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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 Chris Fozzard.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Barwick made a motion to pass the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Police Chief David Fitts introduced Chris Fozzard. Chris is a 12-year veteran of the Williamson County Sheriff's Department. He will start as a Patrol Officer with the Marion Police Department on Monday, June 8.

#### SEWER DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to approve the hire of Jonathan Boan for the position of part-time laborer/operator in the wastewater department at \$13.00 per hour with no benefits; a budgeted hire. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to approve the creation of Wastewater Field Supervisor and promote Todd Marks to that position effective July 1, 2020 at a salary of \$64,792; an exempt position. This position mirrors the Water Field Supervisor position approved on 3/25/2020 and will oversee daily operations in the Wastewater Department. This is a budgeted promotion. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

#### STREET DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Ordinance 3622 entering into a loan agreement with First Southern Bank for 3 years in the amount of \$48,100 to purchase a new tractor and mower. The low bid for the tractor and mower was from F B McAfoos in the amount of \$47,954. The difference between the bid and the loan amount is loan origination fees. 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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Commissioner Webb explained that Street Department Superintendent Doug Phillips does not order all of the paint at once so that it doesn't go bad sitting at the Street Department.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve quote from Crafc0, Inc. for \$15,315.88 for 16 drums of paint delivered to the Street Department for striping roadways; a budgeted item.

Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

#### BUILDING AND CODE SERVICES

Mayor Absher stated his is conflicted with purchasing the iWorq software package, but he believes it will save the Building and Code Services Department money in the future, specifically labor costs. He also explained that his Chief of Staff Cody Moake negotiated quite a deal . This price includes the data migration from the current software program. Cody explained he and Building and Code Services personnel looked a twelve different software packages. This one was the most cost effective and included all of the features they were looking for. Cody stated there is potential for other departments to also utilize this program in the future. Mayor Absher made a motion to approve the contract for the software package with iWorq for \$17,000 in first year costs and \$11,000 in annual recurring costs; a budgeted item. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING

Commissioner Patton approved Ordinance 3619 a redevelopment agreement with JMB Development for the 2600 W. DeYoung Project within the Hill View TIF. Commissioner Barwick 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 approve Ordinance 3623 approving a redevelopment agreement with RCSZ Properties, LLC and Marion Center Project, LLC. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

Mayor's Chief of Staff Cody Moake explained the tax being imposed by Ordinance 3621 is not a new tax. This is a tax municipalities can collect from out of state natural gas suppliers. This ordinance is establishing a way to collect missed revenue opportunities. During their audit, Azavar found the City had never imposed this tax. The State of Illinois tax structure has allowed this tax since 2003, but each municipality had to impose it. Azavar anticipates the City will collect approximately \$125,000 in revenue from this. The City will have to give a percentage to Azavar for a five-year term. Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve Ordinance 3621

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imposing the Municipal Natural Gas Use Tax in the City of Marion effective July 1, 2020; only applies to out of state natural gas purchases. Commissioner Patton 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 adopt Resolution 2020-36 in support of the application for a Community Development Block Grant on behalf of Cinda's Botanical Blends in the amount of \$25,000. Commissioner Patton 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 adopt Resolution 2020-37 in support of the application for a Community Development Block Grant on behalf of S.I. Truck Parts in the amount of \$25,000. Mayor Absher seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Absher made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-38 in support of the application for a Community Development Block Grant on behalf of Melise's Boutique in the amount of \$25,000. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Webb made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-39 in support of the application for a Community Development Block Grant on behalf of Pirate Pete's in the amount of \$25,000. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-40 in support of the application for a Community Development Block Grant on behalf of Joyce's Bridal in the amount of \$25,000. Commissioner Barwick 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 adopt Resolution 2020-41 in support of the application for a Community Development Block Grant on behalf of Kid Academy in the amount of \$25,000. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

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Commissioner Patton made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-42 in support of the application for a Community Development Block Grant on behalf of John Brown's on the Square in the amount of \$25,000. Mayor Absher seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Absher made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-43 in support of the application for a Community Development Block Grant on behalf of HQ Salon in the amount of \$15,000. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Webb made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-44 in support of the application for a Community Development Block Grant on behalf of Anderson's Warehouse Furniture in the amount of \$25,000. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-45 in support of the application for a Community Development Block Grant on behalf of CrossFit of Marion in the amount of \$15,000. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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

#### MAYOR'S OFFICE

Mayor Absher explained that since the City will not know for a couple months the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the sales tax revenue, the City asked local banks to submit bids to provide a revolving line of credit. According to Treasurer Steve Hale, four local banks were contacted to submit bids. Three bids were received from the following banks: Banterra Bank, First Southern Bank and Legence Bank. The bid received from Banterra Bank was the best one. It is for a revolving line of credit for up to \$10,000,000 with no collateral required with an interest rate based on the prime rate. The line of credit will only be used if necessary. Mayor Absher made a motion to approve Ordinance 3620 authorizing the City of Marion, Williamson County, Illinois, to enter into a loan agreement with Banterra Bank for a Revolving Line of Credit. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

#### COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Stoecklin reported the North Market Street Sewer Project is nearing completion. Cleanup and restoration are underway. He also reported 45,500,000 gallons of water was used by the City in the month of April. Usage is currently down compared to previous months.

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Commissioner Webb had nothing to report.

Commissioner Patton had nothing to report but asked the council about when furloughed City employees might be called back to work.

Mayor Absher stated furloughed City Hall employees need to be brought back and a decision needs to be made regarding opening City Hall to the public. Mayor Absher said Civic Center Executive Director Josh Benson has proposed some ideas for events at the Civic Center. Mayor's Chief of Staff Cody Moake explained he and Mayor Absher have been working on a plan for opening the Library in some capacity. He also explained plexiglass barriers have been ordered for the Water Department and City Clerk's office and should be installed Friday. Mayor Absher and the Commissioners agreed they want to open City Hall for business as usual.

Commissioner Barwick had nothing to report.

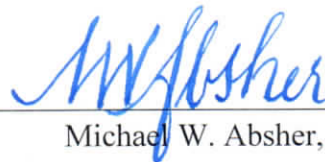
Police Chief David Fitts wanted to recognize citizen Nolan Jordan. Nolan is Detective Chris Rammage's brother-in-law and a United States Air Force Veteran who has served tours in Syria and Iraq. Nolan is a member of the 37<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Unit. He flew a flag in combat in both Syria and Iraq in Operation Inherent Resolve in honor of the Marion Police Department. He presented the flag to Chief Fitts last week. The flag has been placed in a shadow box and is on display at the Marion Police Department.

Mayor Absher announced there was no reason for executive session this evening.

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

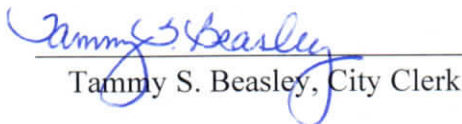
ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:18 P.M.



Michael W. Absher, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tammy S. Beasley, City Clerk