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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 November 14, 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 October 24, 2016 Regular Meeting and November 7, 2016 Special Meeting were approved as presented.

Mr. Rick Henley of Marion spoke to the Council and presented three of the forty plus athletes of the Special Olympics Group Lightning Bolts that he works with and supports, John Henley, Eric Vallen and Marissa. The Lightning Bolts Group holds fund raisers throughout the year, along with doing yard work for individuals, but to cover travel expenses they still need financial assistance. Mayor Butler asked Mr. Henley if a \$1,000.00 donation would help. Mr. Henley replied that it would be great. Mayor Butler stated the donation would be formally approved at the next regular meeting.

Sergeant Justin Francis, Vice President of the Local Chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police came before the Council asking if the City of Marion could help sponsor the third Annual Police Gala that will be held at The Pavilion March 18, 2017. They are looking for twenty sponsors from local businesses. The Police Gala funds the Cops with Kids Christmas shopping program. Last year over 180 children with 80% from Marion School District participated in the Cops with Kids program with at least \$100.00 spent on each child. Mayor Butler suggested that instead of giving money, the City would donate the use of The Pavilion for the Police Gala. The approval of the use of The Pavilion for the Police Gala will be formally approved at the next regular meeting.

Resolution 2016-20 -- A Resolution approving and authorizing execution of a Second Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust. Treasurer Steve Hale told the Council this is a resolution giving authority to invest in an investment fund, allowing for withdrawals as needed. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-20 as presented. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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

City Administrator Gail West told the Council since 2002 the cell tower located on the City's property at the city reservoir has changed names several times. American Tower, as a consideration for extending the existing lease agreement would like to offer the City of Marion a one-time payment in the amount of Twenty thousand (\$20,000.00). In addition to any Existing Renewal Terms which are scheduled to expire on September 30, 2027, American Tower is asking to extend the lease for each of eight (8) additional five (5) year renewal terms. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the extension of the Lease Agreement with American Tower with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.

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Commissioner Hightower explained to the Council the Sewer Department has received a quote for new scrapers for the clarifier at the treatment plant. The existing scraper blades are thirteen years old and have deteriorated past their useful life. The cost for replacing the scraper blades will be \$10,800.00 plus freight. Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve the purchase of the scraper blades at a cost of \$10,800.00 plus freight with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

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

Commissioner Webb asked the Council to approve the Fire Department submitting a grant request to the Assistance to Firefighter Grant. The grant would be used to purchase an exhaust removal system in the truck bay of the fire station. Total cost of the exhaust system will be approximately \$52,200.00. The grant would pay 95% and the City would pay the other 5%. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the Fire Department submitting a grant request to the Assistance to Firefighter Grant. With Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.

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

Police Chief Dawn Tondini asked the Council to approve the Novacom radio maintenance bill of \$6,000.00 which is the City's part of the County 911 system. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve payment of the bill with Commissioner Hightower seconding the motion.

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

Chief Tondini told the Council the first-ever Halloween "Spooktacular" was a great success with close to nine hundred kids showing up for the event. Chief Tondini said the Police Officers and other area businesses set up booths and tables. Hamburgers and hotdogs were served along with candy that was passed out. Other businesses have said they will be happy to donate next year.

Council discussion of Goddard Chapel Restoration needs was tabled.

City Administrator Gail West told the Council that due to the 2016 Fair Labor Standard Provision, the City needs to reclassify two current employees, Karleigh Williamson and Joseph Vaughn, employees at the Hub Recreation Center. Both will be reclassified from exempt to non-exempt and hourly with, if needed, overtime which has to be approved by the General Manager, to be effective November 26, 2016. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the two re-classifications as stated above with Commissioner Webb seconding the motion.

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

City Administrator Gail West told the Council that Vince Elliott, currently an exempt employee at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center, Cultural and Civic Center, annual wage increase to

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\$47,500.00 to comply with the 2016 Fair Labor Standard, effective November 26, 2016. This is due to the number of hours Vince works at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center and his Supervisory responsibilities. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve increasing Vince Elliot's salary to \$47,500 effective November 26, 2016 as stated above. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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

Hub Recreation General Manager Chris Georgantas asked the Council to approve the purchase of uniforms for the Southern Illinois Select Volleyball Club in the amount of \$7,317.24. The cost of the uniforms will be recouped through the sign-up fee to play volleyball. Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve the purchase of the volleyball uniforms at a cost of \$7,317.24. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

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

Hub Recreation General Manager Chris Georgantas asked the Council to approve the following part-time employees for the Hub:

Hayden Gunther – Lifeguard at \$9.50 per hour.

Brooklyn Hunsaker – Lifeguard at \$9.50 per hour.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve both Hayden Gunther and Brooklyn Hunsaker as Lifeguards at \$9.50 per hour. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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

City Administrator Gail West stated in review of the Maintenance Coordinator job description and the needs of the Hub, she and Hub General Manager Chris Georgantas revised the job description to be Building Operations and Maintenance Coordinator who will be responsible for the daily operations and maintenance of the Hub Recreation Center reporting to the General Manager of the Hub, with the salary set at \$47,500.00. Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve the new job description of Building Operations and Maintenance Coordinator with salary set at \$47,500.00. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve promotion of Ryan Oakley to the position of Building Operations and Maintenance Coordinator 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 asked the Council to approve the proposal from HSG Contractors for replacement of the east air handler blower at a cost not to exceed \$20,475.00. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve HSG Contractors proposal to replace the east air handler blower at a cost not to exceed \$20,475.00. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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Engineer Brian Ziegler informed the Council the Agreement for Engineering Services between the City of Marion and Clarida & Ziegler Engineering Co. for the various professional engineering services for the design and construction of sewer service for approximately thirty-eight homes in the Rolling Hills Subdivision is similar to the other recent Engineering Agreements. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the Engineering Agreement for the Rolling Hills Subdivision design and construction of sewer service as presented. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Engineer Brian Ziegler informed the Council the Agreement for Engineering Services between the City of Marion and Clarida & Ziegler Engineering Co. for the various professional engineering services for the design and construction to replace, and improve a watermain and a portion of the roadway in the historic South Market Street area. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the Engineering Agreement for the design and construction to replace and improve a watermain and a portion of the roadway in the historic South Market Street area. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3357 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING “INTERESTED PARTIES REGISTRY” AND ADOPTING REGISTRATION RULES FOR SUCH REGISTRIES FOR THE MEADOWLAND PKWY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT. City Administrator Gail West explained this is a regular procedure when establishing a new TIF District. Dr. Smith will make property available for purchase by for commercial use on additional land. This is a multi-million dollar project. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve Ordinance 3357 as presented with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3358 – AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE MEADOWLAND PKWY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT. City Administrator Gail West stated the Public Hearing has been set for January 9, 2017. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Ordinance 3358 as presented with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.

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

Commissioner Goss stated the Council had earlier approved spending up to \$14,000.00 for lighting the Water Tower, but it was found that using LED lights have a much longer life than the regular lights. Since they don't have to be replaced as often, this makes the overall cost to be less. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve spending up to \$21,500.00 for the Hill Water Tower Lighting. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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

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, a diehard Cardinal baseball fan, announced he was wearing a Cubs shirt at tonight's Council Meeting because earlier in the baseball season he had bet Police Chief Dawn Tondini that if the Cubs won the World Series he would wear a Cubs shirt to the Council meeting.

Commissioner Hightower asked Hub General Manager Chris Georgantas if it would be possible to serve some healthy snacks at the Hub. Chris stated they were looking into the possibility of getting healthier snacks.

Mayor Butler inquired as to how the membership at the Hub is doing. Chris stated currently there are 7,500 Hub members. Some attrition with some going to other new places, but each fitness center seems to fill its own niche.

Commissioner Webb gave the Police Activity report for October 2016.

17	City Ordinance Violations
26	Warrant Arrests
442	Incidents Reported
120	Traffic Accidents
11	DUI
2188	Dispatched Calls
365	911 Calls
164	Ambulance Calls

Commissioner Rinella told the Council the day of the Electronic Recycling the people from the recycling company told him they thought the City had taken in approximately 12,000 to 13,000 pounds of electronics to be recycled. The number was actually 18,130 pounds. Commissioner Goss and Commissioner Rinella both look forward to many more years of electronic recycling as it helps keep the old T.V.s from ending up in the ditches and along the roads.

Commissioner Goss announced the Fall Cleanup by the Street Department commenced today, November 14th and will continue through November 23, 2016.

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

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

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Robert L. Butler

Mayor Robert L. Butler

Alice F. Rix

City Clerk Alice F. Rix

Attested: 11-28-16