

CITY OF MARION – CONTINUED MEETING

November 19, 2018

Minutes of a Continued Meeting held at Marion City Hall Monday November 19, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Mayor Rinella. Mayor Rinella called the meeting to order. The roll call response was as follows:

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

Mayor Rinella stated this is a Continued Meeting with the item for this Continued Meeting - Item 18. Discuss/Action – replacing City Attorney - from the November 13, 2018 Regular Meeting.

The first Attorney to introduce himself to the Council was Attorney Joe Cervantez, partner with the Glenn Tetslaff Law Firm, which employs three attorneys and four support staff. Attorney Cervantez was in the U.S. Marines Infantry for over ten years, then attended Law School. He has worked in traffic court, and prosecuted Class 1 felonies. He also has worked in juvenile court in Harrisburg.

He is currently working for City of Johnston City and City of Herrin.

Attorney Cervantez stated Municipal law is different from other law. One must be humble and responsive, forthright and honest.

Attorney Adam Lawler of the Lawler and Brown Law Firm explained the partners in the Lawler and Brown Law Firm are himself, David Lawler and Nick Brown. Adam explained he worked with Ron Osman’s Law Firm for 5 years. In 2009 decided to start his own law firm. They now have five lawyers, a law clerk and twelve support staff. Together they offer a great team. All are local people. They don’t have any conflicts with anyone. They have no long-term relationships with any other city. David Lawler would attend most of the Council meetings. Their firm does not do Labor Law. Their real estate deals would not conflict with the City.

Commissioner Patton asked if when he or one of the other Commissioners called the Lawler Law Firm to ask a question would that be considered billable hours. Attorney Lawler answered they don’t bill for every phone call.

Mayor Rinella told the group their term as the City Attorney could possibly be just a four-month stint, depending on how the April 2, 2019 election goes. If a new mayor is elected, he or she could appoint a new City Attorney with the Council’s consent.

7:15 p.m.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Contract matter. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

8:10 P.M.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to go out of Executive Session and resume the Continued Meeting. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Webb made a motion to hire Lawler and Brown Law Firm as the City of Marion Attorneys. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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


Mayor Rinella stated the next Regular Meeting will be Monday November 26, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.

8:15 P.M.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to adjourn the Continued Meeting. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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


Anthony L. Rinella, Mayor


Alice Rix, City Clerk
ATTEST: 11-26-2018