

CITY OF MARION – SPECIAL MEETING

DECEMBER 29, 2012

Minutes of a Special Meeting held at Marion City Hall Saturday December 29, 2012 to cover the Agenda Items of the December 26, 2012 Regular Council meeting that was cancelled due to the weather. Mayor Butler called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

The City Clerk was instructed to call the roll and the response was as follows:

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS RIX, RINELLA, GOSS, PATTON AND MAYOR BUTLER.
ABSENT: NONE

Minutes of the December 10, 2012 Regular meeting and minutes of the Special Meeting of December 13, 2012 were both approved.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to approve the purchasing of three (3) in-car video cameras for the Police Department funded by a grant that will pay for the cameras including installation. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion. This was a grant that Chief Eibeck had applied for some years ago and had been turned down every year up to now. The grant is for a combined total of \$15,846.00.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Director of Code Enforcement Jim Phemister came before the Council asking the Council to consider hiring a full time clerical person, union position, for his department. Due to the new Rental Ordinance that was recently passed by the Council, the Code Enforcement Department has a need for a full time clerk to input not only the property owners' information but also each individual rental property. Commissioner Patton stated that with the new I-pads and the new software recently purchased for the Code Department, Jim and Brian can communicate directly, while out in the field, from their I-pads to the computers in their office. Also the clerk would be able to handle the placing and releasing of liens on property. This is currently being handled by the City Attorney's office. Commissioner Patton thought the hiring of the full-time clerk would ultimately save the City money. Commissioner Patton made a motion to hire a full-time clerk for the Code Department. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Mayor Butler read a letter from Diana Etheridge, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Marion, asking that the Council reappoint Loren Carter to another term on the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Marion. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the reappointment of Loren Carter to the Housing Authority Board with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Goss asked that the discussions on the proposals for the new telephone system for the City be tabled to a further meeting.

Old Business

Commissioner Goss reported the Tower Square sidewalk improvements are almost finished. All that waits to be finished on this project is the handrails for the northeast section of the sidewalks on the square.

Mayor Butler stated there is nothing new to report on the Morgan Avenue expansion west of I-57 at this time.

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

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Rinella stated that the Street Department and the other City workers had done a fine job in removing the snow and putting the City streets back in order. He stated that the City of Marion streets are in much better shape than most of the other area communities' streets.

Mayor Butler announced that Select Energy Partners, Energy Consultant for the City of Marion, would be submitting to the City of Marion and all the other members of the Aggregation Consortium, the bids from the selected electric energy suppliers and the length of term of the suggested rates via a telephone conference on January 9, 2013. Select Energy will then send an executable contract from the winning energy supplier. The Council will need to meet on January 10, 2013 to approve the execution of the said contract. Therefore, Mayor Butler called a Special Meeting for Thursday January 10, 2013 at 5:00 P.M. to approve the execution of the Electric Energy Aggregation Contract with the winning energy supplier.

Mayor Butler mentioned a memo he had received from Emergency Management Director Donna Stotlar reporting on the lessons learned as a result of the big snowstorm that the City of Marion recently received. Number one lesson, "Don't let it snow like that again."

Commissioner Rix made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA
2:30 P.M.

Mayor Butler wished a Happy New Year to all!

Meeting adjourned.



Robert L. Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alice F. Rix, City Clerk