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

Minutes of a Special Meeting held at Marion City Hall Monday January 21, 2019 at 4:30 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, Webb and Goss and Mayor Rinella.

ABSENT: Commissioner Patton

Mayor Rinella stated this is a Special Meeting have given notice of the Special Meeting forty-eight hours prior to the meeting as stated in 05/ILCS 120/2.02 with the reason for the Special Called Meeting being as follows:

- Council approval to promote Lonnie Phillips to Collection Systems Lead Man in the Wastewater Treatment Plant to fill the position recently vacated by the death of Scott McConnell. (Effective date January 21, 2019)
- 2. Council discuss/approve transfer of Emergency Medical contract from Lifeline Emergency Medical Response Services corporation to Abbott EMS.
- 3. Announcement Chief of Police Dawn Tondini will be retiring as of April 1, 2019.

Commissioner Hightower told the Council that the Sewer Department sadly lost Scott McConnell with his unexpected passing.

Three applicants applied for the job. The qualifications for the job were based on licenses held by the applicant, seniority and working knowledge. Lonnie Phillips was chosen for the job as Lead Man because he held two licenses and is knowledgeable in all phases of the work.

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve Lonnie Phillips to be the Lead Man in the Sewer Department. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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Kevin McConnell current owner of the Lifeline Ambulance Service stated he has operated the Lifeline Ambulance Service for 25 years. He is selling the ambulance service to Abbott. Abbott will keep 27 of the current Lifeline employees. Kevin and two office staff will lose their jobs. Kevin stated Abbott has a lot of resources and will be able to move the company forward.

Abbott will continue with the training for CPR for city employees as Lifeline had done in the past. After discussing the dates on the contract that Lifeline Ambulance Service had held with the City of Marion for all the years, it was decided that the new contract will be amended to run from February 25, 2019 to February 29, 2020.

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve the transfer of the contract with Lifeline Ambulance Emergency Medical Response Services Corporation to Abbott EMS. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

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Mayor Rinella announced Chief of Police Dawn Tondini will be retiring as of April 1, 2019. Her last day to work will be around February 15, 2019.

Commissioner Webb gave the Police Report for the month of December with 11 DUI's and a total of 104 DUI's for the year.

Commissioner Goss commended the Street Department and all the Public Works Departments for all the hard work they put in working to keep the main access streets open. He stated Street Superintendent Doug Phillips did a great job. Commissioner Goss stated the City of Marion had twenty-one trucks out plowing snow Saturday till 1:00 A.M. Sunday morning. Then they were all back out Sunday morning at 7:00 A.M.

Mayor Rinella stated he and Commissioner Hightower had both attended the Martin Luther King Celebration at the Pavilion. Dr. Hatchett gave a very inspiring speech.

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

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Meeting Adjourned 5:00 P.M.

ANTHONY L. RINELLA, MAYOR

ALICE F. RIX, CITY CLERK