

**CITY OF MARION – REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 22, 2013**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Marion held in the Council Chambers of the Marion City Hall April 22, 2013. 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: COMISSIONERS RIX, RINELLA, GOSS, PATTON AND MAYOR BUTLER.  
ABSENT:

The minutes of the April 8, 2013 were approved as presented.

Harry Boyd, Local Historian came before the Council asking the Council to correct a wrong out at Rose Hill Cemetery. Captain John Cunningham, the second Sheriff of Williamson County, monument has been broken. Captain Cunningham’s daughter was married to General John A. Logan. Captain Cunningham lived in the area of North Buchanan across from the Logan School/Washington School area. Mr. Boyd showed pictures of the broken monument and asked if the Council could replace the broken monument. Mayor Butler said the Council would look into seeing what could be done to replace the broken monument.

ORDINANCE 3097 AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2013 TO APRIL 30, 2014 AT \$54,254,540.00 AS WAS PRESENTED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD JUST PRIOR TO THIS REGULAR MEETING. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Ordinance 3097 as it was presented. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

RESOLUTION 2013-20 A RESOLUTION TO DEFINE AND ESTABLISH A FUND BALANCE POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STANDARDS BOARD STATEMENT #54 – which specifies how the City has to spend the money down. Treasurer Hale told the Council the reason for this is the Committed Fund Balance. Everything else has to be spent before the Committed Fund Balance can be spent. This is for the financial statements for the Audit.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-20 as presented. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to hire two new police officers to fill two Patrolman vacancies in the Police Department. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to approve seeking bids on six new squad cars for the Police Department. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to table the item “Approval to promote a Sergeant to Lieutenant in the Police Department” to the next Regular meeting so that the approval statement can be more accurately stated. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

ORDINANCE 3098 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING MAKING THE INTERSECTION OF COPELAND AND AIKMAN STREETS A FOUR-WAY STOP.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to approve Ordinance 3098 as presented. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

ORDINANCE 3099 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING MAKING THE INTERSECTION OF FIRST STREET AND WALNUT STREET A FOUR WAY STOP.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to approve Ordinance 3099 as presented with Commissioner Patton seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Patton presented the bid for the Sewer Push Camera, a VeriSight Pro 200 at a cost of \$10,600.00. Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve purchase of the VeriSight Pro 200 at a cost of \$10,600.00. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

RESOLUTION 2013-19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR BUTLER TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO FILE WITH STATE OF ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD concerning a decision by the Board of Review of Williamson County, IL pertaining to the property appealed by Mid Country Bank to get their Real Estate Taxes decreased. The City has the right to intervene as this could have an impact on the City’s fiscal balance. Commissioner Rix made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-19 as presented. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Professional Service Agreement between the City of Marion and Hanson Professional Services, Inc. for the Russell Street Project. Also a proposal for the appraisals of the Ross-Abbott property and the McRoy property all on Morgan Avenue. Hanson will prepare the agreement for the appraisals. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the agreements with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.

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

ORDINANCE 3082 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CODIFICATION OF THE ORDINANCES RECENTLY COMPLETED BY STERLING CODIFIERS. The Ordinance was tabled for further clarification of the Ordinance.

Commissioner Goss reported that the awning on the front of City Hall has been taken down. The new awning will be installed in two weeks.

Commissioner Goss also reported that Samron Midwest Contracting will be looking at replacing the College Street parking lot, the Potter House parking lot, Bennie's parking lot, the sidewalk on North Market Street in front of M, sidewalk in front of the Christian Church on North Market and the sidewalk in front of Latta Java on North Market. All of the sidewalk work is to be paid from TIF IV, approximately \$60,000.00. Commissioner Goss made a motion to proceed with the project with Commissioner Rinella seconding the project.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

RESOLUTION 2013-14 AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2013. Treasurer Steve Hale told the Council this Resolution is to show an increase in the 2013 budget to save having deficits at the end of the year. The General Fund will increase by \$734,330.00.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-14 as presented with Commissioner Patton seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the purchase of a 500,000 gallon elevated tank mixing system from TriKote of Pacific, Missouri at a cost of \$34,000.00 for the Skyline water tower. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

#### Tornado Sirens Update

Commissioner Rinella stated the City of Marion current Tornado Storm Siren System is analog and is fifteen years old. A committee comprised of Safety Director Brian Fisher, Fire Chief Jack Reed and Police Chief John Eibeck has been checking with Walkers and Novacom, Inc. for information on updating the Storm Siren System. The committee found after checking with Blue Valley Federal Signal Dealer that an update (which would only be a temporary fix) would cost \$37,000.00. An upgrade for an up to date new system would be \$147,146.24 with an annual maintenance agreement of \$7,022.40. The committee recommended bringing the tornado sirens up to where they need to be to protect the Citizens of Marion. One siren will need to be moved from in front of the airport area to behind Ike's Honda. All the other locations will remain the same. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the upgrade of \$147,146.24 for the new system with the annual maintenance agreement of \$7,022.40. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

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

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Patton reported to the Council the legal for the bids for the new Recreation Center has been posted. Plans can be picked up tomorrow, April 23, 2013. A pre-bid meeting will be May 2, 2013 at the Marion Training Center. Bid opening is set for May 23, 2013.

Mayor Butler read a letter from Rebecca Blue, Office Manager at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center stating that she will be resigning from her position effective July 26, 2013.

Mayor Butler stated that the City of Marion is a member of the Southern Illinois Municipal Planning Organization (SIMPO) and as such is mandated by the federal government to help fund the program. The City of Marion is required to pay \$2,128.87 based on a per capita population of 16,626 (All of the City of Marion is not included in the SIMPO). The federal government states that if a municipality receives federal funds, the municipality has to participate in SIMPO. Commissioner Rinella made a motion that the City of Marion pays the required fee of \$2,128.87 to SIMPO with Commissioner Patton seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve payment to Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc. for two contracts totaling \$2,788.83 for Terminal Drive and \$905.89 for Sinclair Road. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Mayor Butler read a letter from the Marion Unit 2 Graduation Spree and Marion Chamber of Commerce asking for donation to help fund the Grad Spree for this year's graduating class. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to give \$1,000.00 to the Grad Spree with Commissioner Rix seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Mayor Butler read a letter from the Illinois Commerce Commission referring to the BNSF railroad at Skyline Drive. (MP178.57)

1. Doesn't cost City anything. City is not required to pay any portion.
2. Cost will be \$119,247.00 but City of Marion shall provide notice to the ICC fifteen calendar days after City receives Railroad's plan.

8:00 PM

Commissioner Patton made a motion to go into Executive session to discuss a personnel and a real estate matter. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

9:00 PM

Commissioner Rix made a motion to adjourn the Executive session and reconvene the Regular meeting. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to adjourn the Regular meeting with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Meeting adjourned.

9:00 P.M.

*Robert L. Butler*

Robert L. Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Alice Rix*

Alice F. Rix, City Clerk