

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Marion held in the Council Chambers of the Marion City Hall on May 23, 2011. Mayor Butler presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The Assistant City Clerk was instructed to call the roll and the response was as follows:

PRESENT: COMMISSIONER RIX, RINELLA, GOSS, PATTON AND MAYOR BUTLER

ABSENT: NONE

The minutes of the May 16, 2011 meeting were approved.

Mayor Butler read a proclamation proclaiming June 3, 2011 as “Diane Pritchett Day” in honor of her retirement from the City Clerk’s Office after 18 years of dedicated service to the City of Marion. Mayor Butler presented Diane with a “Book clock plaque” engraved with her name, years of service and City Seal.

Cindy Gibbons of Old National Bank, introduced Jennifer Olson, who presented a program to the Mayor and Council on “Bank on Marion”, a program to help unbanked individuals get a free or low cost checking account who otherwise would be turned down for a checking account. Ms. Olson asked the City to provide a meeting place for the area banks to have an informational meeting to inform them of this new program with the hope that all the banks will participate in the program. It was decided the meetings will be held at City Hall in the Council Chambers on June 16, 2011 at noon and again later in the day for Social Service organizations. Commissioner Goss moved to hold the meetings at City Hall. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion. A letter will be sent from the City inviting the other area banks.

ON ROLL ALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Charlie Miller, Engineer at Clarida and Zeigler Engineering presented the Summer Street Program for the City of Marion. The Gas Tax Overlay which covers streets in all 4 quadrants of the City will cost \$600,000. Commissioner Patton asked how the particular streets were chosen for the overlay. Mr. Miller stated that he and Street Superintendent John Bradley had driven every street in the City, with the worst streets being chosen for the new asphalt overlay. The next to worst streets are put on a list for next year. The 2 cents a gallon Motor Fuel Tax is what pays for this project. Commissioner Goss made motion to approve the Gas Tax asphalt overlay program for this summer. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Resolution 2011-08 – Resolution for Maintenance of the Streets and Highways.

Mr. Miller presented a Resolution for Maintenance of the Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code, Resolution 2011-08 in the appropriated sum of \$140,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds, the money to be used for “street reflectors”. Commissioner Goss moved to accept the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rix reported the City Attorney has contract for purchase of 2 acres of property for a new fire station on old Rt. 13, price \$150,000 to be paid in 3 payments. Commissioner Rix said everyone approved of the location which is east of Fabick Machinery but on the north side of the highway.

Commissioner Rix made motion to approve the purchase with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rix presented a letter from Fire Chief Jack Reed stating the City of Marion had received a Department of Homeland Security grant, which is administered by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency/Illinois Terrorism Task force (ITTF) to construct a Vertical Training Prop. The City of Marion was awarded a \$37,500 grant for maintenance, repair and upgrade of the Vertical Prop. Since maintenance is an approved expenditure with the grant, Commissioner

Rix made a motion to approve the bid for RP Coating in the amount of \$12,900 to power, prime and paint the Vertical Prop (training facility). Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rix asked Safety Director Brian Fisher to explain the bid from Towers Fire Apparatus Co., Inc. Brian told the Council that in the event of a chemical leak, or diesel fuel leak, the Paratech pipe and drum sealing kits would prevent major spills and contamination. These air bags could also be used if one of the water towers would spring a leak. The equipment would be housed at the Fire Department with the Fire Department maintaining the monthly maintenance on the equipment. Commissioner Rix moved to purchase the Paratech equipment as proposed in the amount of \$4,880.00 which will be paid with grant money from IPRF. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

MONTHLY BILLS

Commissioner Rinella made motion to pay the monthly bills subject to availability of funds. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Rinella moved to approve the Consent Agenda dated 05/23/2011, subject to availability of funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rix.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Goss moved to approve the purchase of 60 4 x 8 mobile ground protection mats at \$173.28 each, to be used in place of 4 x 8 sheets of plywood (which have to be replaced on a regular basis), to run equipment at both cemetery and street jobs. The cost of the mobile mats is \$10,396.80 plus freight of \$503.25 for a total of \$10,900.05. To keep the cost of freight down, the cemetery employees will unload the truck. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Goss made motion to fill the Street Department vacancy. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Patton stated that Code Enforcement Director Jim Phemister is working extremely short handed, since Brian Fisher is now full time Safety Director. He made a motion for Council to approve hiring a Code Enforcement Officer for Jim along with approval to spend up to \$15,000 to purchase a vehicle for the Code Enforcement Officer. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

City Attorney Steve Green told the Council and Mayor that the contract for disposition of the Old City Hall is ready to be signed. The gentleman has signed the contract and the purchase price is essentially the cost of the restoration. Work is set to start in 6 months with the project completion date approximately 2 years after the start date. The purchaser desires some additional ground for his project, but Attorney Green suggested waiting on the additional ground to see how the restoration goes before making a decision on that. Some of the sidewalk will possibly have to have repairs. The contract calls for restoration of the building to its former style. Mayor Butler asked if there is something in the Contract stating that the City would have veto power to stop the new owner from demolishing the building or changing the use of it from the purpose he currently has intended. Attorney Green stated the contract only calls for the restoration of the building and nothing as to the use of the building, but if the new owner were to demolish the building, he would first have to get a "Demolition Permit" from the City. He will also have to get a "Building Permit " for the building even though it is only a restoration. Commissioner Rinella moved to accept the contract for the sale of The Old City Hall as explained by Attorney Green. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Mayor Butler read a letter from Letina Poole, Director of the Marion Senior Center, asking for the re-appointment of Senior Council Officers and Members as follows:

Harold Worthen	Member	1 year term expires - 7/2009
Dale Holloman	Vice-Chairman	1 year term expires - 7/2009
Alice Barnett	Member	1 year term expires - 7/2009
Paul Langan	Treasurer	2 year term expires - 7/2010
Don Tish	Chairman	2 year term expires - 7/2010
Don Henard	Secretary	2 year term expires - 7/2010
Thelma Malone	Member	3 year term expires - 7/2011
John Sanders	Member	3 year term expires - 7/2011
Gene Anderson	Member	3 year term expires - 7/2011

Commissioner Goss moved to approve the re-appointment of the Senior Council Officers and Members as presented. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rinella asked why the approval of Morgan Fuqua to replace Dennis Blankenship as the Director of the Recreation Department had been tabled. City Administrator Gail West replied that until earlier today, she had not received all of the information from Jim Powless. Since the information has now been received, the Council could make a decision. Commissioner moved to approve the hiring of Morgan Fuqua to replace Dennis Blankenship as Director of the Recreation Department. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS RIX, RINELLA AND GOSS AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YES. COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED NO.

Executive Session: 7:30 P.M.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate, Personnel, and Litigation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Rinella.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rinella moved to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Patton.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Regular Session: 9:15 P.M.

Commissioner Rix moved to continue with Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance and approve the rates for the coming year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 as presented by Jon Cavaness, of IMS Insurance. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Patton made motion to hire Brian Van Horn as the Code Enforcement Officer (subject to all post hire testing) with a car budget of \$15,000. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rix.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Goss made motion to hire Tammy Manier as the Assistant City Clerk at \$45,000, with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rinella moved to raise LaDonna Smoot's salary as Assistant Treasurer to \$45,000, with Commissioner Patton seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

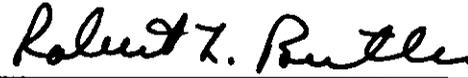
Commissioner Goss made motion to hire an Assistant Events Commission person, and to offer the position to Jarod Garrison. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, COMMISSIONERS RINELLA, GOSS AND PATTON AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YES. COMMISSIONER RIX ABSTAINED.

Commissioner Rinella made motion to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED YES.

Council adjourned at 9:25 P.M.



ROBERT L. BUTLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ALICE RIX, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

CITY OF MARION COUNCIL AGENDA

DATE: May 23, 2011
Ordinance: 2356
Resolution: 2011-08

- REGULAR MTG. CONTINUED MTG
- SPECIAL MEETING .
- ROLL CALL:
- MINUTES: Reg. Meeting 5-9-11
- EXECUTIVE SESSION –Real Estate-Personnel-Litigation
- EXECUTIVE MINUTES
- TREASURER'S REPORT:
- APPROVE BILLS
- APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA
- PUBLIC COMMENTS:
- ZONING BOARD
- COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:
- OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Ordinance #2341 Employee Handbook
B. Ord. 2342: Ordinance establishing procedures for adopting ordinances

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss new Fire Station
2. Approval for painting of vertical prop (training facility)
3. Reappointment of Marion Senior Citizens Board
4. Old National Bank-Discuss Bank-On Marion
5. Approve Health Insurance Program
6. Filling Code Enforcement Position
7. City Street Gas Tax Overlay
8. MFT Street Program
9. Mobile Mats – Cemetery (for City Wide Depts.)
10. Contract for Disposition of Old City Hall
11. Safety Dept: Chemical Seal Kit-Paid by IPRF Grant Money
12. Approval of Morgan Fuqua to replace Dennis Blankenship (Retiring) as Director of the Recreation Department
13. St. Dept.: Fill a position