

MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY OF MARION COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Marion City Council was called to order September 26, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Butler. The City Clerk was advised to call the roll. Those present were:

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

Minutes of the September 19, 2011 Regular Meeting were approved.

Commissioner Rinella announced he had a tire pump just in case Commissioner Rix has a tire going flat since Commissioner Rix always announces at each meeting that is running a little over time to hurry up with the meeting, as he has a tire going flat.

Donald Fruye and Glenn Teagler representing American Legion Post 147 presented a Resolution to the local Firefighters, Police and Emergency Medical Technicians on the 10th anniversary of 9/11. "Let it be known that we thank you for your continued service to our community and your ever ready willingness to serve the members of this community with your superb training and ability." Marion Post 147 is the second largest post in the 25th District with 370 members. They are the third oldest legion post in the district. American Legion Post 147 will be hosting the Veterans Celebration this year which has been held at the VFW in past years. It will be held on Friday November 11th. Also Marion Post 147 will be hosting the 25th District Convention on October 7, 2011. Mayor Butler will receive an invitation to attend to receive a certificate of appreciation from the District at that meeting.

Terance Henry told the Council the Hub Fest held Saturday September 24, 2011 was a tremendous success, even with the rain and threat of rain through out the day. Terance said it was truly a team effort with Gail West, Josh Benson, Stephanie Odle, Meredith Ashe, Holly Harmon from Pit Road Racing, Roger and Brenda Beasley of Beasley Auto Body, and Kathy Odum. There was a lot of support from the schools with Beth Wilson who had her art students enter a poster contest to determine the design for the poster for next year's Hub Fest. Terance said he was happy to report that this was the 3rd year for the Hub Fest and there were zero incidents. Terance didn't think the Hunting and Fishing Days at John A. Logan impacted the Hub Fest. The Hub Fest committee is looking for a bigger and better Hub Fest next year.

Treasurer Steve Hale presented to the Council a Cash Management program to be used by the City Clerk's office. For years the City Clerk's office has used a large manual ledger to record all the receipts that come into the City Clerk's office. The cost of that ledger book is approximately \$850.00. The last few months the City Clerk's office has been keeping their receipts on an Excel spread sheet. This is a cash management system that will allow them to record the receipts in the system. The computer will print off the receipt for the customer. The computer will be able to track and batch the information which will be beneficial not only to the City Clerk's office and Treasurer's office but also to the Code Enforcement office in the printing of Rental Property records. This quote is also for one remote entry system for the Animal Control where they would be able to print off a receipt when making an adoption at the Animal Shelter, then later bring the deposit to the City Clerk's office.. Cost one time fee – implementation and training \$3,000.00, Remote Entry System \$672.00, Annual subscription \$2004.00 for a total cost of \$5,676.00. Commissioner Rinella moved to approve the purchase of the Cash Management Program for the City Clerk's office with Commissioner Rix seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED YES.

Fire Chief Jack Reed explained the approval of the low bid of Tower's Fire Apparatus. This was the FEMA FY2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant that we were awarded for protective equipment. They will be using this money to replace personal protective equipment. The original grant was for \$34,462.00 which was 95% federally funded with the City paying 5% of the costs. The bid from Tower's Fire Apparatus Equipment is for \$35,183.25, with the City's part being \$2,444.25. Commissioner Rix made

motion to approve the purchase of the personal protective equipment with the payment from the Firefighters Grant with the exception of the \$2,444.25 coming from the city. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Chief Reed also told the Council the upgrades on the IEMA Vertical Training Prop have now been completed. It has been painted inside and out. The City will be reimbursed for all of the expenditures on this. The vertical prop is one of only three fully functional regional training props in the State of Illinois.

Commissioner Rinella made **motion to pay the monthly bills** as funds become available with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rinella moved to approve the **Consent Agenda of September 26, 2011** as funds become available. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rinella reported that the hand held water meter readers used by the Water Department are going defunct. These hand held readers are ten years old. A representative from Badger Meters was here last week to explain a new system that takes the place of the hand held readers. It is on a computer system. Using the new system all the meters in the City of Marion could be read in one and a half days to two days. Presently it takes 10 days. The new system would also be able to spot differences in a meter's reading from one month to the next, thereby possibly catching a leak at that point in time instead of waiting until the water statements are mailed to the customer which might be as much as a month or longer making it possible two months before the leak was detected and thus using more water and costing the customer much more. Mayor Butler asked if all of the water meters had electronic registers on them. Commissioner Rinella said that they all have the electronic registers on them. The City is not replacing those, only the means to read the meters. Commissioner Rinella made motion to approve the purchase of the Orion Mobile Reading System for the Water Department with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion at a cost of \$15,000.00.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Goss reported the cemetery roads in Rose Hill Cemetery are 95% completed with new asphalt and widening. He suggested everyone should check out the cemetery to see how nice it looks. This is all paid for with the gift from the McMichael Trust.

Commissioner Patton presented **ORDINANCE 2377 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL AMUSEMENT BUILDINGS. (Haunted houses)** Commissioner Patton made motion to adopt Ordinance 2377 with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Mayor Butler read a Proclamation proclaiming October 10 thru October 16, 2011 as Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week. The Proclamation stated that every man, woman and child in Illinois pays a hidden lawsuit tax of \$808.00 per year as a result of the abuse of the court systems.

Mayor Butler suggested that Ordinance 2378 annexing the bowling alley on West Main Street and Ordinance 2379 annexing the Eastside Liquors on East Main Street with both businesses currently in the county but totally surrounded by the City of Marion, be tabled at this time.

ORDINANCE 2380 – AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE CLOSING TIME OF LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS TO 1:00 A.M. Commissioner Rix didn't think the liquor establishments should be allowed to stay open later. Commissioner Rinella moved to accept Ordinance 2380 as presented with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, GOSS, PATTON AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YES AND COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED NO.

Terance Henry thanked the Council for passing the ordinance to help the local downtown bars compete with the other bars outside the city limits.

ORDINANCE 2381 – TAXI CAB ORDINANCE AMENDMENT. AMENDING THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENT FROM \$500,000.00 TO \$300,000.00 AND AMENDING THE COST OF A TAXI CAB LICENSE FROM \$100.00 TO \$50.00. Commissioner Goss made motion to accept Ordinance 2381 as presented with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Mayor Butler read a letter from Yolonde Peterson, Chairman of the Marion Cultural and Civic Center Foundation Board requesting the re-appointment of Martha Stinson, Sandra Blankenship, Jaelyn Hancock, Wayland Sims and Beth Hamer for three year terms beginning November 1, 2011 and ending October 31, 2014. Commissioner Rix moved to approve the re-appointment of those named with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

ORDINANCE 2384 THRU ORDINANCE 3002 were tabled until further notice.

ORDINANCE 2382 – AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO MARION GOLF/RESIDENTIAL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 14, 2011 AT CITY HALL AT 5:30 P.M. Commissioner Patton made motion to accept Ordinance 2382 as presented with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

ORDINANCE 2383 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO MARION TIF DISTRICT VIII NOVEMBER 14, 2011 AT CITY HALL AT 6:00 P.M. Commissioner Goss moved to accept Ordinance 2383 as presented with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rix stated he had received several complaints requesting a 3-way stop at Broeking Road and Norman Road. It was decided further investigation was needed on the situation before a decision could be made.

7:35 p.m.

Commissioner Goss made motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate matter.

Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rix made motion to close Executive Session and reconvene Regular Session with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rix made motion to authorize Mayor Butler to sign an economic incentive development agreement with Drury Corporation. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.
ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

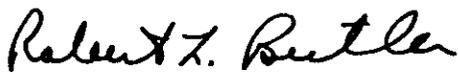
Commissioner Rinella made motion to go back into Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate matter. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.
ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

7:55 P.M.

Commissioner Goss made motion to close the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Session with Commissioner Rix seconding the motion.
ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

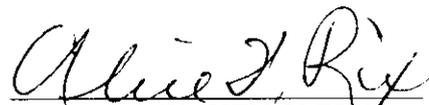
Commissioner Rix made a motion to authorize \$40,000 for a back up plan for a site plan for the Star Bond area with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.
ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Goss made motion to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Rix seconding the motion.
ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES
8:00 P.M.



ROBERT L. BUTLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ALICE F. RIX, CITY CLERK