois. Mr. Tucker said he knew he had been the subject of complaints aimed

toward his business. He just wanted the Council to know he was no longer in business. He stated he had received a letter from the City's Attorney. Mayor Butler told him to disregard that letter since Mr. Tucker was no longer in the gun business.

Ron Gunther, owner of the Barbershop located in the 100 block of East Main Street, and his employee, Todd Carter, appeared before the Council to voice their concerns about the removal of the parking spaces on the north side of East Main Street in the 100 Block. Mayor Butler suggested they get together with Ivan Zwick, owner of the building where the barbershop is located, to see if it would be possible to build a back entrance to the building that would give closer access to the parking in the city parking lot directly behind the building. If made possible, this would give an easier access for the barbershop's handicapped patrons.

7:10 PM

Commissioner Rix made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate Contract and a Litigation Matter with Commissioner Patton seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

7:45 PM

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

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to accept the Letter of Understanding signed by Dave Pool of Hurst Rosche to work in conjunction with the proposed Fire Station plans and possible grants. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YES, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YES, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YES, COMMISSIONER PATTON ABSTAINED AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YES.

Ordinance 3024 - An Ordinance to make the intersection of North Monroe Street and West White Street a Four Way Stop intersection. Commissioner Rix made motion to approve Ordinance 3024 as presented with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rix stated he had received information from Southeastern Illinois Electric Cooperative concerning the costs of having a street light installed on the south side of Reichert Drive at the entrance to Lomyean Subdivision. The monthly cost would be \$6.63. Commissioner Rix made a motion to have the light installed with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Ordinance 3022 – An Ordinance annexing 15093 Calico Road owned by Steve and Moya Cook into the City of Marion.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to accept Ordinance 3022 as presented with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Ordinance 3023 – An Ordinance accepting the Dedication of Sweitzer Road into the City of Marion. Commissioner Goss made a motion to accept Ordinance 3023 as presented with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rix stated requests had been made to have street lights installed at the entrance to Wild Rose Lane, at the end of Wild Rose Lane in the Cul de sac and also a light half way down Wild Rose Lane. The cost to install the lights would be \$620.00, with a decorative light costing \$11.00 a month. Commissioner Rix moved to install the three lights at Wild Rose Lane with Commissioner Patton seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rix stated he had also received requests for a street light to be installed at the intersection of Aurelia Drive and Broeking Road, but after a discussion with Jay Clarida of Ameren, he was told it would cost \$3,500.00 to install a transformer and set a pole with the monthly cost of the light being \$6.80. Mr. Clarida suggested to wait until planned work on the ditch in that area is completed, possibly reducing the cost of installing the street light. Commissioner Rix suggested placing the Aurelia Drive/Broeking Road light on hold.

While on the subject of street lights, Commissioner Rix informed the Council that Barnett Electric will be meeting with the Water Department to have the Water Department do the boring for the lights on Williamson County Parkway. The project should be starting soon.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to authorize to order a 2012 International Truck at the cost of \$64,736.00 from Prairie Archway of Springfield, Illinois and the bed and snow plow equipment to outfit the truck from Woody's of Edwardsville, Illinois at a cost of \$32,999.00 with delivery after May 1, 2012. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve payment to Robert Sewell Professional Land Surveyor in the amount of \$30,600.00 for the survey, plat and recording of the 10th Addition to Rose Hill Cemetery. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Approval to pay Community Economic Development Corporation. After a discussion on the amount and the date on the bill (2008) from Community Economic Development Corporation, Commissioner Goss made a motion to pay \$114,844.71 of the total bill, and to hold off on paying the TIF VII/Golf TIF portion of \$105,454.82. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

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

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills as funds become available with Commissioner Rix seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rix moved to change the date of the next Regular meeting to December 28, 2011 due to December 26, 2011 being a city observed holiday. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Goss moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.



ROBERT L. BUTLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ALICE F. RIX, CITY CLERK