

CITY OF MARION – REGULAR MEETING

January 22, 2018

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Marion held in the Council Chambers at City Hall January 22, 2018. Mayor Butler called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. This is the last regular meeting presided over by Mayor Robert L. Butler, who is retiring January 31, 2018 after fifty-four years and nine months of serving the City of Marion.

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.

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

The minutes of the 01/08/2018 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the following Resolutions providing the County of Williamson with abatement of real estate tax levies on the listed General Refunding Bonds for the city of Marion. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

- a. Resolution No. 2018-01 - abating General Obligation Bonds Series 2015 for the 2017 tax year payable in 2018, in the amount of \$1,418,880.50
- b. Resolution No. 2018-02 - abating General Obligation Bonds Series 2007 for the 2017 tax year payable in 2018, in the amount of \$126,822.50.
- c. Resolution No. 2018-03 – abating General Obligation Bonds Series 2017 for the 2017 tax year payable in 2018, in the amount of \$262,375.00.
- d. Resolution No. 2018-04 – abating General Obligation Bonds Series 2011A for the 2017 tax year payable in 2018, in the amount of \$367,192.50.
- e. Resolution No 2018-05 – abating General Obligation Bonds Series 2011 for the 2017 tax year payable in 2018, in the amount of \$230,499.12.
- f. Resolution No. 2018-06 – abating General Obligation Bonds Series 2012 for the 2017 tax year payable in 2018, in the amount of \$238,232.50.
- g. Resolution No. 2018-07 – abating General Obligation Bonds Series 2013 for the 2017 tax year payable in 2018, in the amount of \$1,394,335.00.
- h. Resolution No. 2018-08 – abating General Obligation Bonds Series 2014 for the 2017 tax year payable in 2018, in the amount of \$984,850.00.

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

RESOLUTION 2018-09 - Resolution dissolving the Revolving Loan Committee.

The City of Marion Revolving Loan Fund Committee administered the City of Marion Revolving Loan Fund, utilizing recaptured Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars from the State of Illinois. Since the State of Illinois no longer administers those funds, the Revolving Loan Committee is no longer needed. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-09 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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SEWER DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve the purchase of two mechanical seals to rebuild a sludge pump for the biosolids operation, with the cost of each \$2,428.00 or \$4,856.00 plus shipping making the total cost over \$6,000.00. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

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

COUNTY 911 BOARD

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the following persons to the Williamson County 911 Board: Sergeant D.J. Stewart to a three -year term; Police Chief Dawn Tondini to a two-year term and Fire Chief Jerry Odum to a one-year term. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

STREET DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Goss made a motion to purchase Rock Salt at \$54.13 a ton. Last year's price was \$72.10 a ton. The Rock salt is a budgeted item. 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 approve a change order from Comfort Zone Insulation to insulate the ceiling of B-1 Street Department building for \$6,000.00. with the funds coming from the Street Department Maintenance budget. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

HUB RECREATION CENTER

Hub Recreation Center General Manager Chris Georgantas recommended to hire the following part-time Employees:

Malachi Williams –Tennis Instructor \$15.00/hour, Basketball Sports Staff \$8.50/hour
Mildred Smith – Child watch \$9.00/hour, Front Desk Attendant \$9.00/hour, Café Attendant \$9.00/hour
Jacob Schmid - Child watch \$9.00/hour, Camp Counselor \$9.00/hour, Basketball Sports Staff \$8.50/hour.

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve the above stated new part-time employees. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

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

Hub Recreation Center General Manager Chris Georgantas recommended the additional job classification of Basketball Sports Staff be added to Zachary Nave – \$8.50/hour. Commissioner Webb made a motion to add the additional job classification of Basketball Sports Staff to Zachary Nave, 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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Hub Recreation Center General Manager Chris Georgantas presented a new position for the Hub – Group Fitness Manager, with pay set at \$20.00 per hour with an estimated 3-5 hours per week. The job would entail management of the Group Exercise program and Instructor communication with Fitness Coordinator remaining in direct supervision of all group exercise instructors in the department. Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve the new position of Group Fitness Manager as described above. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

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

Hub Recreation Center General Manager Chris Georgantas recommended Jen Rodrigues as the new Group Fitness Manager at \$20.00 Per hour (3-5 hours per week). Jen is a current Group Exercise Instructor and Senior in experience and role. General Manager Georgantas also recommended a Pay rate approval for Jen Rodrigues, as a Group Exercise Instructor, to increase the hourly rate from \$15.00 an hour to \$20.00 an hour with a regular schedule of 9 hours per week. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Jen Rodrigues as the new Group Fitness Manager as stated above and to increase her hourly rate as Group Exercise instructor to \$20.00 per hour. 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 recommended Council approval of Aquatics Coordinator, Jared King, to be moved from an hourly pay rate with overtime to a comparable annual salary. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve moving Jared King to an annual salary instead of an hourly rate with overtime. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT

City Attorney Steve Green recommended the Council to approve to Advertise for Sale to the highest bidder the - Vacant City Owned Lots. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the above recommendation. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

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

City Attorney Steve Green recommended for Council approval to purchase properties which the City of Marion has liens on from Williamson County. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the purchase of properties that the City of Marion has liens on for \$625.00 each from Williamson county. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

MARION CARNEGIE LIBRARY

City Administrator Gail West informed the Council the Library is asking Council approval of the lowest bid to replace tile on the 2nd floor of the Young Adult room in the Library. (Part of the floor was previously completed) The project will be paid for by Friends of the Library. Mayor Butler stated the Friends of the Library do a lot of good work for the Marion

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Carnegie Library. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the above request. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Tryphosia Lee came before the Council requesting permission to hold the Young Hearts with Goals Banquet May 12th at the Pavilion with the City of Marion taking care of the cost of the Pavilion rental fee and donating \$1,500.00 toward the cost of the Banquet. This is the 19th year for the Banquet.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to donate the use of the Pavilion for the Young Hearts with Goals Banquet and donate \$1,500.00 toward the other costs of the Banquet. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

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

Sam Lattuca, Director of the Williamson County Historical Museum, thanked the Council for all their years of support to the Museum. With the City's assistance the Museum has been able to open the Museum to the public Monday through Saturday from March to Thanksgiving, giving visitors more opportunities to visit the Museum. The Museum closes during the colder months as there is no insulation in the building and it gets rather chilly during the Winter months. With the City's help the Museum has been able to add another rest room for the facility. Each year the Museum receives thousands of requests for genealogic information. They are currently in the process of redoing one of the jail cells The Williamson County Historical Museum is one of Williamson County's best kept secrets. Mr. Lattuca stated "The Williamson County Historical Museum is definitely appreciative of the City of Marion's financial help." Commissioner Goss made a motion to pay the Williamson County Historical Museum \$15,000.00 as the City of Marion has done in the past four years. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The donation to the Museum is a Budgeted item.

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

ORDINANCE 3417 APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECTS FOR TIF DISTRICT V.

ORDINANCE 3418 DESIGNATING THE AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA FOR THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO TIF V.

ORDINANCE 3419 ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING FOR THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO TIF V.

City Administrator Gail West explained that Ordinance 3417 is approving the Second Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan and Projects for TIF District V. Ordinance 3418 is designating the amended Redevelopment Project Area for the Second Amendment to TIF V. Ordinance 3419 approves adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Second Amendment to TIF V. The Second Amendment to TIF V adds area for a new road with Pepsi doing an expansion and adding new jobs and improvements to Westminster Drive.

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Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Ordinances 3417, 3418 and 3419 as stated above. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.
ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA.

ORDINANCE 3420 APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECTS FOR THE MARION HILL VIEW TIF.

ORDINANCE 3421 DESIGNATING THE AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MARION HILL VIEW TIF.

ORDINANCE 3422 ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MARION HILL VIEW

City Administrator Gail West stated Ordinances 3420 approves the Redevelopment Plan and projects for the First Amendment for the Marion Hill View TIF.
Ordinance 3421 designates the property area. Properties included are Basi property on 17th Street, Drury Property on 17th Street and the strip mall on Halfway Road.
Ordinance 3422 adopts TIF financing for the projects.
Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve Ordinances 3420, 3421 and 3422 as presented. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.
ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER ALL VOTED YEA.

ORDINANCE 3423 Amending the Hotel Occupational Tax Ordinance 2356.
City Attorney told the Council Ordinance 3423 -- Amending the Hotel Occupational Tax Ordinance 3356 needs to be withdrawn.

Mayor Butler announced, "A Public Meeting for the proposed Third Amendment to the Marion Heights TIF District II will be held Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. at City Hall".

Mayor Butler announced persons interested in appointment to the vacant Commissioner position should send a letter of intent to the City Clerk by February 2, 2018.

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 01/22/2018 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 Hightower and Commissioner Goss both stated it was an honor to attend Mrs. Dorothy Carter's 100th Birthday celebration. It was a very moving celebration.

Mayor Butler recalled his first Council Meeting held May 6, 1963.

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A couple hours before the meeting started, the entire south side of the square caught on fire. It was an awakening for Mayor Butler as he had never paid much attention to such things before. The City had one old antiquated fire truck manned by two fire fighters and the rest volunteers. When the fire truck got to the fire, they didn't have any water. Many area fire trucks came from surrounding communities with water on board. Adolph Fluck, Bill Harris, Everett Jeter and Lawrence Fuerer were the Commissioners.

Afterwards, he and the Council begin to make a visionary plan. The City was broke, they had no money. If he'd known how dire the situation was, he wouldn't have run. Mayor Butler said he has served with 25 different commissioners. They didn't always agree, but always managed to pull together and get the job done. One of the things he is proud of is 3 lanes of traffic on Rt. 13 in each direction. Mayor Butler said he has so many things to be proud of. He thoroughly enjoyed being Mayor, and always had the best interest of the City at heart. Since he announced his retirement, he's wondering if the people are glad he's retiring. He has had four opponents over the years. When election time would roll around, he thought it was time to run again. And, so it has been throughout the years.

Commissioner Goss told the Council and others present, it has been an honor serving with Mayor Butler.


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

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

8:00 P.M. Meeting Adjourned.


City Clerk Alice F. Rix

Attested: 2-12-2018


Mayor Robert L. Butler