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Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 21, 2018
4:30 PM

The regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Marion, Kansas was held Monday, May 21, 2018 with Chris Costello presiding as Vice-Mayor; Council Members John Wheeler, Susan Gray and Jerry Kline in attendance. Also, in attendance were: Roger Holter, City Administrator; Tiffany Jeffrey, City Clerk; Susan Robson, City Attorney; Margo Yates, Recreation Director; Clayton Garnica, Electrical Supervisor; Marty Fredrickson, Street Superintendent; Randy Collett, Economic Developer; Phyllis Zorn, Marion Record, Ross Baker and Margaret Wilson.

Invocation: Baker provided invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Call to Order: Costello called the regular meeting to order at 4:30pm.

Approval of Agenda: Wheeler moved to approve agenda as presented; Kline seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Public Forum: No public wished to address Council.

Consent Agenda: Gray moved to approve consent agenda; Kline seconded; motion carried 4-0.

- Approval of the Minutes of the May 7th Regular City Council Meeting
- Approval of the Minutes of the May 10th Special City Council Meeting
- Approval of Warrants in the amount of \$210,837.80
- Approval of Payroll in the amount of \$32,931.46
- Approval of CMB License for Chingawassa Days Inc.

Mayoral Appointments to Marion Historical Museum Board: Holter advised there were three members to resign from the Museum Board. Heitschmidt recommended the appointments of Susan Gray and Neal Whitaker to unexpired terms to expire December 2018 and Peggy Blackman to the unexpired term to expire December 2019. Wheeler moved to approve appointments as presented; Kline seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 18-05 Calling for Public Hearing for 305 S Lincoln: Holter advised that the City received a petition from citizens regarding the property at 305 S Lincoln. Fredrickson provided pictures of the structure. Fredrickson reported that the house is not currently occupied and utilities are currently not connected. Fredrickson recommended that the property start the condemnation process. Holter advised the owner showed interest on deeding the property to the Land Bank but has not received/heard anything further. Resolution 18-05 calls for the public hearing on July 9th. Kline moved to approve Resolution 18-05 as presented; Wheeler seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Council Discussion regarding Part Time Code Enforcement/Building Inspector: Holter advised the Mayor approached him regarding a part-time code enforcement/building

inspector. Holter advised that most of our City Code is generally initiated thru an action from the public rather than the City taking a “proactive” stance. Currently we have three entities working on code enforcement. Holter asked Council if they are comfortable with keeping the enforcement as is or hiring a part-time employee to enforce the issues. Costello asked Holter if he had a recommendation to Council. Holter advised there are pros and cons to both sides. Discussion held. Kline advised he is against spending money. No action taken.

Ray Strunk, Hillsboro Free Press arrived at 4:40pm. Mike Beneke arrived at 4:44pm.

Ordinance 1434 – Meeting Participation via Electronic Media: Holter advised that many times we have to use electronic media to get participation during meetings. Holter advised this is just an option and not a necessity. Wheeler moved to approve Ordinance 1434 as presented; Gray seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Coble Street Plat: Collett presented the Coble Street Plat recommendation from the Planning Commission. Final plat is provided at the Council’s desks. Collett asked Council for approval on the recommendation of the Planning Commission for the plat. Garnica advised that Planning Commission looked at the whole plat and reviewed to the zoning regulations. Wheeler asked about the dirt work start date and costs. Holter advised RFP’s are being put together and he is still exploring the most cost-effective solution. Collett advised that the grant we received is more towards making the moderate housing available and securing financing for possible home owners. Kline moved to approve the Coble Street Plat as presented; Wheeler seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Financial Dashboard & Budget Process Discussion: Holter advised that included in packets are dashboards for budgets projections thru the end of the year for each department. Holter advised this is the basis for starting the 2019 budget discussions. Council work sessions are scheduled in June on the off-Council Mondays. Holter encouraged Council to dialog with he citizens as to what their needs/wants are for 2019.

Waterline Replacement Project Update: Holter advised in the packet are updated versions of the map for the water line replacement project. There has been a break on a Coble Street line that has been added to the map. The map also includes the addition of 6 hot valves. Fredrickson advised these are isolation valves that can be shut down without shutting off the main lines. Total scope of the project is \$3,937,477. Holter is working with CDBG grants and the max that would be allowed for the City is \$600,000. Holter also continues work with other entities on loans/grants. Holter advised that Ranson Financial is running all of the possible options on the financing for us but we are looking at an increase in the base rate of water.

Mayoral & Council Report: Nothing more to report.

Administrator Report: Nothing more to report.

Parks & Recreation Report: Nothing more to report.

City Clerk Report: Nothing more to report.

Police Chief Report: Nothing more to report.

City Attorney Report: Nothing more to report.

Public Works Report: Nothing more to report.

Economic Development Report: Nothing more to report.

Public Forum: Mike Beneke asked about the firework stand locations. Holter advised his contact information has been provided to the wholesalers that the City works with.

Executive Session: Costello moved to enter into a 10 minutes executive session pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) for the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property; to include Vice-Mayor, City Councilors, City Counselor & City Administrator to return to regular meeting at 5:37pm; Wheeler seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Regular meeting resumed at 5:37pm. No action taken.

Adjournment: Kline moved to adjourn meeting at 5:38pm; Gray seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Chris Costello, Vice-Mayor

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Tiffany Jeffrey, City Clerk