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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 13, 2017. 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.

Mayor Butler led the Council and audience in the pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

The minutes of the 10/23/2017 Regular Meeting and 11/06/2017 Special Meeting were approved as presented.

Three Boy Scouts from Troop 1742 from Aldersgate Church were present to work on their Communication Badge. In attendance were Noah Walters, Zack Walters and Tucker Rix.

Bill Shanks from the Marion Rotary Club presented the Classical Country Christmas Sit Down Dinner and Concert to be held Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 5:00 PM to 9:30 PM at the Kokopelli Golf Club Restaurant. This is a Fundraiser to benefit the Lifeline Ambulance Service, Marion Fire Department and the Marion Police Department.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Hale presented the Property tax projection for the 2017 Tax Levy. The Fire Pension Board recommended a Property Tax Projection of \$673,801.00 which is an increase of 2.43% from last year. The Police Pension Board recommended a Property Tax Projection of \$1,017,351.00 which is an increase of 1.74%. Both Pension boards presented the required reporting to the City Council. Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve the projections. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

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

Sewer Superintendent Brent Cain reported to the Council the Sewer Department had budgeted, as part of their equipment maintenance, to reline an aeration line at one of the aeration tanks. The line is now leaking and filling with water making the tank unusable. Some years ago, the other basin had to be repaired. A contractor from Chicago did the work at a cost of \$35,000.00. A local contractor, Skuta Construction gave a bid of \$17,500.00 to do this repair work. Brent recommended to the Council to accept the bid of Skuta Construction to do the repair work at a cost of \$17,500.00. Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve the bid of Skuta Construction at \$17,500.00. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

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

Sewer Superintendent Brent Cain gave an up-date on the Sewer Department GIS. Since starting the program 107 videos have been uploaded including 2,339 Gravity Main Pipes with a total of 576,798 linear feet or approximately 109 miles, 2,413 manholes, 217 storm mains with a total of

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24,061 linear feet or approximately 4.5 miles, 127 Force Mains pipes with a total of 82,926 linear feet which is over 15 miles and 23 pump stations. If all the City of Marion's sewer lines were laid out end to end it would be approximately 120 miles or roughly the distance from Marion to Saint Louis. This information is very helpful when planning areas that require attention. The GIS system is still a work in progress with the maps 95% complete. The GIS system has been paid for with funds from the Sewer Operating Budget.

Street Superintendent Doug Phillips presented three bids to insulate the B-2 building at the Street Department. Killman's Spray Foam Insulation bid \$23,000.00, Comfort Zone Cellulose Insulation bid \$22,425.00 and RSP Heating & Cooling bid \$22,934.00. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the low bid of Comfort Zone Cellulose Insulation at \$22,425.00. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.
ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA.

Street Superintendent Doug Phillips presented the proposed stop lights to have the preemption controls added to the traffic signals: West Main Street and Court Street, West Main Street and Carbon Street, Boyton Street and Court Street and West Main Street and Halfway Road. The preemption controls on these traffic signals will be paid from the remainder of earlier approved TIF funds. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of the above stated traffic signal preemption controls. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.
ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA. COMMISSIONER HIGHTOWER VOTED NO.

Mayor Butler stated Ron Ferguson, President of the Boyton Street Community Center Board, felt the Boyton Street Community Center Board had not been brought into consideration on the approval of the job description of the After-School Program Coordinator. The item was tabled.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Robert Binkley had requested a five-foot side yard setback variance on the east side of the property at 701 E. Boulevard. Lance Gribble, property owner behind the property at 701 E. Boulevard, stated that five or six years ago he had brought to the attention of the Council that Mr. Binkley had added several loads of dirt to the lot beside Mr. Gribble's property, with the added dirt causing the water to drain into the garage on his property at S. Washington Street that is adjacent to the property at 701 E. Boulevard. Mr. Gribble was afraid that the duplex Mr. Binkley is proposing to build on the lot will cause more drainage problems to his lot on Washington Street.

Commissioner Rinella asked to table the setback variance until the Council receives further information on the drainage situation.

HUB RECREATION CENTER

Hub General Manager Chris Georgantas presented the following Part-time Hire Recommendations:

Ray Cagle - Part-time Basketball Instructor at \$20.00 per hour.
Katelyn O'Neal - Part-time Front Desk at \$9.00 per hour and Part-time Café at \$9.00 per hour.

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Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the hiring of the above Part-time individuals at the proposed rates of pay. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Hub General Manager Chris Georgantas presented Clay Walker for a Full-time Maintenance (janitor) at \$8.50 per hour.

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve the hiring of Clay Walker as Full-time Maintenance at \$8.50 per hour. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Hub General Manager Chris Georgantas presented Job Classification Additions for the following:

Tyler Oakley – Café at \$9.00 per hour (Current Front Desk Attendant)

Nichole Fisher – Café at \$9.00 per hour (Current Front Desk Attendant)

LeeAnn Jones – Front Desk Attendant at \$9.00 per hour and Café at \$9.00 per hour (Current Lifeguard and Swim instructor)

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the additional Job Classifications to the above three names. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

Hub General Manager Chris Georgantas asked Council approval of the budgeted uniform purchase in the amount of \$7,000.00 or less for the Southern Illinois Select Volleyball Club. (the Projected net revenue of the SISVBC is \$5,450.00).

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the purchase of the volleyball uniforms. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3408 – AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT V. The Public Hearing is set for January 8, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Ordinance 3408 as presented. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

ORDINANCE 3409 – AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE HILL VIEW TIF DISTRICT. The Public Hearing is set for January 8, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve Ordinance 3409 as presented. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

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Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve payment of 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 November 13, 2017 as funds become available. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

7:45 P.M.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a real estate, a personnel matter and a contract matter. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

9:00 P.M.

Commissioner Goss made motion to go out of Executive Session and return to 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 approve the job description of the "After School Program Coordinator" for the Boyton Street Community Center and to set the pay rate at \$13.00 to \$15.00 per hour. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the Employee Health Insurance rates from Blue Cross Blue Shield as presented and the Retiree Health Insurance rates from Senior Choice as presented. Commissioner Rinella 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 pay \$180,000.00 for Carbon/Morgan Street property. Commissioner Webb 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. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

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Alice F. Rix
City Clerk Alice F. Rix
Attested: 11-28-2017

Robert L. Butler
Mayor Robert L. Butler