

CITY OF MARION – REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 23, 2012

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 23, 2012. 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: NONE

The minutes of the April 9, 2012 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

Mayor Butler read a letter from Sunny Bedi, General Manager of the EconoLodge, 1806 Bittle Place, Marion, thanking the City of Marion and Mayor Butler for the cooperation and professionalism of both the Marion Fire Department and the Police Department. Mr. Bedi donated \$500.00 each to the Marion Fire Department and the Police Department as a token of his appreciation for their services.

Fire Chief Jack Reed and Chief of Police John Eibeck both thanked Mr. Bedi and the EconoLodge for their donation. Chief Reed brought with him a fire helmet, a pair of fireman's duty gloves and one of the firemen's radios to show what the \$500.00 would buy for the Fire Department. It would buy two helmets, or ten pairs of the gloves or one of the radios.

Joann and Rick Shryock came before the Council with a health concern in the area of Maplewood and Aikman. A neighbor is running an illegal trash business at 800 S. Bentley. They have seen an increase in raccoons, opossums, stray cats, and other vermin because of the trash piled up all over the yard. With the warm weather, the smells coming from the standing trash are very rank. City Attorney Steve Green stated the Code Enforcement Department has already issued citations on this. The City has filed a lawsuit against the trash guy and will file a lawsuit against the property owner from whom the trash guy rents this residence. These offences have been reported to the I.E.P.A. and also to the Bi-County Health Department. The City is aware of this problem and action is being taken. Attorney Green stated we are trying to get a court order to put a stop to his trash business in a residential area.

ORDINANCE 3047 – BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR MAY 01, 2012 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2012

City Treasurer Steve Hale reported the Public Hearing for the Budget Ordinance for the City of Marion, as required by State Statutes, was held at 6:00 P.M. prior to the convening of this evening's City Council meeting. The Council can now pass the Budget Ordinance for May 01, 2012 through April 30, 2013. Mayor Butler asked if anyone on the Council had any questions concerning the Budget Ordinance after having had a chance to study the items on the ordinance. There being no questions, Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Ordinance 3047 – Budget Ordinance for May 01, 2012 through April 30, 2013 as presented. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

ORDINANCE 3049 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012. Treasurer Steve Hale reported to the Council a small Supplemental Appropriation was needed to because of unanticipated expenses in the amount of \$11,500.00.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to approve Ordinance 3049 as presented. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rinella reported the City has three projects where watermain must be relocated to avoid conflict with Illinois Department of Transportation highway modifications, most notably the Route 13/Interstate 57 Single Point project. It is the recommendation of Clarida & Ziegler Engineering to hire J.M. Jones on a time and material basis for the installation, pay for the major materials directly, and hire Jones Plumbing to perform the interconnects. Estimated costs are as follows:

Bittle Place

J.M. Jones - \$ 9,500.00

Material - \$15,000.00

Interconnects - \$10,000.00

Cornell Avenue

J.M. Jones - \$ 6,000.00

Material - \$ 8,000.00

Interconnects - \$10,000.00

Ramp A

J.M. Jones - \$19,000.00

Material - \$13,500.00

Interconnects - \$0

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to hire J.M. Jones to do the above stated work on a time and material basis for the installation, pay for the major materials directly, and hire Jones Plumbing to perform the interconnects. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

9-1-1 Coordinator William Barrett appeared before the Council to make a request to rename the frontage road currently known as O’Neal Drive to West DeYoung Frontage Road. This street runs from Halfway Road to 17th Street. All of the businesses on this street are currently addressed as West DeYoung. Renaming the street to West DeYoung Frontage Road would allow all the businesses to keep their current addresses and allow expedited emergency response if the need arises in the future.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to rename O’Neal Drive that runs from Halfway Road to 17th Street to West DeYoung Frontage Road. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Mayor Butler read a letter from Scott Belanger, Owner of Extreme Kids located at 1109 Railroad Street. Mr. Belanger was requesting that Railroad Street be renamed to Extreme Street. 9-1-1 Coordinator William Barrett was opposed to changing the street name to Extreme Street; because

he didn't think it was a good idea to name a street after a business or an individual even though it has been done in the past. The item was tabled.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the purchase of equipment for the Street Department in the estimated amount of \$9,000.00. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Mayor Butler showed a picture of the monument that has been placed in the Aikman cemetery located in an area a block or so behind the Fire Department. The monument was donated by Scott Patterson of American Monuments.

Chief of Police John Eibeck told the Council that the animal adoption fees have been the same for the last four or five years while all the expenses involved in taking care of the animals have increased including the veterinary bills. The following rates have been worked out with the Veterinarian that the City uses as presented in Resolution 2012-07.

Adopting parties will be able to choose from two levels of care for the adoptive animal: Basic and Standard. The primary difference between the two levels is that the "Standard" level will offer additional medications and a slightly higher level of treatment than the "Basic" level. It will be completely up to the adopting party as to which level of care they choose and, thus, the associated adoption cost.

	<u>BASIC</u>	<u>STANDARD</u>
CATS		
Less than 6 months:	\$120.00	\$160.00
Over 6 months	\$130.00	\$170.00
DOGS		
Less than 6 months	\$150.00	\$200.00
Over 6 months	\$160.00	\$190.00????

Chief Eibeck said he was happy to say that Bobbi and Shanna have been doing a tremendous job at the Animal Shelter with the adoption rate running at approximately 98%. The Shelter is not a no-kill shelter, but they have a very low kill rate with very few animals having to be put down.

Any animal that is adopted out of the City of Marion Animal Shelter has to be spayed or neutered as City of Marion policy.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-07 as presented. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Chief Eibeck told the Council that Animal Control is sponsoring a low cost chipping day for persons to bring in their animals and have the animal micro-chipped for \$30.00 which is less than what one would pay at the veterinary's office. The exact date of the micro-chip day will be announced.

ORDINANCE 3048 – Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the City of Marion and Marion Community Unit School District No. 2 concerning the Hub TIF which allots 5% of the tax increment generated from any real estate parcel included in a Redevelopment Agreement for a Redevelopment Project within the TIF District. The School District will have to approve this Intergovernmental Agreement also.

Commissioner Rix moved to approve Ordinance 3048 as presented. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

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

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda of April 23, 2012 as funds become available. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

7:15 P.M.

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

8:15 P.M.

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

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rix made motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

8:20 P.M.



Robert L. Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alice F. Rix, City Clerk