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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 March 11, 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 AND GOSS AND MAYOR RINELLA. ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS PATTON AND WEBB.

The minutes of the February 25, 2019 Regular Meeting, Special Meeting March 4, 2019 and Special Meeting March 7, 2019 were approved as presented.

Mayor Rinella read a Proclamation honoring the Girl Scouts and 2019 Girl Scout Week.

Mayor Rinella also recognized Marisa Basi who will be a member of the first SIU Women's Soccer Team of 2019.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Street Superintendent Doug Phillips informed the Council Ameren is offering to municipalities an application for a grant to replace 500 Ameren owned street lights (power paid by City of Marion) with LED Lights, which are much brighter and have a seven-year warranty. The lights will be replaced with the LED bulbs as the old bulbs burn out. Changing to the LED lights would give a cost savings to the City of over \$100,000.00 per year because of the lower power usage of the LED lights.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the grant application for 500 lights at a cost of \$75.00 each as they are installed by December 31, 2019.

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

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

Mayor Rinella said Moto Mart has asked for a street light on West Main Street at the cross walk in front of Moto Mart. Pepsi has stated they will help with getting the light installed.

HUB RECREATION CENTER

Hub Recreation Center General Manager Chris Georgantas made the following recommendation for new part-time employees.

Kyle Walker, Swim Coach \$20.00/hour, Swim Instructor \$20.00/hour.

Rebecca Crouse – Lifeguard \$9.50/hour

Justine Matau – Group Exercise Instructor \$15.00/hour.

Commissioner Hightower made a motion for the above mentioned new part-time employees be approved for the above stated job classifications and pay rates. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

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Hub Recreation Center General Manager Chris Georgantas told the Council March 30th the Hub is holding a CASA Bash to benefit Williamson County CASA from 1 to 5 P.M. Last year the Hub raised \$6,500.00. This year they are looking to raise \$7,500.00 for CASA.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Rinella presented the demolition bids for the properties at 811 West Concord and 1304 West Concord.

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| 811 W. Concord | Terra Pro | \$6,950.00 |
| | Neat Cut | \$4,900.00 |
| 1304 W. Concord | Terra Pro | \$3,000.00 |
| | Neat Cut | \$2,900.00 |

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the low bids of Neat Cut for 811 W. Concord at \$4,900.00 and for 1304 W. Concord at \$2,900.00. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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

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MARION CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve the resignation of Dena Porter from the Marion Carnegie Library as Technical Services I as of March 15, 2019. Dena has been with the Library for 23 years. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

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Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve the promotion of Amanda Villa from Library I to Coordinator of Adult Services at \$15.00/hour, who is replacing Linda Johnson who is being promoted to fill the upcoming vacant position in Technical Services. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

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The approval of part-time contractual security person at Marion Carnegie Library was tabled.

Insurance Agent Jon Cavaness explained the Travelers Property and Liability Insurance Renewal. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the Travelers Property and Liability Insurance Renewal as presented. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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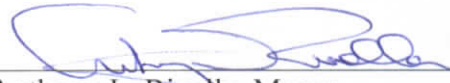
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Mayor Rinella announced the Vietnam Moving Wall will be coming to Marion May 1st. It will be escorted to the Marion V.A. Hospital grounds and open for viewing from May 2nd through May 5th. Mayor Rinella urged everyone to go visit the Vietnam Wall to support and pay honor to our Veterans.

The next regular Council Meeting will be March 25, 2019.

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

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Anthony L. Rinella, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alice F. Rix, City Clerk