

Minutes of a Special Meeting held at Marion City Hall Friday, November 17, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. Mayor Butler called the meeting to order. The roll call response was as follows:

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Commissioners Rinella, Hightower, Webb and Goss and Mayor Butler.

ABSENT: None

Mayor Butler stated this is a Special Meeting having given notice of the Special Meeting forty-eight hours prior to the meeting as stated in 05/ILCS 120/2.02 with the reason for the Special Called Meeting being as follows:

1. Council approval of Special Use Permit to place a portable building and 2 tents on a commercial lot at 509 W. DeYoung Street for a floral business. (Brenda Futch)
2. Ordinance 3410 -- An Ordinance approving to rezone property located north of Morgan Ave. PIN# 06-11-484-001 to 06-11-484-005, 06-11-485-001 to 06-11-485-006 and 06-11-486-002 to 06-11-486-003 from C-1 General Commercial to C-2 Highway Commercial. (Doug Bradley)
3. Council approval of request for a five-foot side yard setback variance on the east side of property at 701 E. Boulevard. (Robert Binkley)
4. Council approval to advertise for bids to demolish houses at the following newly acquired City properties:
 - a) 303 N. Garfield Street
 - b) 302 S. Liberty Street
 - c) 1208 Midway Court
5. Council approval to place a double-wide mobile home on a block foundation at 412 E. Jefferson St. parcel # 07-18-384-012, currently zoned R-2. (Anna Smith)

Mayor Butler led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Ordinance 3410 rezoning property located north of Morgan Avenue from C-1 General Commercial to C-2 Highway Commercial.

Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

Floral business owner Brenda Futch addressed the Council regarding her request for a Special Use Permit to place a portable building and 2 tents on her commercial lot at 509 W. DeYoung Street. There was lengthy discussion between the Council, Ms. Futch and Zoning Board members Kathy Spicer and Doug Patton regarding this issue. The Commissioners and Mayor Butler asked Ms. Futch many questions about the portable building, restroom facilities, the tents and how long she intended to operate from the portable building at that location. After much discussion, Commissioner Hightower recommended preparing a memorandum of understanding between the City and Ms. Futch stating the building be removed from the property after 60 days.

Commissioner Rinella suggested she be required to remove the building from the property after the close of business December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the special use permit for 45 days allowing Ms. Futch to set her 10' x 30' portable building and one tent on the commercial lot at 509 W DeYoung Street to be removed from the lot after the close of business on December 31, 2017 subject to the terms stated in the memorandum of understanding between the City and Ms. Futch. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the request for a five-foot side yard setback variance on the east side of the property at 701 E. Boulevard. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

Code Department Manager Kathy Spicer addressed the Council asking for permission to advertise for bids to demolish houses at the following addresses: 303 N. Garfield Street, 302 S. Liberty Street and 1208 Midway Court. She explained these are properties that were in serious disrepair and were deeded to the City because the owners did not want to clean them up. Commissioner Rinella asked if any of the lots left after the demolitions would be appropriate locations for Habitat for Humanity Houses and was told by Code Manager Spicer that two locations would be appropriate.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve advertising for bids to demolish houses at 303 N. Garfield Street, 302 S. Liberty Street and 1208 Midway Court. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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

Code Department Manager Kathy Spicer explained that Anna Smith has purchased an empty lot at 412 E. Jefferson Street and is requesting approval to place a double-wide mobile home on a block foundation. Kathy indicated it would be an improvement to the neighborhood.

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve placing a double-wide mobile home on a block foundation at 412 E. Jefferson Street. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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


4:40 P.M.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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



Robert L. Butler, Mayor



Tammy Beasley, Deputy City Clerk
ATTEST: 11/28/17