

MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY OF MARION COUNCIL MEETING December 28, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Marion City Council was called to order December 28, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Butler. The City Clerk was advised to call the roll. Council Members physically present were:  
Commissioners Rix, Rinella, Goss, and Patton and Mayor Butler.

Minutes of the December 12, 2011 Regular Meeting were approved.

Bobbi Yingling, Animal Control Officer and Shanna South, Assistant Animal Control officer were present at Council meeting to receive recognition for the Dog Rescue Award the Marion Animal control received from the DogBreedsInfo.org for their outstanding work at the Animal Shelter in providing for dogs in need, finding homes for the dogs, thus eliminating the need for euthanasia. The euthanasia numbers at the Marion Animal Control were way down from sixty to seventy animals in the past years to only 14 animals that were so severely ill, there was no medical help for them, or so vicious that no amount of loving care could tame them, to be the only animals euthanized. This year they have taken in 432 animals. Of the 432 animals - 209 were adopted directly to new homes. Seventy seven animals were sent to no-kill shelters up north where some of those animals have been trained to become service animals. Animals that were abandoned here in Marion are now being made public service dogs. Bobbi thanked the City Council for their help in making the Animal Control what it is.

**Ordinance 3029 – Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance**

City Treasurer Steve Hale presented the Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance # 3029 in the amount of \$350,000.00 for the Housing Rehabilitation Grant Funds. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Ordinance 3029 as presented with Commissioner Rix seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Chief of Police John Eibeck presented to the Council the need for a 911 Coordinator with an outline of the job description, job duties and responsibilities and recommended starting salary. Chief Eibeck told the Council with the growth of the Marion Police Department it is too much for the Communications Supervisor to handle the dispatch calls and do the mapping and all the other necessary jobs to maintain all aspects of the 911 System. Seventy five percent of the funding for this position would come from funds generated from receipts currently received by the City of Marion through its 911 use funds. Once the position is approved, the City would advertise for a qualified person to fill the position. Chief Eibeck hopes to have the position filled by February 2012.

7:00 P.M.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Litigation matter and a Real Estate matter with Commissioner Patton seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

8:00 P.M.

Commissioner Rinella made motion to adjourn the Executive meeting and reconvene the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

**Ordinance 3026 – An Ordinance approving the First Amendment to the Marion Heights II Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Plan and Projects.** Commissioner Goss made motion to accept Ordinance 3026 as presented with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

**Ordinance 3027 – An Ordinance designating the Amended Redevelopment Project Area for the First Amendment to Marion Heights II Tax Increment Financing District.** Commissioner Rinella made motion to accept Ordinance 3027 as presented with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

**Ordinance 3028 – An Ordinance adopting Tax Increment Financing for the First Amendment to Marion Heights II Tax Increment Financing District.** Commissioner Rix made a motion to accept Ordinance 3028 as presented with Commissioner Patton seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Mayor Butler read a letter from Diana Etheridge, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Marion requesting the reappointment of Charolette Russell to the Housing Authority Board. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the reappointment of Charolette Russell to the Housing Authority Board. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

**Ordinance 3025 – An Ordinance re-zoning from Rural Agriculture R-A Zone District to Single Family Residential R-1, property adjacent to Spring Garden Subdivision, owned by Steve and Moya Cook.** Commissioner Rix made a motion to accept the re-zoning of the property from Rural Agriculture to Single Family Residential with Commissioner Patton seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Rix stated there is a need for a 3-way stop at the intersection of North Bentley Street and Morgan Avenue. Rix made a motion to have an Ordinance drawn up making the intersection of North Bentley Street and Morgan Avenue a 3-way stop. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON TOLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

Commissioner Goss asked for approval for the Rock Salt Contract for the 2011-2012 Rock Salt Season - term of August 2011 – July 2012. Price per ton F.O.B. destination, is \$67.77 for 900 tons for the season. This contract was actually signed February 23, 2011 but was never brought before the Council for approval. Commissioner Goss made a motion to accept the contract as presented with Commissioner Rinella seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED YES.

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 YES.

Commissioner Rinella stated that he will present bids at the January 9, 2012 meeting for the purchase of a trailer for the Water Department.

Commissioner Rinella also stated that Cliff Hogue Sr. has retired from the Water Department and Robert Jones will be retiring from the Water Department on January 3, 2012. Scott Clarida, previously employed by Jones Plumbing has been hired along with David Mapps, who can rebuild any piece of equipment that he can get his hands on. Commissioner Rinella stated both will be an asset to the city.

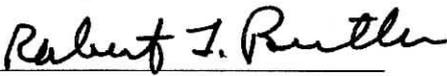
Mayor Butler read a letter from Dale Clutt of the Illinois Public Risk Fund thanking Brian Fisher, Safety Director for taking him on a tour of the various City Departments on November 30, 2011. The letter stated the City of Marion work comp claims have been reduced from year 2009 – 15 claims totaling \$523,000.00; year 2010 - 13 claims totaling \$465,000.00 to 6 claims totaling \$71,000.00 for the time

period of 12/10/2010 thru 7/2011. Mayor Butler said a lot of this was attributable to Brian Fisher for the fine job he is doing as Safety Director for the City of Marion.

Commissioner Rinella made mention that the use of synthetic drugs as of 1/1/2012 will be a state felony. He said, "Looks like the State of Illinois is finally catching up with what the City of Marion has been doing for a long time."

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion. The next Regular Council meeting will be January 9, 2012.

8:30 PM  
Meeting adjourned.

  
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ROBERT L. BUTLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ALICE F. RIX, CITY CLERK