

CITY OF MARION – REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 8, 2013

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Marion held in the Council Chambers of the Marion City Hall April 8, 2013. Mayor Butler called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

The City Clerk was instructed to call the roll and the response was as follows:

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: COMISSIONERS RIX, RINELLA, GOSS, PATTON AND MAYOR BUTLER.
ABSENT:

The minutes of the March 25, 2013 were approved as presented.

Two different groups of Boy Scouts were present for the council meeting. One group was from Pack 21 sponsored by Zion Church and the other group was from Pack 42 sponsored by Aldersgate Church. Mayor Butler welcomed them and introduced the council members to the boys.

Debbie Pape of the H-Group came before the Council asking for any assistance that would be available to build six group homes, all six homes hopefully in Marion, to house developmentally or intellectually disabled persons with each house providing seven to ten jobs per house. Each home would house four tenants. These houses would be all new construction built from the ground up to make the homes with all the ADA accessibility that they need to have. Each house would be 2000 square feet with a two car garage. There would be staff with the tenants 24/7. There would be a corporate vehicle assigned to each house that would be housed in the garage. Also a ramp that would make the house handicapped accessible would be in the garage. From the outside, houses will appear as any other house in the neighborhood. All of the tenants work outside the home either at the H-Group workshop or doing janitorial work or at the H-Group carwash. Commissioner Patton said he thought it is something the City can pursue. Ms. Pape stated they would like to place the houses in safe neighborhoods where the tenants can be part of the neighborhood. Mayor Butler stated that the City could waive all the sewer/water tap fees. Attorney Steve Green asked how the houses would be funded. Ms. Pape stated that the houses would be funded through the receipts from taking care of the residents. Attorney Green told her possibly a low interest Revolving Loan might be available. Commissioner Rinella stated most of the funds from the Revolving Loan fund are already obligated. Ms. Pape said the H-Group is looking to work with the City in whatever way they can. Ms. Pape said most of their funding is in place. Some of the residents will be coming from the Murray Center in Centralia. Mayor Butler told Ms. Pape that the City will check to see what vacant lots are available that would be appropriate for the H-Group use.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to fill a Patrolman vacancy in the Police Department that was caused by the resignation of one of the Patrolman. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to replace a totaled squad car with the total replacement cost of the vehicle and equipment at \$27,814.00 with the insurance paying \$11,700.00, which leaves the city's cost \$16,114.00. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

RESOLUTION 2013-17 A MORITORIUM SUSPENDING THE ANNUAL 3% INCREASE IN WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD FROM MAY 2013 TO APRIL 2014. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-17 to abate the raise of the Water and Sewer rates for the period from May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the Addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Marion and the Laborers' International Union of North America, the Southern and Central Illinois Laborers' District Council and the Laborers' Local 773 Senior Citizens dated May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2015 to add the words "or currently" to Article 15, Wages. When the Contract was printed by the Union the two words were inadvertently left out. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the purchase of a dump truck and snow plow for the Water Department. The cost of the dump truck is \$29,960.00 from Marion Ford and the cost of the snow plow is \$20,294.00 from Woody's Municipal Supply Co. of Edwardsville, IL. for a total expenditure of \$50,254.00. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2013 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 2WD regular cab long bed with a 4.3L V-6 4 speed automatic pick-up truck for the price of \$18,868.40 plus license, title and documentary fee from Marion Chevrolet Buick GMC Cadillac subject to the truck meeting the required specifications. The other bids were Abshers - \$23,532.00 2013 4.6L 6 speed automatic pick-up and Marion Ford for a 2013 F150 3.7L V6 \$16,890.00. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve the City of Marion Code Enforcement Job Description as presented. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

ORDINANCE 3093 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TAX UPON THE USE AND PRIVILEGE OF USING OR CONSUMING ELECTRICITY.

Mayor Butler explained that the City is considering the Utility Tax on electricity because of the various projects in the City of Marion. This is a way of raising the funds without placing an additional tax on the real estate. Since there is no increase in the water and sewer rates, the utility tax should balance out to the customers. If one's electric bill was running \$100.00 – one could expect the bill to go up by approximately \$3.00. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Ordinance 3093 as presented with Commissioner Patton seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

ORDINANCE 3094 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TAX UPON THE USE AND PRIVILEGE OF USING OR CONSUMING GAS. Mayor Butler explained the tax would increase the cost by 5% of the charge per therm. Mayor Butler also explained that the City of Marion is one of the last municipalities in the State of Illinois to implement the utility tax. This is because the Council has always taken care of the City's money. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Ordinance 3094 as presented with Commissioner Patton seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

An Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Marion and the Marion Community Unit School District #2 outlining the cooperative effort of the City and School District in the construction of the new water mains and sharing the expenses thereof. The new water lines will benefit not only the School District but the area in the vicinity of the new school facilities. The agreement outlines that the most the District will pay is \$165,000.00 with the City bearing the balance of the cost. But if the total cost of the project is less than the estimated cost, an adjustment in the amount to be paid by the parties will be made in the same ratio as each party's share bears to the other in the figure of the estimated cost. Commissioner Rinella moved to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Marion Community Unit School District #2 for the new water mains. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Goss moved to approve the purchase of the property on North Market Street at the corner of West Jefferson (Vacant lot next to the Christian Church) at a cost of \$52,000.00 for purposes of making a parking lot. The property is in the Hub TIF District. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

ORDINANCE 3086 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LAND THAT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE CITY TO AA REALTY, LLC. Commissioner Rix made a motion to approve Ordinance 3086 as presented for the sale of property to AA Realty, LLC. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Mayor Butler read a letter from John Sanders stating his wish to resign from the Senior Citizens Council as he will be moving to North Dakota to accept a position there. Mayor Butler said it is with sincere regrets and commendation for the fine job Mr. Sanders has done for the City for all these years. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to accept Mr. Sander's resignation from the Senior Council Board. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Mayor Butler read a letter from Letina Poole, Director of the Senior Center, recommending Orval Williams, Jr. to fill the position on the Senior Council Board vacated by John Sanders. Commissioner Rix made a motion to appoint Orval Williams, Jr. to the vacated position on the Senior Council Board. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Mayor Butler explained that Ordinances 3087, 3088, 3089, 3090, 3091 and 3092 all are Ordinances approving and adopting an extension for completion of the redevelopment project area, projects, and obligations for the tax increment allocation financing for the City of Marion in each of the TIF Districts named with each ordinance. Since each Ordinance reads the same except for pertaining to the TIF District named in the Ordinance, Mayor Butler suggested one motion to approve all six of the above Ordinances. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve Ordinance 3087, Ordinance 3088, Ordinance 3089, Ordinance 3090, Ordinance 3091 and Ordinance 3092 as presented. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Mayor Butler read a letter from an insurance company in New Jersey that is trying to sell insurance to Marion residents to protect their water lines on the resident's property from the water meter to the house. Mayor Butler told the residents that this is a scam. It is not necessary to buy insurance for one's water lines.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Goss reported to the Council he has a bid from Liberty Signs to replace the awning on the front of City Hall for a price of \$15,987.00 and made a motion to accept that bid. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve the contract for the Project Construction Manager for the Recreation Center. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Rinella reported that the tornado sirens upgrades will be completed in the near future. The tornado siren poles will be straightened this week.

Commissioner Rinella reported that he will have bids for the mixing system on the Skyline Water Tower for the next meeting.

ORDINANCE 3083 APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF FOUR WAY STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF DULLE AND SMITH STREETS.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Ordinance 3083 as presented with Commissioner Rix seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Ordinance 3082 will be presented at the next meeting.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve payment of the April 8, 2013 Consent Agenda as funds become available. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills as funds become available with Commissioner Rix seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

7:45 PM

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to go into Executive session to discuss a personnel, a real estate, a litigation and a finance matter.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

8:45 PM

Commissioner Goss made a motion to adjourn the Executive session and reconvene the Regular meeting. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Goss made a motion for Jim Phemister's salary and Brian Van Horn's wages to be increased as discussed in Executive session. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the Library pay raises as discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to accept the bid of Gray Hunter Stenn of \$39,000 a year for three years. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

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

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

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YEA.

Meeting adjourned.

8:50 P.M.



Robert L. Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alice F. Rix, City Clerk