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City of Marion – Regular Meeting
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 AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER.
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER WEBB

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Detective Sergeant T J Warren.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Detective Sergeant T J Warren of the Marion Police Department addressed the council regarding the Special Olympics Polar Plunge on March 7, 2020 at Rend Lake. T J explained he and Officer Scott Morse started the Copsicles Team to raise money for Special Olympics fourteen years ago. Since they started, their team has raised between \$60,000 and \$70,000 in donations to help athletes with intellectual disabilities. He asked if the Council would support their team with a \$500 donation as they have in past years. Mayor Absher stated they can count on the donation from the City as long as it was budgeted. Commissioner Stoecklin stated he thinks this is a great idea and the Commissioners should plunge as a team and challenge other municipalities to do the same.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Patton asked that item C 1 be removed from the consent agenda and discussed separately. Commissioner Barwick made a motion to pass the Consent Agenda as presented removing item C 1. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM C 1

Commissioner Patton asked Code Enforcement Manager Kathy Spicer if there was another building that splits the property at 1409 North Russell described in item C 1. He stated there appeared to be another building that splits the property line. Mayor's Chief of Staff Cody Moake pulled up the map on the County GIS system to show Commissioner Patton a building was not splitting the property. Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve Ordinance 3595 re-zoning property at 1409 North Russell Street from R-2 General Family Residential to C-1 General Commercial. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Absher asked IT Director Terance Henry to explain the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Marion, Marion Police Department and other Agencies for use and access to

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shared services. Terance explained other communities cannot afford the same services the City has so this agreement will allow other communities in Williamson and Johnson Counties to use our resources. Police Chief David Fitts explained this agreement will allow us to share information with other communities regarding pending cases, suspects, etc. These communities will not have access to our reporting system. If any of the communities in the agreement causes any other community's server to go down, they will have to pay to fix it. Communities participating in the agreement and Williamson County 911 are paying a portion of the cost to upgrade our server. Commissioner Stoecklin asked if there was any exposure to our system. Terance explained each agency participating in the agreement is required to carry cyber insurance. He also mentioned the Police Department's system is housed on a different server. Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Marion, Marion Police Department and other Agencies for use and access to shared services. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Commissioner Patton made a motion to affirm the Zoning Board's approval of Darcy Comb's request to re-zone property at 200 W. DeYoung Street from C-1 General Commercial to C-2 Highway Commercial. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to affirm the Zoning Board's approval of SI Properties request to re-zone property at PIN 07-07-300-021 from RH Rural Agriculture to PUD Planned Unit Development. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Patton asked Code Enforcement Manager Kathy Spicer what the normal setbacks were. Kathy responded the normal setback variances are 10 feet on each side and 20 feet front and back. Commissioner Barwick stated he had driven by to look at the property at 1408 North Market Street and it would be in line with the others on the street. He didn't see that anything would be affected by granting this request. Commissioner Barwick made a motion to affirm the Zoning Board's approval of Carlos Tanner's request for a five (5') foot variance on the front and rear to put a new double-wide at 1408 North Market Street PIN 07-18-101-003. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

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STREET DEPARTMENT

Street Department Superintendent Doug Phillips addressed the Council requesting approval to purchase a 2015 XtremeVac leaf vac from Key Equipment & Supply Co. He explained this vac will help the Street Department with picking up leaves from the ditches in town which will help with drainage issues. Doug stated the Street Department is currently using the vactor truck to clean the ditches, but it is not made for that use. He explained the vac unit is self-contained and only has 40 hours of use. Doug talked with other municipalities who own the same vac unit and they were all very pleased with it. If purchased new, the unit would cost \$99,400. Key will sell it to the City for \$58,500 and will include a 6- month warranty on it. Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2015 XtremeVac from Key Equipment & Supply Co. for \$58,500 to be paid from Gas Tax funds. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING

Mayor Absher explained Resolution 2020-10 is a routine resolution. Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-10 for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$10,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of Illinois Highway Code from 1/1/20 to 12/31/20. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Patton asked if deeds will be prepared for the property being exchanged in Ordinance 3598. City attorney Wendy Cunningham said she would prepare the deeds. Economic Development Director Glenn Clarida explained the IDOT access control issues will be addressed in the deed that will be presented at the February 24, 2020 council meeting. Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to approve Ordinance 3597 vacating a right of way for a roadway and to approve Ordinance 3598 authorizing the exchange of real estate within the City of Marion. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Absher explained the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with IDOT is to fix the alignment of the intersection of 17th Street and Williamson County Parkway. Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve the Illinois Department of Transportation Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for intersection improvement at the intersection of 17th Street and Williamson County Parkway. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Absher explained the City approached Steve and Connie Ashe about purchasing their empty lot at 301 North Market Street for a parking lot. The City wants to improve the look of that area and to increase the number of parking spaces in that area. Mayor Absher stated this lot would add an additional 18 parking spaces when complete. This is more than the number of parking spaces that were eliminated when parking was removed from the East side of North Market Street. Economic Development Director Glenn Clarida thinks the City will need to spend an additional \$40,000 to complete the lot. The entrance to the lot will be on North Market Street and the exit will be to the alley in the rear. Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to purchase lots 3 and 4 and 13 feet off the South side of lots 1 and 2 of the Second Survey of Marion (301 N Market) from Steve and Connie Ashe for \$44,000 using TIF funds. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Absher stated he would rather table the item regarding the purchase of 36 new air pack units and required accessories for an estimated cost of \$282,000 for the Fire Department. He thought it would be better to wait until Fire Chief Barnett could be present to explain in more detail and answer questions.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Patton had nothing to report.

Commissioner Barwick read the Police Department and Narcotics Unit Reports for January 2020. He also read a letter from Washington School teacher Dawn Jackson thanking the Fire Department for their SAFE program they present at the grade schools.

Commissioner Stoecklin read the Water and Sewer Department Reports. He announced the Water Department is 600 meters away from having all new meters installed in the City. He also commented the City spent over \$100,000 last month to purchase water from Rend Lake.

7:10 P.M.

Mayor Absher made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

7:43 P.M.

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Commissioner Patton made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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

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

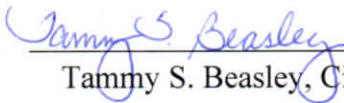
ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA. COMMISSIONER WEBB ABSENT.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 P.M.



Michael W. Absher, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tammy S. Beasley, City Clerk