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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 July 09, 2018. Mayor Rinella called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Mayor Rinella led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. The City Clerk was instructed to call the roll and the response was as follows:

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS HIGHTOWER, PATTON, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR RINELLA.

The minutes of the June 25, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

State Representative Dave Severin appeared before the Council to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Rick Herring upon his recent retirement from the City of Marion on June 29th after thirty-seven years of service with the City of Marion Sewer Department.

Mayor Rinella also presented Rick with a Certificate from the City of Marion also thanking him for his faithful years of service to the City.

Rochelle from Buffalo Hot Wings was present to invite everyone to Buffalo Hot Wings Restaurant on August 6th to eat wings to raise funds for the Pony League that will be at Rent One Stadium in August. Ten percent of purchased food will be donated to help defray the expense of the Pony League coming to Marion. Commissioner Rinella thanked Rochelle for all her help.

Lisa Wilson, newly appointed Chairperson of the Boyton Street Community Center Board said she had just learned of the City Council's appointment of Elva Prince to the Boyton Street Community Center Board. Mrs. Wilson stated the by-laws of the Boyton Street Community Center Board states that the Boyton Street Community Center Board has the authority to present the person to the City Council to be appointed to the Boyton Street Community Center Board. Mrs. Wilson also stated that Ms. Prince would need to submit a resume to the Boyton Street Community Center Board in order for the Boyton Street Community Center Board to consider her for appointment.

James Gunn came before the Council on behalf of Joe Marshall and himself to ask for help with their annual Back to School Bash which they hold every year at the Jones Park. This year the Back to School bash will be August 11th. Mr. Gunn stated last year the City donated \$250.00 to help defray the costs. Mayor Rinella stated he will borrow a grill from the Marion Park District to cook the hot dogs on the grill. Mayor Rinella stated that since this request was not on the agenda for tonight's meeting the Council would not be able to act on it.

Mr. Marcus Renick spoke to the Council regarding adding a crosswalk on West Main Street out by the entrance to the State Office Building. He stated it is very hazardous trying to cross West Main Street at that point. Engineer Glenn Clarida stated a solar light has been ordered to be installed just east of the east entrance to Casey's out by the State Office Building entrance.

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NEW BUSINESS

Police Chief Dawn Tondini introduced Patrolman Tom Stearns who has volunteered to be the first Student Resource Officer in the City of Marion’s history. Mayor Rinella stated it is a monumental moment in Marion with congratulations to Officer Stearns for taking this step for the City.

Police Chief Tondini asked approval to fill the position vacated by the appointment of Officer Stearns to the Student Resource Officer position. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve filling the position vacated by the appointment of Officer Stearns to the Student Resource Officer Position. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion. With no further discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

Treasurer Steve Hale asked the Council to approve the sale of 1,177 shares of Prudential Financial Inc. stock with the proceeds from the sale of the stock going into the co-mingled investment account to help restore the Reserve fund. Treasurer Hale stated the City has held this stock for approximately ten years. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the sale of the 1,177 shares of Prudential Financial Inc. stock. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. With no further discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Hightower presented two bids to the Council for the purchase of a truck for the Sewer Department with the Sewer Department paying half the cost of the truck and the other half financed through the loan already approved from First Southern Bank. Two bids were received. Bid 1 from Absher Arnold for \$24,399.00 that met the specifications of the Sewer Department. Bid 2 from Watermark Ford for \$26,933.94 that met the specifications also. Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve the bid from Absher Arnold in the amount of \$23,399.00. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote,

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Webb announced the Fire Department is asking for approval to accept a Grant from the Julia Harrison-Bruce Foundation in the amount of \$42,073.35 with the Grant funds to be used to purchase the following:

Inflatable Fire Education House	\$11,295.00
Modeltech Home Hazard Simulator.....	\$22,290.00
QuantFit Respirator Testing System.....	\$ 8,488.35
Total Requested Grant.....	\$42,073.35

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Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the Fire Department accepting the Grant from the Julia Harrison-Bruce foundation in the amount of \$42,073.35 with the funds being used for the above stated purchases. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

This is a 100% grant. With no further discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

STREET DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Goss told the Council the Street Department has one more phase of LED lights (Incentive Program) to be installed, which will be in the City’s Public Parking lots.

The beginning cost of the lights is	\$11,400.00
The Incentive will be	-4,531.00
The installation will be	<u>+3060.00</u>
Actual Cost to City	\$9,929.00

Plus, there will be a bonus from Ameren after the work is completed. The LED lights are a budgeted item.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the last phase of the LED light program. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Goss and Engineer Glenn Clarida informed the Council that emergency Storm Sewer lining work needs to be done on West DeYoung Street close to the Drury Inn. Two bids were received.

Skuta Construction, Inc bid \$123,761.00 and Insituform bid \$124,427.00 plus \$1,000.00 for a flagman.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the bid of Skuta Construction at \$123,761.00. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

Engineer Clarida stated these particular storm sewers were installed in 1972. The bottom of the storm sewers is rusted out and would be a mess to take out.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

HUB RECREATION CENTER

Hub Recreation Center General Manager Chris Georgantas recommended to the Council to approve Ray Cagle as the Interim full-time Sports and Recreation Coordinator at the current Sports and Recreation Coordinator hourly rate of \$15.30 per hour, in addition to current Basketball Instructor classification, to be effective July 28, 2018.

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve Ray Cagle as stated above. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

Hub Recreation Center General Manager Chris Georgantas recommended the following Part-time employees for hire:

Adam Perry – Security Officer \$15.00/hour

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Lucas Bailie – Lifeguard \$9.50/hour

Dennon Gilliam - Lifeguard \$9.50/hour

**Elijah Killman – Tackle Football Staff \$9.00/hour, Flag Football Staff \$9.00/hour,
Basketball Staff \$9.00/hour**

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve hiring the above individuals as listed above for job descriptions and pay rates. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

Hub Recreation Center General Manager Chris Georgantas recommended the following Additional Job Classification.

Larissa Bond – Tackle Football Sports Staff \$9.00/hour, Flag Football Sports Staff \$9.00/hour, Basketball Sports Staff \$9.00/hour (Current Fitness Attendant)

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Larissa Bond as stated above. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

MARION CULTURAL & CIVIC CENTER

Council approval to hire Ryan Melvin as a part-time custodian at Marion Cultural & Civic Center was tabled.

MARION SENIOR CITIZENS

Mayor Rinella read a letter from the Marion Senior Citizens Center asking the Council to approve the appointment of Cheryl Starns as a new Council Member. Cheryl will be the ninth member of the Senior Council and a great asset.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve the appointment of Cheryl Starns to the Marion Senior Council. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

ORDINANCE 3456 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS MARION BUSINESS PARK, PHASE I, MARIBETH WHITSEL AS AGENT FOR THE JAMES REICHERT FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.

Ordinance 3456 was tabled until further information is received.

Commissioner Goss asked the Council to approve authorizing Attorney Steve Green to place a Lien against the Illinois Star Centre Mall. Attorney Green told the Council the City has an opportunity to file a lien. *The City could then foreclose on the Mall.* The litigation against the City was dismissed in May.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve Attorney Green placing a Lien against the Illinois Star Centre Mall. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

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Mayor Rinella presented the invoice for the cost of the baseball jerseys for the Colt League World Series baseball uniforms for the Host team, with the games being played August 3rd through August 8th at the Rent One Baseball Stadium. The cost of the uniforms is \$1,659.99 from Curt Smith Sporting Goods, Inc. of Belleville, Illinois.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve the purchase of the Colt League Uniforms for the Host team at a cost of \$1,659.00. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

ORDINANCE 3457 - ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE PREVAILING WAGES FOR THE YEAR 2018. Mayor Rinella explained the prevailing wages to be paid for work on public works for each municipality is something that has to be done each year.

Commissioner Goss made motion to approve Ordinance 3457 as presented. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

Council approval to create Part-time Janitor position for Training Center was tabled to Executive session.

Engineer Glenn Clarida presented the bids for the resurfacing of the city streets for 2018. The bids are as follows:

E.T. Simonds Const. Co.	\$1,521,319.14
Southern Illinois Asphalt Co.	\$1,390,872.60

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the low bid of Southern Illinois Asphalt Co. at \$1,390,872.60. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The resurfacing of the streets will be paid from a combination of funds from Gas Tax, Motor Fuel Tax and TIF funds. There being no further discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

Mayor Rinella stated he had been considering for some time that to keep the downtown area moving forward, there needs to be a Downtown Planning Commission. Commissioner Goss some years ago formed the Downtown Restoration Committee to update the storefronts of the downtown buildings. That committee has been very successful. Mayor Rinella suggested that now is the time to start thinking about working towards more downtown parking. Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve establishing a Downtown Planning Commission. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Hightower asked if anything had been done towards the Forrest Ct. issue of getting the street hard surfaced. Mayor Rinella stated there are several parties involved and the City needs to get the parties together. Engineer Glenn Clarida stated the Council could amend the Ordinance to agree to oil and chip the street. Mayor Rinella stated if all the parties could come to an agreement, possibly all involved could share in the cost.

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Commissioner Webb gave the Police Department Activity Report for June 2018 with 25 Warrant arrests, 97 Traffic accidents and 5 DUI's. Commissioner Webb also gave the Fire Report for June 2018 with 77 Fire Calls with an estimated fire loss of \$151,000.00.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the monthly bills as funds become available. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Goss made a motion to pay the Consent Agenda dated July 9, 2018 as funds become available. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

7:45 P.M.

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to go into Executive session to discuss a Personnel matter and a Real estate matter.

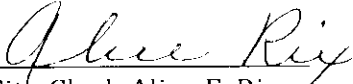
9:30 P.M.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to close the Executive Session and resume the Regular meeting. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Goss made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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


City Clerk Alice F. Rix
Attested: 7-24-2018


Mayor Anthony L. Rinella