

CITY OF MARION – PUBLIC HEARING

APRIL 23, 2012

Minutes of a Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of Marion announced and publicized pursuant to state statutes. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the Marion City Hall April 23, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. to discuss the Annual Budget Ordinance . 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

City Treasurer Steve Hale presented the Budget Ordinance to the Council. Steve reported there had been no changes to the revenue or expenses since the budget meeting with the Mayor and the Council. The only difference between this Budget Ordinance and the work sheets that they worked with earlier is this ordinance shows the actual 2011 revenue and expense. For 2012 it is a projection of the revenues and expenses for that period. The final numbers in 2012 will obviously be different than the projections.

Mayor Butler stated that before the City Council went to the Budget Ordinance instead of the Appropriation method, one didn't have to project the revenues for the coming year. We are still required to file a certification of revenues which is filed with the County Clerk, but it has never been a part of the actual budget. Steve stated that in projecting revenue, one looks at trends and projections.

Mayor Butler stated that this ordinance does not include any increase in wages for city employees for the coming year. Steve said when those figures are finalized, the budget will be amended. There may be other budget amendments throughout the year, for instance the construction costs for the Sewer Plant and the Northeast Sewer Extension projects. The amendments to the budget take the place of the Supplemental Appropriations, with the amendments still requiring council approval just as the Supplemental Appropriations did. Steve went on to say that this Budget Ordinance is the very basic information that is required by State Statute. In the future he would like to add additional more detailed information into the Budget Ordinance for disclosure not only for the public but also for the Council.

There being no one from the public present, Mayor Butler asked the Council members for questions or comments on the Budget Ordinance. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Butler asked for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.


ROBERT L. BUTLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


ALICE F. RIX, CITY CLERK