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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 October 08, 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 September 24, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

Parents of Aaron Porter, star athlete from Marion High School who was recently killed in an accident in Indiana, were present while Mayor Rinella read a Proclamation in honor of their son Aaron Porter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Nicholas Miller, Active Duty Seal Divers Rescue, thanked the Hub and the City of Marion for allowing his Seal Trainees the use of the Hub for training.

Kathy Dawson, a resident of Thorn Street suggested perhaps the Illinois Centre Mall could be converted into a Charter School. Mrs. Dawson also suggested the City should look into getting metal rims to raise up the “Manhole covers” for when the streets are resurfaced. Street Superintendent Doug Phillips explained the rings for the manhole covers have already been ordered and several of them have already been installed. Another of Mrs. Dawson’s suggestions was for the City to consider the length of the signal lights at Court and Main during the time that trains are passing across West Main Street.

Kyle Katz, representing property owners in Johnson County who own property surrounding the Sugar Creek property that the City of Marion owns. Mr. Katz stated there are many violators trespassing, poaching and damaging the property owned by both the City of Marion and the local property owners. Mr. Katz said that both Johnson county and Williamson County Sheriff’s offices have told the property owners there is nothing they can do. The Game Warden has ticketed some of the people for trespassing, but IDNR will not prosecute. Attorney Steve Green stated he will send letters to Johnson County States Attorney to ask them to prosecute trespassers on City of Marion property.

Sheila J. Kimlinger from TWM, Inc. and Joe Zdankiewicz from SIMPO presented ideas for a proposed crosswalk near Otis Street and Ray Fosse Park on East DeYoung Street. Mr. Zdankiewicz gave an introduction by explaining SIMPO’s organization and mission. He then explained the specific sidewalk project. Sheila Kimlinger gave various statistic such as vehicular counts, posted speeds, pedestrian counts, and pedestrian/bike crash data. The counts at Garfield Street average 20 per day, with the counts at N. Otis Street averaging under 40 for non-tournament days but swelling to an average of 100 for tournament days. Ms. Kimlinger stated to get a feel for school children using the crossings, cameras were posted in August, after school started to see if children were crossing IL Route 13 to get to

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school. None were noted at either location. Ms. Kimlinger then presented the four options that have been developed for the study, noting some are more feasible than others. Council preferred Option 3, second alternate.

Option 3, the at-grade crossing is the least expensive at \$150,000.00. The original layout was 250 feet west of Otis Street. Additional alternates were considered to reduce the adverse travel effect. The first alternate with the crossing just west of the intersection was not favored because of the impact to the turning movements into the park at Otis Street, which was felt would cause too much disruption in traffic flow. The second alternate, with the crossing just east of the intersection was preferred by stakeholders. This allows the left-turning movements into the park. It also could allow for left turning movements out of the park back to east bound IL Route 13, assuming the median could be designed to allow for this. One of the entrances into Huck's, located on East DeYoung Street (IL Route 13), would have to be abandoned and curbed over, allowing only pedestrian movements at that location. It was noted that Huck's has three entrances off IL 13 and an additional two entrances from the side streets.

Option 4 – completing sidewalks on both side of IL 13 between State and Fair Streets and upgrading the signals at Fair Street to have pedestrian pushbuttons and cross walks was also presented. The cost to implement this would be around \$415,000.00. IDOT requested this option be added. Sheila also noted that it is not really a viable alternate for pedestrians truly just wanting to cross the street to go to Huck's. as the adverse travel would be too long. However, it is always good to provide/update pedestrian facilities. SIMPO understands this option is already in the works, with the sidewalk and signals to be built by IDOT in the near future. (it was not known what FY was planned for at this time)

Ms. Kimlinger also noted that IDOT would consider the at-grade at Otis Street, but then the existing crosswalk at Garfield Street would be eliminated. It is well worn and barely visible, although there are advance warning signs in place. IDOT is planning to resurface IL 13 in this area and needs to know if it should plan on restriping this existing crosswalk. However, there is not a sidewalk ramp at the NE quadrant of the intersection, so it is not really a truly functioning crossing. Mayor Rinella stated it was needed more back at the time when more kids walked to the Ray Fosse swimming pool. Now they are mostly being driven and dropped off. Mr. Zdankiewicz pointed out that IDOT would not allow "Both" crossings. It would have to be one or the other. Garfield crossing get less than 20 pedestrians a day while Otis get less than 40 per day on a typical non-tournament day.

When asked about funding for the improve Mr. Zdankiewicz explained that STP money could be applied for, which would be 80/20. He also said Safety money could be available which is 90/20. With the IDOT overlay for Il 13 planned for FY2020, meaning between July 2019 and July 2020, a deal would have to be worked out quickly to coordinate the work.

No action was taken by the council since it was not on the agenda. There was a consensus from the council that the at grade option on the east side of Otis was preferred and the council will make a formal recommendation at the next meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

TREASURERS OFFICE

Treasurer Steve Hale announced Lisa Clendenin will be moving from the Treasurer's Office to the Senior Citizens Center to assume the position of Clerical Aide, recently vacated by Kathy Jones. To fill the position in the Treasurer's office vacated by Lisa, Treasurer Hale asked the Council to approve the hiring of Kim Haag as Accounting Technician at \$20.00 per hour, effective upon completion of pre-employment testing.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the hiring of Kim Haag as presented.

Commissioner Webb 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 VOTED YEA.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the low bid of \$15,070.00 from Asphalt Maintenance of Marion to seal coat various city parking lots. The Street Department does the crack filling. Asphalt Maintenance then preps the parking lot and seal coats it. The City then stripes the parking lot. Commissioner Webb 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 VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the low bid of \$25,100.00 from Penninger Asphalt of Jonesboro, Illinois to excavate, prepare base and asphalt the new parking lot behind the Marion Carnegie Library. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

\$30,000.00 Was budgeted for the new Library parking lot. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

After much discussion, the Council approval of Clarida & Ziegler Engineering cost estimate for Halfway Road P.C.C. sidewalk – to proceed to take bids was tabled to a future meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the Police and Fire Merit Board's appointment of Doug Plumer as Firefighter to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Firefighter Jay Smart. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the bid for a vehicle exhaust system, at a cost of \$54,700.00, funded by the AFG Grant. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

Hearing no discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

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HUB RECREATION CENTER

Hub Recreation Center General Manager Chris Georgantas requested council approval of the following additional job classifications:

Quinisha Emanuel – Childwatch \$9.00/hour, and Maintenance \$9.00/hour.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the additional job classifications and pay rates as stated. Commissioner Patton seconded. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

MARION CULTURAL & CIVIC CENTER

Mayor Rinella read a letter from Marion Cultural & Civic Center Board Chairman Yolonde Peterson recommending the re-appointment for the following Board Members: Art Pratt, Yolonde Peterson and Mary Ann Stotlar to the Marion Cultural and Civic Center Board for three-year terms from November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2021

Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve Art Pratt, Yolonde Peterson and Mary Ann Stotlar as stated above. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

Hearing no discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

PAVILION

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the resignation of Carla Simmons from her position as Administrative Assistant at the Pavilion, effective October 12, 2018.

Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

Hearing no discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

LIFELINE EMRS CORP.

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve the renewal of the contract for Lifeline EMRS Corporation, there being no changes to the contract. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

Hearing no discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

RESOLUTION 2018-20 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INDUCEMENT AGREEMENT – LOWELL AND MICHELLE ANDERSON.

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-20 as presented.

Commissioner Patton seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

RESOLUTION 2018-21 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INDUCEMENT AGREEMENT – RCSZ PROPERTIES, LLC. This involves building a business in a new TIF.

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Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-21 as presented.

Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

Hearing no discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

Commissioner Patton announced the City of Marion has received approval from IEPA that stage 1 of the new elevated tank near Norman Road has been approved. The other part of the IEPA request for refurbishing the existing water tower on Madison Street possibly will be released first. After the new tower is built and the Madison Street Tower is back in service, the City of Marion will have four million gallons of water in reserve.

Commissioner Webb gave the Police Report for the month of September 2018.

121 Traffic Accidents
9 DUI's
4337 Dispatched Calls
1019 911 calls
92 Ambulance Calls

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 approve the Consent Agenda dated October 8, 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.

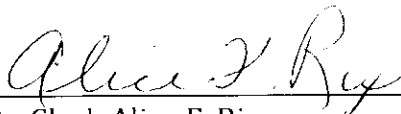
Mayor Rinella announced the upcoming electronics recycling event will be held Saturday October 13th from 9:00 A.M to 12:00 P.M. at the Training Center.

Mayor Rinella announced one of the City of Marion's Commissioners was celebrating a birthday today. Everyone wished Commissioner Goss a very Happy Birthday. Commissioner Goss was presented with a box of "Little Debbie" chocolate cakes, (one of Commissioner Goss's favorite desserts) and a box of cookies from Larry's s House of Cakes.


8:45 P.M.

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: 10-02-2018



Mayor Anthony L. Rinella