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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 6:30 P.M. The City Clerk was instructed to call the roll and the response was as follows:

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Absher.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Patton asked for Hub Recreation Center items 6, 7 and 8 to be removed from the Consent Agenda so they may be discussed separately. Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Hub Recreation Center items 6, 7 and 8. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief David Fitts addressed the Council to present the Police Department Annual Awards. He explained the Marion Police Department hasn't recognized an Officer of the Year or a Dispatcher of the Year in a few years and he and Assistant Chief Morrow decided to bring back these awards. He stated these awards are voted on by the Officer's and Dispatcher's peers. He and Assistant Chief Morrow did not participate in the voting. Chief Fitts announced Ashley Olson was voted 2019 Dispatcher of the Year. He said she was appointed Team Lead in May 2019. She has done scheduling for dispatch for the past three years, trained and mentored new dispatchers, helped develop a communication officer training program, regularly cooks and feeds whoever is on duty and genuinely cares about what she does. He presented Ashley with a plaque.

Chief Fitts announced the 2019 Officer of the Year is Jared Gott. In 2019 he answered 946 calls for service, made 227 arrests, filed 130 incident reports, had 33 warrant arrests, had 22 driving while license suspended or revoked arrests and made a minimum of seven meth arrests. He works midnight shift professionally and expertly without complaint. He presented Jared with a plaque.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Ordinance 3589 vacating an alley located between Cornell Avenue and Kennedy Avenue that intersects with Princeton Avenue near Little Tractor and Equipment at the request of Justin Ferrell and James Parker. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

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Mayor Absher explained Ordinance 3587 is the next step in the process for establishing the Residential TIF. Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve Ordinance 3587 establishing February 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. as the final public hearing date for the proposed Residential TIF 1. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

Mayor Absher explained this agreement was on a previous agenda but Crown Brew, LLC made a name change in their agreement. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Ordinance 3588 entering into a sales tax inducement agreement with Crown Brew, LLC. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

Mayor Absher explained Resolution 19-23 is a pre-agreement for interested developers for the Residential TIF District should it be enacted. Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to adopt Resolution 19-23 an Inducement Resolution between the City of Marion and Enrico Castellano for properties located in the proposed Residential TIF. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

HUB RECREATION CENTER

The following items are personnel moves that were removed from the Consent Agenda for clarification.

Hub Recreation Center General Manager Chris Georgantas addressed the Council. He explained that currently, the Aquatics and Sports & Recreation and Fitness Departments at the Hub are run by Managers and Leads. He stated these departments are being effectively led in this manner. He explained Alexis Williams is currently the Programming and Youth Development Coordinator and is making \$38,000 per year. Consolidating her current position of Programming and Youth Development Coordinator with Membership Coordinator will increase her pay by \$10,000 but will save a benefits package by not hiring a separate Membership Coordinator. Chris also stated he would like to post the Youth Development Manager position immediately so he may begin interviewing for that position.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve the recommendation of the General Manager to consolidate the Programming and Youth Development Coordinator positions into the Membership Coordinator position and promote Alexis Williams to Membership Coordinator at an exempt salary of \$48,000 annually plus benefits. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve the recommendation of the General Manager to create the Membership Manager position at a full-time non-exempt rate of \$14.00 per hour and promote Ashley Palmer to Membership Manager. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve the recommendation of the General Manager to create the Youth Development Manager position at a part-time, non-exempt rate of \$14.00 per hour. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Mayor's Chief of Staff Cody Moake stated the City requested bids for ambulance service operations within the City and received bids from United Medical Response, Abbott EMS and Williamson County Ambulance. Cody explained the three bids to the Council. He told the Council that both Abbott EMS and United Medical Response have agreed to direct dispatch, have facilities in Marion and have similar levels of staff certification. Abbott EMS is a nationwide company whereas United Medical Response is a more regional company. Cody also stated any contract with either company will have a 120 day out clause without cause. Mayor Absher and the Commissioners had several questions. The Operations Manager for Abbott EMS and the CFO for United Medical Response both addressed the Council and answered those questions. After lengthy discussion, Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve the bid from United Medical Response for Ambulance Service Operations within the City of Marion. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Webb reported the Street Department has received several reports through the City app. He also reported that the Street and Cemetery Departments are doing a great job.

Commissioner Stoecklin read the Water Treatment Plant report. He also reported on the Downtown Christmas event hosted by the City.

Mayor Absher asked the Commissioners for their thoughts on moving the Downtown Christmas to Thanksgiving weekend next year. Chief of Staff Cody Moake stated that hopefully there would be no conflicts with shows at the Civic Center during that time frame.

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Commissioner Barwick reminded the audience to be careful to not drink and drive during the Christmas and New Year's holidays and to please have a designated driver. He stated the Police Department would have extra patrols during these times.

Commissioner Patton reported the Treasurer's office has updated software that should help with the budgeting process.

Mayor Absher announced there would be an executive session this evening to discuss property. He stated there would be no action taken after executive session.

7:40 P.M.

Mayor Absher made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss property. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

8:28 P.M.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to adjourn the Executive session and resume the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Stoecklin Seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Barwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

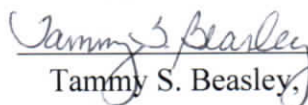
ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.



Michael W. Absher, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tammy S. Beasley, City Clerk