

CITY OF MARION – REGULAR MEETING

September 26, 2016

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Marion held in the Council Chambers at City Hall September 26, 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 September 12, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

A group of young people from the Boyton Street Community Center were in attendance to tell the Mayor and the Commissioners how much they appreciated the Council sponsoring their recent day trip to Memphis, Tennessee to visit the Civil Rights Museum. Jordan Ferguson, Victoria Vaughn, Mark Weslilly and Asira Graham each gave a short talk of what they had seen and learned from visiting the Civil Rights Museum. All of the speakers stated it was both a fun trip and an educational trip learning about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Black History, Malcolm X and seeing the Hotel where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated and where the gunman had stood to shoot the gun. All stated they really enjoyed the trip and would like to go again. Chairman of the Boyton Street Community Center Board Ron Ferguson stated this was a reward for the 6th, 7th and 8th graders who went on the trip and thanked the Mayor and Council for funding the trip for the young people.

Mr. Jack Randolph, who lives on Francis Drive voiced concerns about the proposed extension that is to be built to Francis Drive. Mayor Butler and Commissioner Goss reassured Mr. Randolph that the street would be constructed properly.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Hightower explained to the Council the Sewer Department was in need of a larger manure spreader. Rather than purchase a new spreader, the Sewer Department will be trading their current smaller spreader to an individual, Jeff Beasley of Beasley Farm, for his large manure spreader and paying him \$9,000.00 difference. The cost of a similar sized manure spreader if purchased new, would be \$31,000.00. Commissioner Hightower made a motion to purchase the used spreader from Jeff Beasley, trading him the Sewer Department's current spreader and paying the \$9,000.00 difference. Commissioner Goss 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 approve creating a new laborer's full time position in the Street Department. Commissioner Hightower 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 for the Council to approve hiring Christopher Francis (a current summer employee) to fill the newly created Street Department full time laborer position, pay rate as per current Laborers' Local 77s Union Contract, dated May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2019. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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

Council approval of bids to resurface two City Parking lots was tabled to a future meeting.

Commissioner Goss explained to the Council, the Street Department has received a bid for a "Bobcat" 72" Manual Soil Conditioner that will fit on the Street Department's "Bobcat" loader. The soil conditioner/tiller will be used to pulverize the dirt and clumps. It will separate the rocks, roots and debris while it tills and levels the soil. Street Department has the funds for the new Soil Conditioner in their Equipment Budget. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Council approval of the installation of lights on The Hill water tower were tabled to a future meeting.

ORDINANCE 3353 – AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE THORN STREET AND EVERETT STREET FROM VIRGINIA AVENUE TO CALUMET TO INCLUDE BOTH EAST AND WEST SIDE OF CALUMET STREET AND THE EAST SIDE OF VIRGINIA AVENUE BETWEEN THORN STREET AND EVERETT STREET FROM R-2 GENERAL FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. A group of residents from the above stated areas had requested that the City Council rezone their neighborhood from R-2 to

R-1 to help maintain the integrity of their "historic neighborhood". Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve Ordinance 3353 as presented with Commissioner Webb seconding the motion.

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

ORDINANCE 3351 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING REQUEST TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 809 WEST PRAIRIE STREET FROM R-2 GENERAL FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-1 GENERAL COMMERCIAL. (Kevin Tondini, Owner) Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Ordinance 3351 as presented with Commissioner Hightower seconding the motion.

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

City Administrator Gail West asked the Council to approve adding the Lifeguard Job Code at \$9.50 per hour to current Hub employee Madelyn Neushwander –currently Membership-Café. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve adding the Lifeguard Job Code at \$9.50 per hour to current Hub employee Madelyn Neushwander with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.

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City Administrator Gail West asked the Council to approve the following new Part-time employees:

Jeremy Jackson, Wellness Attendant at \$9.00 per hour

Kathy Henry, Fitness Instructor at \$15.00 per hour.

Valerie Bethel, Fitness Instructor at \$15.00 per hour.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the above named individuals to be hired as stated. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Butler read a letter from Art Pratt, Vice-Chairman of the Marion Cultural and Civic Center Board requesting the re-appointment of Yolonde Peterson for the regular term of one year (2016-2017) as Board Chairman. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Yolonde Peterson for the regular term of one year (2016-2017) as Board Chairman with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

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

Mayor Butler read a letter from Marion Cultural and Civic Center Board Chairman, Yolande Peterson requesting the appointment of High School Student Molly Barclay to the Marion Cultural and Civic Center Board for the school year of 2016-2017. Commissioner Hightower made a motion approving the appointment of High School Student Molly Barclay to the Marion Cultural and Civic Center Board for the school year of 2016-2017. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

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

City Administrator Gail West explained that the Pavilion snack bar area is in need of renovation. Ross Construction Inc. was contacted to give a proposal because of prior work done at the Pavilion and being familiar with the building bid \$19,840.00 for the renovation. After discussion of the various areas of the renovation, Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Ross Construction, Ins. bid of \$19849.00 minus the cost of painting the snack bar area. The Pavilion maintenance personnel will paint the snack bar area. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Butler read a letter from Marion Main Street President Chris Blue thanking the City of Marion for their generosity toward the Marion Main Street and requesting financial support as had been given to them in previous years. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to donate \$5,000.00 to the Marion Main Street. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Butler stated it is again time to renew the annual Contract for Services with Lifeline Emergency Medical Services, Corp. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the annual contract with Lifeline Emergency Medical Services, Corp. stating they as Marion Main Street

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provide 1st class service to Marion, making Marion the envy of every town around.
Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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

ORDINANCE 3352 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TIF DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARION AND CHRIS SIEVERS AND TIFFANY SIEVERS. HUB TIF
City Administrator Gail West told the Council Chris and Tiffany Sievers, partners in the SI Elder Care Law firm, purchased the old Banterra Building with plans to renovate the building for their law business, adding more attorneys. The building, having been recently owned by Williamson County, will now become taxable and have an assessed evaluation. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve Ordinance 3352 as presented with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

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

Commissioner Goss announced the Cemetery web site in under re-construction and will be available in a couple of days.

Commissioner Rinella reminded everyone the Electronic Recycling will be Saturday October 8th from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Marion Training Center (old Youth Center) located at 207 East Boulevard.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to pay the monthly bills as funds become available with Commissioner Goss seconding 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 26, 2016 with Commissioner Webb seconding the motion.

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

8:15 P.M.

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

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

8:45 P.M.

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

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

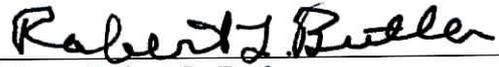
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Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Doug Peebles Construction as the contractor for the Summerfield project. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

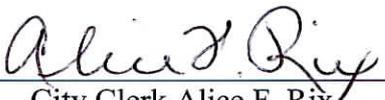
ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to adjourn the Regular meeting with Commissioner Rinella 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: 10-10-2016