

Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of the City of Marion held July 25, 2011 at the City Hall in the Council Chambers. Mayor Butler presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The City Clerk was instructed to call the roll. Those present were as follows:

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

Minutes of June 11, 2011 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

Marcus Commander, interested in having a Taxi Cab business in Marion, addressed the Council on the matter of all the Taxi Cab licenses being purchased by the two current Taxi Cab businesses leaving no available licenses for any other interested Taxi Cab owner. He thought the price of the Taxi licenses should be raised from \$25.00. He wanted to start out with 2 licenses. Mayor Butler told Mr. Commander the City Council will review the Taxi Cab Ordinance.

Commissioner Rix made a motion for the Council to approve purchase of two in car video cameras in the amount of \$10,186.67 for the Police Department with funds from the Justice Assistance Grant when the grant is approved. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL. VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rix presented two bid proposals for maintenance, repair and upgrade of the Vertical Prop of the Fire Department with the expenditures being reimbursed by grant funds. Odum Machine Shop presented a bid for \$10,993.90 with Ross Construction submitting a bid in the amount of \$14,265.00. Commissioner Rix moved to accept the bid from Odum Machine Shop in the amount of \$10,993.90. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL. VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rinella reported that Tuesday John Lamb of EPA will be at water plant to check the water. Possibly Wednesday or Thursday the water plant will start producing water at the rate of 500,000 to 600,000 gallons a day that can be incorporated into the water the City is already receiving from Rend Lake. This will relieve Rend Lake considerably. The City has spent a considerable amount of money to get the plant up and running again. Commissioner Rinella thought the water plant would probably be producing water through the end of September to help off set some of the additional costs. Also, by taking water from the City of Marion reservoir, the quality of water coming into the plant has improved.

MONTHLY BILLS

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

ON ROLL CALL. VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated July 25, 2011 as funds become available, with Commissioner Rix seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL. VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Goss moved to accept the bid from Kessel Landscape Service in the amount of \$11,050.00 to remove all the weeds, trim the trees, haul off debris, install weed prevention mat and decorative rock in the thirteen islands in the middle of the streets at Summerfield Subdivision. Superintendent Bradley recommended this be done as the City has been spending approximately \$3,000 each year just to replace the wood mulch in all the islands in addition to all

the labor involved in trying to keep the overgrown weeds at bay. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Patton reported the sewer replacement project in front of Washington School is progressing. Commissioner Patton also stated that along with Jim Phemister and Brian Van Horn, he had been looking into a comprehensive Building Plan that would include Motel/Hotel inspections and rental inspections. They are in the very beginning stages. Commissioner Patton will have something to present to the Council in a few weeks to address the Motel/Hotel inspections, with the Building Codes addressed later.

Commissioner Rix asked the Council to review Agenda item - approval of Ordinance # 2341 Employee Handbook, as it has been on the agenda for several weeks and needs to be resolved; possibly at the next meeting. City Administrator Gail West stated that Attorney John Huffman has reviewed each of the changes, that the Council has had the Ordinance #2341 to study for three months, and that the Ordinance needs to be approved so that the Employee Handbook can be passed out to the City Employees.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2369** An Ordinance annexing property from Triple "F" Farms – 1.34 acres more or less into the City of Marion. Commissioner Patton moved to accept Ordinance No. 2369 as presented with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2370** An Ordinance accepting the dedication of a subdivision platted as Two Acres Subdivision to the City of Marion, with Triple "F" Farms the developer. Commissioner Rinella moved to accept Ordinance No. 2370 as presented with Commissioner Patton seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Mayor Butler read a letter from the Marion Cultural and Civic Center asking for the appointment of Beth Hamer to the MCCC Board to fill the open position of Concessions Chairman created when MCCC Board Member, Sandra Blankenship moved to the Liaison position of the MCCC Board that had become vacant due to the resignation of Mrs. Claire Giles from the MCCC Board. Commissioner Goss moved to accept the appointment of Beth Hamer to the MCCC Board. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Mayor Butler read a second letter from the Marion Cultural and Civic Center Board asking for the reappointment of Yolonde Peterson to the Marion Cultural and Civic Center Board for the regular term of one year as chairman. Commissioner Rinella moved to accept the appointment of Yolonde Peterson to the MCCC Board for the regular term of one year as chairman with Commissioner Patton seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Mayor Butler read a letter from nine year old Caleb Gentry of Marion, asking that the City consider the possibility of having a Zoo in the City of Marion. Mayor Butler stated that the young man had given considerable thought to the idea and that it was an outstanding letter for someone of his age.

Mayor Butler stated that Laurel Kobler, a resident of Morningside Subdivision, reported five foxes running in that area. Animal Control has been contacted but stated that Department of

Natural Resources prohibits the trapping or shooting of the wild foxes. Commissioner Rinella stated the foxes have also been seen in Ray Fosse Park.

7:20 P.M.

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

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

7:50 P.M.

Commissioner Rix moved to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Session with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Goss moved to approve the Boyton Street Building Expansion Project with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

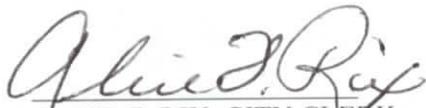
Gail West, City Administrator, reported that the Human Resource hiring committee would get together and have a recommendation ready to present to the Council at the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Rix moved to adjourn the Regular meeting with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.



ROBERT L. BUTLER, MAYOR



ALICE F. RIX, CITY CLERK