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CITY OF MARION – REGULAR MEETING

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Marion held in the Council Chambers at City Hall September 12, 2016. 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: COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER.

ABSENT: NONE

The minutes of the August 22, 2016 Regular Meeting and the August 30, 2016 Special Meeting were approved as presented.

Mayor Butler read a Proclamation in honor of Miss Christine Bryant, Miss Illinois Outstanding Teen proclaiming Tuesday September 13, 2016 as Christine Bryant Day in the City of Marion. Miss Bryant was unable to be in attendance at tonight's meeting as she was in Atlantic City attending the Miss America Pageant.

Shannon Johnson, Director of Williamson County Tourism told Mayor Butler and the Commissioners the economic impact of travel and tourism is greatly important and beneficial to the State of Illinois and to Williamson County.

In FY 15 visitors spent \$133 Million (up 4%), tourism employment increased 5.1%, \$27.17 Million was generated in payroll (up 9.1%), saving the average family \$1,100 each year in taxes. Some of the events that have brought visitors to Marion and Williamson County during FY 16 to name a few are American Kennel Club Dog Show, Southern Illinois Hunting & Fishing Days, Southern Illinois Boat & Fishing Show, Miss Illinois Scholarship Pageant, Herrin Festa Italiana, Marion Park District Events, (Triathlon, Whirlwind Soccer, and Memorial day), Southern Illinois Music Festival, Hubfest, Black Diamond Events and other Pavilion events (Secure Rooms)

Shannon also presented information on the Total Solar Eclipse that is occurring August 21, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. The Total Solar Eclipse centered on Cedar Lake in Carbondale is expected to draw thousands, if not millions of people to Southern Illinois. Two Marion Hotels are already fully booked for the days surrounding the eclipse with people coming from as far away as Spain. Shannon stated there is no way to estimate how many people may come. Shannon told everyone that special protective glasses will be needed to look at the eclipse, otherwise one's eyes will be damaged by the eclipse.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve the purchase of two complete station assemblies at a total cost of \$9,188.00 and two pumps at a total cost of \$4,816.00 from Municipal Equipment Company with the total invoice \$14,000.00 plus shipping for the Sewer Department. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA

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Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve a Downtown Restoration Loan/Grant to Charles Yacob in the amount of \$10,000.00 to renovate the front of his new business at 112 E. Main Street with a new canopy and new windows. The loan has a \$5,000 pay back over five years. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA

City Treasurer Steve Hale presented the following three bids for the loan for funds to purchase the truck chassis, truck bed and snow plow for the Street Department:

U.S. Bancorp governmental Leasing and Finance, Inc.	1.70%
First Southern Bank	1.99%
Peoples National Bank	2.51%

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve First Southern Bank's bid of 1.99% with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA. COMMISSIONER HIGHTOWER VOTED NO.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to accept and approve the bid from A-1 Buildings to add a 22 ft. x48 ft. lean to construction to the existing Street Department building enabling the Street Department to house all of their equipment. A-1's bid including Prevailing Wages for the crew's labor to erect, trim and finish the building is \$11,635.00. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA.

Chris Georgantas presented the following names of part-time employees to be approved for the Hub Recreation Center.

- Kylee Arnold, Membership & Cafe at \$9.00 per hour.
- Karee Johnston, Membership & Café at \$9.00 per hour.
- Kareli Rodriguez, Membership & Café at \$9.00 per hour.
- Hunter Beasley, Lifeguard II at \$9.50 per hour.
- Katie Cully, Lifeguard II at \$9.50 per hour.
- Benjamin Childers, Wellness Attendant at \$9.00 per hour.
- Janice Small, Wellness Attendant at \$9.00 per hour.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the above named individuals to be hired as stated for the Hub Recreation Center with Commissioner Hightower seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Rinella suggested that Hub employees should be encouraged to utilize Direct Deposit to receive their paychecks.

Chris Georgantas asked the Council to approve Jared King as continuing Swim Lesson Coordinator and add the position of Pool Manager at a rate of \$15.00 per hour making him a full time employee. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Jared King to continue in the

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role as Swim Lesson Coordinator and add the position of Pool Manager at a rate of \$15.00 per hour with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA.

Mayor Butler recommended Chris Georgantas be appointed as General Manager of the Hub Recreation Center stating that Chris had been doing a fine job as interim General Manager for the last few months. Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve the appointment of Chris Georgantas as the General Manager of the Hub Recreation Center with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA.

Hub Recreation General Manager Chris Georgantas thanked Mayor Butler and the Commissioners for all their support stating he appreciates their confidence they have shown to him by appointing him the General Manager of the Hub Recreation Center. Chris stated it is an honor to him to lead such a great Hub team.

City Administrator Gail West presented the Marion Carnegie Library's recommendation to approve Samantha Cattivera to fill a vacancy at the Marion Carnegie Library as a Librarian 1 at the rate of \$11.00 per hour. This is a full time position. Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve Samantha Cattivera to fill the vacancy at the Marion Carnegie Library as a Librarian 1 at the rate of \$11.00 per hour. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA.

City Engineer Glenn Clarida presented contractors' bids to build an entrance for Futiva at 600 Halfway Road. The entrance will be similar to the entrance at Beelman Trucking. This project is part of a TIF Agreement with Futiva. The TIF agreement is a 50/50 agreement until the City recovers the cost of the entrance.

E.T. Simonds	\$54,661.57
Evrard Strang	\$49,063.78
Samron	\$62,918.00

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve Evrard Strang's bid of \$49,063.78 with Commissioner Hightower seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA.

Mayor Butler recommended the re-appointment of Bernard Paul to the Williamson County Airport Authority Board. Commissioner Goss made a motion to re-appoint Bernard Paul to the Williamson County Airport Authority Board with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA.

IT Director Terance Henry and Steve Counts of Ricoh explained the Ricoh buyout of the cities copier machines. In March 2016, Ricoh negotiated the service contract for all the copiers in the City. Ricoh is now looking to buy out the leases currently held by GFI. With the new Ricoh

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contract there is a lower cost for all the copies and the City only pays for actual number of copies made. This contract will cover all the copiers in the City with the exception of the Police Department who just recently signed a new lease a few months back for a new copier from GFI. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the Ricoh Contract as presented with the addition of an addendum to paragraph 10 referring to the cost to return equipment at the end of the lease. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA.

RESOLUTION 2016-18 A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT.

City Administrator Gail West explained these grants are for low income families to rehabilitate their homes. The grants are based on income, size of family and need. The total of the Grants could approximately be \$400,000.00. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-18 as presented with Commissioner Webb seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA.

Mayor Butler read a letter to the Council commending Doug Phillips, Street Superintendent, on the great job that he is doing. The letter stated that Doug is truly a Customer Service Employee and is to be appreciated.

Harry Boyd commended the Veterans on Parade that took place Saturday September 10th. Harry also wanted everyone to know that Commissioner Goss walked the whole length of the parade route.

Sherry Ramsey, a citizen from 1405 W. Chestnut, said she has been complaining to the Council for years about the flooding problem in her back yard caused by the drainage ditch at the back of her yard. Glenn Clarida stated once again that there isn't a quick fix to the problem. The fix entails cleaning all the drainage ditches between her house and Court Street where the drainage ditch from Cherry Street drains into Court with the job proceeding from Court Street back toward Chestnut Street. Mayor Butler stated something has got to be done about the situation.

City Engineer Glenn Clarida announced that IDOT will be opening bids on the Norman Road/Route 13 project Friday.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 3350 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARION, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS REGARDING NUISANCES.

After Council discussion of the Nuisance Ordinance, Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve Ordinance 3350 as presented with Commissioner Hightower seconding the motion.

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

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Commissioner Rinella stated he voted no on Ordinance 3350 because he didn't like the addition of Section J pertaining to the Grass and or Leaf Blowing on the streets or sidewalks.

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

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve and pay the Consent Agenda dated September 12, 2016 with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA.

8:10 P.M.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to go into Executive session to discuss a Litigation/Contract matter. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA.

8:45

Commissioner Goss made a motion to end the Executive session and resume the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

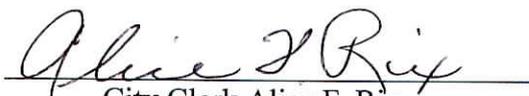
ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA

Commissioner Goss made a motion to adjourn the Regular meeting with Commissioner Hightower seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA.



Mayor Robert L. Butler



City Clerk Alice F. Rix
Attested: 9-26-2016