

CITY OF MARION – REGULAR MEETING

March 10, 2014

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held at Marion City Hall Monday March 10, 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 February 24, 2014 and the Special Meeting minutes of February 27, 2014 were both approved as presented.

Mayor Butler introduced Martin Holleley, General Manager of the Hub Community Recreation Center. Martin said he was happy to be here in Marion. He grew up in a small town, has played sports, and coached sports being involved in sport in some way for most of his life.

Mayor Butler read a letter from Kathleen Burchett, Refuge Manager, stating her thanks and appreciation for all the help the City of Marion had provided to the Refuge in helping to clean up debris that has been hampering drainage in the Refuge for several years.

Mayor Butler conveyed his appreciation to the Street Department for their hard work in working diligently to remove the snow from all our streets. Commissioner Rix stated Safety Director Brian Fisher and City Administrator Gail West did a great job in providing meals at the Training Center for the snow removal crew.

Human Resource Director Jane Kidwell presented to the Council plans for a recognition program for our City Employees with twenty (20) years of service to the City of Marion. Jane stated Brian Fisher was willing to help with this program. Jane will proceed with the plans and have more information forth coming.

ORDINANCE 3167 – AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE INTERSECTION OF S. FUTURE STREET AND E. EVERETT STREET AS A 4-WAY STOP INTERSECTION.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to approve Ordinance 3167 as presented. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the application for a twenty (20) year EPA loan in the amount of \$425,000.00 to replace water line on Central St., Highland St., Johnson St., and W. Main St. These customers have lower pressure and the lines are subject to frequent main breaks. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the Street Department advertising for bids to improve the Russell Street/Boulevard intersection. This would include widening of the intersection to include turn lanes and signal lights. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Exmark lawn mower for the Cemetery Department from McAfoos of Benton to be purchased now but be paid for from the 2015 Fiscal year budget. Commissioner Goss said it was his understanding that the Cemetery Department would purchase from McAfoos because of McAfoos long standing service record to the City, and that the Street Department would purchase locally. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion for the Cemetery Department to purchase the Exmark lawn mower from McAfoos of Benton.

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

ORDINANCE 3168 – AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL SALARY OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS EFFECTIVE THE DATE THE NEWLY CONSTITUTED CITY COUNCIL TAKES OFFICE IN 2015. ANNUAL SALARY FOR MAYOR SHALL BE \$50,000.00 AND THAT OF EACH COMMISSIONER SHALL BE \$20,000.00. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Ordinance 3168 as presented. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

Mayor Butler stated Ameren Illinois has announced an assistance plan to aid Ameren customers with past due balances. From now until March 31, to establish a payment plan, customers with past due balances should call Ameren Illinois Customer Service at 1-800-755-5000 and pay 10% of their outstanding balance and the remaining amount will be set up in monthly installments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve proceeding with the water main replacement along Holland Street from Jefferson to the C. O. and E. Railroad (Directional Bore) at an estimated cost of \$143,337.25 to be paid through Capital Improvements. \$10,500.00 of the total amount will be for design engineering. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

Items B and C were tabled.

Commissioner Rinella stated that the Water Department is within one day of finishing the upgrade of the water lines from I-57 to the high school. Commissioner Rinella stated the residents in that area have been very patient what with all the breaks, some of them being due to the weather.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to pay the monthly bills as funds become available. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve and pay the Consent Agenda as funds become available. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

7:20 P.M.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and a Real Estate matter. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

8:40 P.M.

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

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

8:40 P.M.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, IT WAS A UNANIMOUS DECISION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Mayor Butler announced a Special Called Meeting for Saturday March 15, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. to discuss/approve the various aspects of the Hub Community Recreation Center and to approve the fitness equipment.

Meeting adjourned.



Robert L. Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alice F. Rix, City Clerk