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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 February 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, PATTON, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR RINELLA.

The minutes of the January 28, 2019 Regular Meeting and were approved as presented.

Shannon Wiesenmayer, Williamson County Tourism – Visit SI Executive Director, gave a report of the activities and numbers for the Williamson County SI through 2017, including an increase in the Hospitality Industry Payroll of 3.7% and increase in hospitality city tax receipts of 3.53%. The Visit SI group has traveled to various trade shows including St. Louis, Chicago and Wisconsin to present all the beauty and glory of Southern Illinois including wineries, beautiful Southern Illinois scenery, Southern Illinois Miners and much more. A partnership has been formed with the Canadian Wild Softball Team coming to train in June and August at Rent One Ballpark. The Colt League World Series is coming back to Marion again this summer and probably for several years to come because they really like the venue at Rent One Ballpark, all the restaurants and the area hotels. Even though the 2017 Eclipse did not bring in all the revenue that was anticipated, they are looking forward to the 2024 Eclipse.

NEW BUSINESS

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to hire Blaine Burk as a Laborer in the Sewer Department effective February 12, 2019, with wages and benefits as per Laborers Contract dated 2015-2019. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. This is to fill the open laborer's position created by moving Lonnie Phillips to Lead Man to fill the position of Scott McConnell who passed away. 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.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Patton explained to the Council some years ago the Water Plant built a new building to house the office, a kitchen area/break room and storage area. A concrete approach to the new building had never been added. At this time water Superintendent Scott Connell has gotten bids to have an 80' x 45' x 6'0 apron poured in front of the new Water Plant building. The Quotes include the cost of the concrete, welded wire fabric, placing and finishing. This is a budgeted item. The three bids are as follows:

Marion Concrete Construction	\$15,047.00
Samron Midwest Contracting	\$19,700.00
Donelson Concrete	\$22,480.00

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Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve the low bid of Marion Concrete at \$15,047.00. 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 ALL VOTED YEA.

The discussion for the Firefighter's Contract from May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2022 was tabled to Executive Session.

The discussion to approve the bidding process on the Fire station addition was tabled to Executive Session.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the Sponsorship letters from the Fire Department for the Fire Prevention Program. 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 ALL VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the Fire and Police Merit Board's appointment of Brockton Whitehead as a Firefighter, Lieutenant Steve Plumer promoted to Captain and Firefighter Mike Boyd promoted to Lieutenant. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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

City Engineer Glenn Clarida presented the bids for the construction of the 5' sidewalks consisting of approximately 4,200 feet of f-foot PCC sidewalk and miscellaneous items on Halfway Rd./Main Street. The bids are as follows:

Samron Contracting	\$167,790.25
E.T. Simonds	\$199,760.21
K.R.B. Excavating	\$201,327.50
Endrizzi Contracting	\$183,007.75
Evrard-Strang	\$240,141.47
Marion Concrete	\$144,311.00

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the low bid of Marion Concrete at \$144,311.00. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS HIGHTOWER, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR RINELLA ALL VOTED YEA. COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED NO.

HUB RECREATION CENTER

Hub Recreation Center General Manager Chris Georgantas presented the name of Gregory Kerrigan as a new employee-part-time Maintenance staff at \$9.00/hour to fill a position of a person who resigned.

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

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Gregory Kerrigan as a new employee-part-time Maintenance staff at \$9.00/hour. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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General Manager Georgantas stated the Hub has several special activities planned for the near future. February 15th will be a Scuba event with Mermet Springs, February 18th the Hub will be holding a blood drive, March 25th will be The Hungry for Knowledge – Healthy eating class, and March 30th the Hub will be holding their annual fund raiser for CASA.

MARION CARNEGIE LIBRARY

City Administrator Gail West read a letter from the Marion Carnegie Library asking the approval of the resignation of Lindsey L. Clark from the Marion Carnegie Library effective February 22, 2019.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the resignation of Lindsey L. Clark from the Marion Carnegie Library effective February 22, 2019. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Mayor Rinella read a letter addressed to Marion Senior Center Director Letina Poole and the Marion City Council from Kenneth Gabriel, who stated he has worked at the Marion Senior Citizens Center for the past 35 years as the custodian, but because of his health he is now retiring. February 26, 2019 will be his last day to work.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the retirement of Kenneth Gabriel. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Rinella stated Kenny has been a faithful and loyal worker at the Senior Center and will certainly be missed.

IT DEPARTMENT

Terance Henry, IT Director, asked the Council to approve the purchase of the Annual Maintenance Agreement for the 2019 Cisco Meraki Router, Wi-Fi, etc. for the City of Marion at a cost of \$9,367.44. Terance stated he is responsible for over 400 devices in the City. Before he had the Cisco router, he had to drive across town to which ever office had the difficulty regardless of the time of day or night to get the difficulty fixed. Now he can correct the problem from his cell phone.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the payment for the 2019 Cisco Meraki Router. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Rinella told the Council the Lighthouse Shelter does a very important job for the City of Marion. There would be a lot of people without shelter and food if not for the Lighthouse Shelter. Mayor Rinella recommended the City of Marion to donate to the Lighthouse Shelter. Commissioner Goss made a motion to donate \$2,000.00 to the Lighthouse Shelter, which is a budgeted item. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Goss stated he would like to see \$3,000.00 more given to the Lighthouse Shelter to replace some of their security cameras that are no longer working. City Administrator Gail West stated there are no extra funds in the City's budget at this time. The City has had to install a new heating and air conditioning system at the Marion Training Center and purchase a new refrigeration system for Boyton Street Community Center.

TIF RESOLUTION

Resolution 2019-09 – Inducement Resolution RCSZ Properties, LLC. City Administrator Gail West told the Council, Black Diamond R.V. wants to build a 32,000 square foot showroom, a warehouse and parking lot in the North Commercial TIF. They need additional space for their R. V's.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-19 as presented. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

ORDINANCE 3495 REPEALING ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE 2189 WAS TABLED.

Commissioner Patton stated the requirement for part-time employees to live within the 10-mile radius of City Hall within 18 months should be waived because most times the part-time employees are students who don't end up working over 18 months. Mayor Rinella stated he thinks the Employee Handbook should be amended to not require part-time employees to have to live within the 10-mile radius.

Commissioner Hightower made a motion to approve waiving the require for part-time employees to have to live within the 10-mile radius of City Hall.

Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS HIGHTOWER, PATTON, AND WEBB AND MAYOR RINELLA VOTED YEA. COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED NO.

ORDINANCE 3496 – ORDINANCE - THE HILL PHASE III SUBDIVISION (DOUG BRADLEY, MANAGER) Tabled to the next meeting.

REPORT BY STREET SUPERINTENT

Street Department Superintendent Doug Phillips gave a report on work the Street Department has completed over the last few years. The Street Department maintains over 200 miles of streets within the City of Marion – clearing all the streets of snow when it snows. The Street Department paints the stripes and decals on all the streets for traffic safety. Three years ago, the City of Marion purchased equipment so that the Street Department can make their own street signs and speed limit signs instead of having to go through the process and time of ordering and waiting for the signs to be shipped to them. The Street Department now does their own crack filling, which helps to prolong the life of the streets.

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The Street Department has 18 snow plows, the Water Department has 2 snow plows and the Cemetery has 1 snow plow. The last snowfall the City received took our City snow plows 13-14 hours to cover all the streets in the City of Marion.

Every two years the Street Department bids out a contract to make sure the City has a stock pile of salt for all the roads.

The Street Department has 19 employees, 3 full time bush-hog operators, 2 stripers, 1 street sweeper, and 6 to 7 do road work.

Everyone agreed Superintendent Phillips and the employees in the Street Department do a great job keeping the city streets, storm drains, road signs and all the other necessary items in as good a shape as is possible.

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 Goss made a motion to pay the Consent Agenda as funds become available. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Rinella announced Police Chief Dawn Tondini is retiring with Friday being her last day. There will be a Farewell Party for Dawn at the City Hall at 2:00 P.M. Friday.

7:55 P.M.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss two Contract items. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

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

9:15 P.M.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to close the Executive Session and go back into Open Session. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the Firefighter Contract for May 1, 2019 - April 30, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER HIGHTOWER VOTED NO. COMMISSIONERS PATTON, WEBB AND GOSS AND MAYOR RINELLA VOTED YEA.

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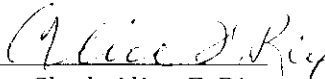
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9:20 P.M.

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.


City Clerk Alice F. Rix
Attested: 2-26-2018


Mayor Anthony L. Rinella