

CITY OF MARION – REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 23, 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 December 9, 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, AND PATTON AND MAYOR BUTLER.
ABSENT: NONE

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2013 were approved as presented.

Mr. Doug Robbins and Dr.Tara Robbins, husband and wife came before the Council suggesting the Council amend the Liquor Ordinance to contain a Class providing for a Micro-Brewery brewing their own beer, providing for on premise sales as well as package beer sales. This new Liquor License Class would be similar to that of a winery. The Robbins are looking to do the first Micro Brewery in Marion, located on West Main Street adjacent to Erica Pancost's Dog Grooming business. Attorney Steve Green stated the Federal, State and Local Governments all have requirements pertaining to the Micro-Breweries.

Dan Whitfield a member of Habitat for Humanity from 1998 to 2013 came before the Council stating that Habitat had built their seventeenth home in Williamson County. He wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for all the City's help and support over the years. He said the City's help had been priceless. Two of the houses were built in Herrin, one in Johnston City, one in Creal Springs and seventeen have been built in Marion. Mayor Butler stated Dan Whitfield and others concerned with the Habitat for Humanity are to be commended for their hard work.

Mr. Whitfield stated they currently are building two homes a year. At the present they have one started in Marion on Bentley Street and one home has been completed in Herrin.

Water Office Director Cindy Gibbons presented a proposal from Tele Works Inc. (TWI) for new "Check by Phone Service" with a onetime set up fee of \$5,000.00 and a \$7,700.00 annual fee for the Water Department. This program would enable the Water Office to accept checks over the phone by an automated system without taking the time of one of the Clerks. This service would be available 24/7. Cindy stated that today 29% of the water payments are taken someway other that by direct payment to a Water Clerk, either by automatic debit, or credit card over the phone, etc. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the proposal from Tele Works Inc for the New "Check by Phone Service". Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

Resolution 2013-39 – A Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code increasing MFT Funds by \$25,000.00 for North Russell Street from Scottsboro Road to DuFour Street. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-39 as presented. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

911 Coordinator William Barrett presented to the Council the benefits that the different departments of the City receive from the GIS program that the City now has. The Fire

Department, Code Department, Water Department, Sewer Department and Cemetery Department all can utilize the GIS maps to locate streets, water meters, sewer lines, grave sites, etc. With that said Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the payment of \$5,000.00 to Horner & Shifrin, Inc Engineers for the annual hosting of the GIS for the City of Marion. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to pay Clarida Ziegler Engineering for their work providing Arc GIS data for the east side of Morningside Subdivision and part of Smith Addition. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

Mayor Butler told the Council that Glenn Clarida in his survey of the two acres north of the Illinois Center Mall on Osage Drive found that a Storm Sewer runs through the two acres. Mayor Butler contacted the prospective buyer of the two acres but had not heard back from him. The prospective buyer was going to see if he could adjust his building plans to accommodate the storm sewer. Mayor had told him the City might possibly adjust the selling price.

ORDINANCE 3146 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LICENSE FEE FOR THE STATE GAMING MACHINES TO RAISE THE LICENSE FEE FROM \$25.00 PER MACHINE TO \$100.00 PER MACHINE.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve Ordinance 3146 as presented. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Rix announced to the Public to call Ameren if you see a street light that is not working. If you can't reach Ameren, call the City Clerk's office. The City Clerk's office will then report the street light to Ameren.

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

BY ROLL CALL VOTE THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

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

BY ROLL CALL VOTE THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

Commissioner Rinella announced he had received a letter from Water Superintendent Bill Johnston stating his plans to retire from the City as of February 2, 2014.

Commissioner Rinella stated that after all the flood waters receded; the amount of trash lining those areas was atrocious.

Commissioner Goss commended all the city workers for their work during the snow event. Commissioner Goss said “No other city streets looked as good as the City of Marion.”

Mayor Butler announced to the Council and public that Alana “Lannie” Moss had received a “Letter of Commendation” from the U.S. Census Bureau for her help in providing information to the Census people stating she went above and beyond her call of duty. Congratulations are in order to Lannie.

7:30 P.M

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss an Intergovernmental issue, and the wrecker issue. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

8:15 P.M. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to go out of Executive Session and resume the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be January 13, 2014.

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

ON ROLL CALL VOTE THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.



Robert L. Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alice F. Rix, City Clerk