

Minutes of a Special Meeting held at Marion City Hall Thursday March 7, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rinella. Mayor Rinella Called the meeting to order. The roll call response was as follows.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Hightower.

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:

1. Council approval of Ordinance 3497 – Animal Control Ordinance.
2. Council approval of F.O.P Labor Contract 05/01/2019-04/30/2022.
3. Council Approval of Bids for Apparatus Bay addition to the Marion Fire Station.
4. Council approval to hire Ginger Galt as substitute Office Clerk for the Fire Department.

Mayor Rinella explained the Animal Control Ordinance has been in the process of revision for some time. Animal Control Supervisor Shana Askew, Police Chief Tina Morrow, Attorney David Lawler and Mayor Rinella have looked at this Ordinance and feel that it has something to offer in updating the City's Animal Control Ordinance. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve Ordinance 3497 as presented. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Mayor Rinella called for the vote.

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

Mayor Rinella stated the F.O.P. Contract had an error in the starting and ending date of the contract. It should read "05-01-2019 to 04-30-2022". After discussing the updates in the contract, Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the F.O.P. Labor Contract dated 05/01/2019 – 04/30/2022 as amended, Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

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

Mayor Rinella told the Council Cathy Anderson, Clerk at the Fire Department had a stroke a few weeks back. At this time, it is undetermined as to when Cathy will be able to return to work. Chief Odum needs a Substitute Clerk in his department. Commissioner Webb made a motion to hire Ginger Galt as a substitute Office Clerk for the Fire Department at \$14.00 per hour. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

Architect Gail White presented the tabulation of bids for General Contractors for the Apparatus Bay Addition to the Marion Fire station. The four lowest bids are as follows:

H.E. Mitchell	\$836,000.00
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Ross Construction	\$842,700.00
Shores Builders	\$859,700.00
Evrard-Strang	\$825,000.00

Commissioner Patton asked if there is a box culvert that runs under the Old Farm Fresh building. Architect White said no.

With Evrard-Strang being the lowest bidder, the question of litigation against Evrard-Strang at the time of the addition and remodeling contract for the Fire Station was under consideration, it was decided to table the approval of the bid for the Apparatus Bay Addition to the Marion Fire Station.

Attorney Lawler will do more investigating into the prior litigation that was filed against Evrard-Strang. Mayor Rinella said he spoke with Mayor John McPeck of Harrisburg who recommended H.E. Mitchell. Attorney Lawler stated he thinks Evrard-Strang should have disclosed on their application that they have the prior litigation still pending.

Commissioner Patton suggested the Council investigate Evrard-Strang more. Attorney Lawler will investigate the litigation pending against Everard-Strang. The bids will be tabled to the March 25, 2019 Regular Meeting.

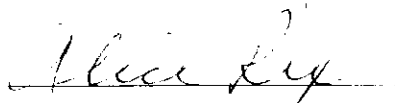
Mayor Rinella noted Chief Jerry Odum's mother passed away yesterday and sends their family our deepest sympathy and condolences.

Commissioner Webb stated that Chief Odum had a contract for an exhaust system for the new Bay addition. The contract for the exhaust system for the new bay area will be acted on a later meeting.

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

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 P.M.



ALICE F. RIX, CITY CLERK



ANTHONY L. RINELLA, MAYOR