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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 January 28, 2019. 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 January 14, 2019 Regular Meeting and January 21, 2019 Special Meeting were approved as presented.

Lana Ray, a concerned citizen, spoke to the Council concerning a dog on her street that she felt was being neglected and mistreated because of lack of a dry shelter.

NEW BUSINESS

T. J. Warren, Sargent of Marion Police Investigations, has participated in the Polar Plunge Event for Special Olympics of Illinois for over 14 years individually raising over \$30,000 for the Special Olympics. Again, this year Sargent Warren will be participating with the “Copsicles” made up of participants from the Marion Police Department, Williamson County Sheriff’s Department, City of Marion Water office and Mayor Anthony Rinella. The City Council agreed to donate \$500.00 to the Copsicles fund raising efforts for the 2019 Polar Plunge Event for the Special Olympics of Illinois.

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve the \$500.00 donation to the 2019 Polar Plunge Event for the Special Olympics of Southern Illinois. 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 ALL VOTED YEA.

ABATEMENT OF GENERAL REAL ESTATE TAX LEVIES FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS

Treasurer Steve Hale presented the Abatement of General Real Estate Tax Levies for General Obligation Refunding Bonds asking for approval of the following Resolutions providing the County of Williamson with abatement of real estate tax levies on the listed General Obligation Refunding Bonds for the City of Marion.

Resolution No. 2019-01 Abating General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 for the 2018 tax year, due and payable in 2019, in the amount of \$1,417,964.50.

Resolution No. 2019-02 Abating General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2007 for the 2018 tax year, due and payable in 2019, in the amount of \$127,078.75.

Resolution No. 2019-03 Abating General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017 for the 2018 tax year, due and payable in 2019, in the amount of \$265,275.00.

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Resolution No. 2019-04 Abating General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2011A for the 2018 tax year, due and payable in 2019, in the amount of \$366,792.50.

Resolution No. 2019-05 Abating General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 for the 2018 tax year, due and payable in 2019, in the amount of \$230,499.12.

Resolution No. 2019-06 Abating General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 for the 2018 tax year, due and payable in 2019, in the amount of \$238,232.50.

Resolution No. 2019-07 Abating General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 for the 2018 tax year, due and payable in 2019, in the amount of \$1,389,960.00.

Resolution No. 2019-08 Abating General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 for the 2018 tax year, due and payable in 2019, in the amount of \$992,050.00.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve Resolutions 2019-01 through Resolution 2019-08 as presented. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. Treasurer Hale stated these abatements amount to more than \$5,027,000.00 that is being paid by various city revenue sources, saving the City of Marion tax payers money on their real estate property taxes. 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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

City Administrator Gail West stated the Code Enforcement Office is asking approval to purchase a 2015 Ford Escape from Absher Arnold in the amount of \$14,000.00 for Code Inspector Brian Van Horn. It is a budgeted item. Brian's current vehicle will be passed on to the IT Department. Commissioner Goss made a motion to purchase the 2015 Ford Escape from Absher Arnold for \$14,000.00 for the Code Enforcement Department. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

ORDINANCE 3492 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MARION TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH FIRST SOUTHERN BANK WITH A 3 YEAR FIXED RATE OF 3.24% FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$14,000.00 TO COVER THE PURCHASE OF THE 2015 FORD ESCAPE FOR THE CODE INSPECTOR. Treasurer Hale stated the purchase of a vehicle for the Code Enforcement Department was budgeted last year.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve Ordinance 3492 as presented.

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.

TREASURERS OFFICE

Treasurer Steve Hale asked the Council to approve giving Rianne Robeson incremental increases starting six months from her hire date to her two-year anniversary in order to progress to the same rate as the current Account Technician. Treasurer Hale stated she has now passed her 90-day probationary period.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve giving Rianne Robeson incremental increases starting six months from her hire date to her two-year anniversary.

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Commissioner Hightower 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.

Commissioner Hightower told the Council Wastewater Superintendent Brent Cain is asking the Council to approve repairs of approximately 300 feet of a 15-inch sewer line that runs north and south along the west side of Byassee Keyboard. The line also has several offset joints that are leaking and need to be repaired. Due to the proximity of the building and the depth of the sewer line, it would be best to put a liner in it. Skuta Construction has submitted a proposal of \$19,500.00. The area is in the HUB TIF. Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve Skuta Construction's proposal to reline the approximately 300 feet of the 15-inch sewer line running along the west side of Byassee Keyboard and make the other repairs. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

City Engineer Brian Ziegler presented the bids for the 5th Street and Brady Street Sewer improvements. The Engineer's estimate was \$134,295.00. Wiggs Excavating, Inc. bid was \$223,835.00 with Skuta Construction at \$115,140.00.

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to accept and approve the bid of Skuta Construction at \$115,140.00. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

COUNTY 911 BOARD

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Fire Chief Jerry Odum to the Williamson County 911 Board for a three-year term as a City of Marion representative. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the appointment of Assistant Chief Tina Morrow to fill the un-expired term of Police Chief Dawn Tondini's position on the Williamson County 911 Board as a City of Marion representative. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the retirement of Captain Bruce Plumer from the Fire Department effective as of May 31, 2019 after 30 years of service with the Department. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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

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Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the Marion Fire and Police Merit Board to fill the vacant Fire Fighter position made necessary by the retirement of Captain Bruce Plumer. 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 VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Webb made a motion for the Council to approve the Marion Fire and Police Merit Board to make promotions in the Fire Department made necessary by the retirement of Captain Bruce Plumer. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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

STREET DEPARTMENT

City Engineer Brian Ziegler presented the bids for the Hill Avenue and North Carbon Street Roundabout. The Engineer's Estimate was \$1,489,153.50. The bids are as follows:

Samron Contracting	\$1,317,761.25
Sierra Bravo	\$1,273,175.17
E.T. Simonds	\$1,298,837.61

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the low bid of Sierra Bravo of \$1,273,175.17. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

Engineer Ziegler stated the Stanford project will be done first. The roundabout project will start after Stanford is completed.

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.

HUB RECREATION CENTER

Hub Recreation General Manager Chris Georgantas asked the Council to approve the resignation of Ray Cagle as full-time Sports & Recreation Coordinator, effective February 2, 2019. (He will be remaining as part-time Basketball Instructor at \$20.00 per hour).

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Ray Cagle's resignation as full-time Sports & Recreation Coordinator (remaining as part-time Basketball Instructor at \$20.00 per hour). Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

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

Hub Recreation General Manager Chris Georgantas asked the Council to approve the following New Employee Recommendations – Part-time Employees

- Moses Maze – Basketball Sports Staff \$9.00/hour, Tackle Football Sports Staff \$9.00/hour, Flag Football Sports Staff \$9.00/hour, Fitness Attendant \$9.00/hour
- Alexander Baker - Basketball Sports Staff \$9.00/hour, Tackle Football Sports Staff \$9.00/hour, Flag Football Sports Staff \$9.00/hour, Fitness Attendant \$9.00/hour
- Joshua Lindner – Café Attendant \$9.00/hour, Front Desk Attendant \$9.00/hour
- Julianne Chairez – Childwatch Attendant \$9.00/hour

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- Susan Chartrau – Childwatch Attendant \$9.00/hour, Camp Counselor \$9.00/hour, Café Attendant \$9.00/hour, Front Desk Attendant \$9.00/hour
- Breca Quertermous – Childwatch Attendant \$9.00/hour, Camp Counselor \$9.00/hour
- Adacmara Soarez Delgado – Café Attendant \$9.00/hour, Front Desk Attendant \$9.00/hour, Childwatch Attendant \$9.00/hour
- Martin Jennings – Personal Trainer \$30.00/hour, Group Exercise Instructor \$15.00/hour, Basketball Instructor \$15.00/hour, Swim Coach \$20.00/hour

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve the above listed new Part-time employees at the stated job positions and pay rates. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

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

MARION CULTURAL AND CIVIC CENTER

Executive Director of the Marion Cultural and Civic Center Josh Benson presented a sample of the new custom designed carpet selected to replace all the old carpet in the Civic Center. Executive Director Benson asked the Council to approve the purchase of 1,950 square yards of the new carpet from Distinctive Interiors for the sum of \$48,760.00. The carpet will be paid from a donation to the Marion Cultural and Civic Center from Mr. and Mrs. Allen McCabe.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the purchase of the carpet for the Marion Cultural and Civic Center from Distinctive Interiors in the amount of \$48,760.00.

Commissioner Goss 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.

City Administrator Gail West told the Council Director of the Senior Citizens Center Letina Poole has received a resignation letter from Steven Evett as a full-time kitchen aide at the Senior Citizens Center with his last day being February 26, 2019.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to accept and approve the resignation of Steven Evett as a full-time kitchen aide at the Marion Senior Citizen Center. 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 VOTED YEA.

ORDINANCE 3485 – APPROVING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECTS FOR THE MARION NORTH COMMERCIAL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT.

City Administrator Gail West explained this Ordinance and the next two Ordinances establish a new TIF District Marion North Commercial Tax Increment Financing District.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Ordinance 3485 as presented.

Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

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ORDINANCE 3486 – DESIGNATING THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA FOR THE MARION NORTH COMMERCIAL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT.

City Administrator Gail West explained this Ordinance designates the Redevelopment Project area. It does not contain Dillard's or Target or the vacant land on the west side of the Parkway Villas.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Ordinance 3486 as presented.

Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

ORDINANCE 3487 – ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING FOR THE MARION NORTH COMMERCIAL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT. This Ordinance makes available the TIF financing for the redevelopment area.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Ordinance 3487 as presented.

Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

ORDINANCE 3488 – APPROVING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECTS FOR THE MARION LITTLE TRACTOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT. This is an area north of Rt. 13, partially bordered by Princeton Avenue on the North and east of I -57. This Ordinance and the next two Ordinances establish another new TIF District.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Ordinance 3488 as presented.

Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

ORDINANCE 3489 – DESIGNATING THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA FOR THE MARION LITTLE TRACTOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Ordinance 3489 as presented.

Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

ORDINANCE 3490 – ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING FOR THE MARION LITTLE TRACTOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Ordinance 3490 as presented.

Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

ORDINANCE 3491 – PROVIDING FOR AND APPROVING THE 2019 AMENDMENT TO THE MARION TIF DISTRICT I REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA, PLAN AND PROJECTS.

This Ordinance provides for some of the parcels in TIF I moving into the new Marion Little Tractor TIF and some into the new North Commercial TIF, reducing the size of TIF I.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve Ordinance 3491 as presented.

Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
ORDINANCE 3493 – ORDINANCE MODIFYING CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION TRADES IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY TO REFLECT CERTAIN CORRECTIONS MADE BY THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 18, 2019.

These are changes made by the Illinois Department of Labor.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Ordinance 3493 as presented.

Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

WILLIAMSON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve payment of the annual subsidy of \$15,000.00 to the Williamson County Historical Museum. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

Mayor Rinella stated there is a lot of history in the Williamson County Historical Museum. Anyone who has not been there lately should make it a point to visit the museum.

Commissioner Goss stated the Museum lost one of its strong supporters when Clarence DeMattei passed away.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the payment to the Museum as presented.

Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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

VACATE OF MARION HEIGHTS COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION PHASE I
ORDINANCE 3494 – VACATING THE PLAT OF MARION HEIGHTS COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION PHASE I.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve Ordinance 3494 vacating the Plat of Marion Heights Commercial Subdivision Phase I. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Goss made a motion to pay the monthly bills as funds become available. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

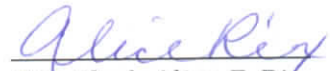
ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS HIGHTOWER, PATTON, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR RINELLA VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Hightower asked about cold weather warming centers. City Administrator Gail West stated the Senior Citizens Building, the Marion Carnegie Library and the Training Center could be used as warming centers in an emergency.

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 VOTED YEA.

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City Clerk Alice F. Rix
Attested: 2-12-2019


Mayor Anthony L. Rinella