

CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 24, 2014

CITY HALL

7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m., roll call taken by Clerk Edwards. Aldermen Peart, Stoutenborough, Sims, Kissinger and Mayor Agee were present. Alderman Wilkey was tardy.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from January 2014 were reviewed. Alderman Stoutenborough requested that the first paragraph under old business reflect permit fees for Dollar General. Motion was made to accept the January meeting minutes as amended by Alderman Stoutenborough and seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed.

Police Report

Chief Wilkey gave the activity report to the council. Crime is down but everything else is up. We have had an increase in motorist assist and accidents. Chief Wilkey states he would like to hold off on taking the car to the auction until April or May since the weather has been bad if okay with the council. Mayor Agee suggested going to the sale in July it is a big sale with vehicles that have been seized and will be a larger crowd.

Attorney Report

Attorney Antoline is present. Attorney Antoline discussed work that he has done this month.

Engineer's Report

Zoning/Public Works

Old Business

New Business

Dates set for the City Sales of May 8, 9, and 10. City wide clean up date is May 17, with an alternate date of May 31, 2014. Michele has applied for the grant for the clean-up. Michele will make sure that United Waste and the Fire department are available for the 17th clean-up. ATR, who does electronic recycling may charge a small fee for TV and monitors because of the cost to remove what has to be removed in order to recycle.

Attorney Antoline presents the Ordinance pertaining to shut off months for water. The last page has to be corrected. Incorrect Clerk's name is on the page. Changing the months to January, March, May, July, September, and November. Motion to accept Ordinance 2014/02/24-1 made

by Alderman Stoutenborough and seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Peart discussed Newsletter. It is available online and could do away with postage and wear and tear on copier. Clerk Edwards states that she has almost everything that is in the newsletter on the website now with exception of obituaries. Will be adding links to the website also. Mayor Agee questions if we should continue with paper form of newsletter. Find out who would like to have the newsletter by mail. Alderman Peart suggested sending out a paper to find out who would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter. We mail out 34 that are out of town and they pay \$7 a year. There are 975 that are mailed out each time and they do not pay. Alderman Stoutenborough states that if online will lose all of the ad money. Alderman Wilkey states you can still charge and have the ads on there. The newsletter is still the same but is available online. Suggested to send out slip of paper to see who would like to receive the newsletter and will continue to mail to the ones who would like it. The advertisers pay \$20 per business card per issues and newsletter goes out 6 or 7 times a year. Full page ad is \$40 but do not have many of those. The cost to send out is \$330 a month, plus \$100 for permit, plus all the paper, toner and labor. Alderman Wilkey questions if we make money and we do not. 15 advertisers will pay \$300. We have never made any money off the newsletter and not breaking even. Just mail out the newsletter to those who would like to have it. If you want a paper publication send in this form, if not it is available online.

Mayor Agee asked Gary from Scott State Bank if he knew anything about Metro Communications doing fiber optics for the bank. Gary states he does not know anything about it. The route that they want to take is partly on private property so cannot approve that since it is not our property. The fiber optics is for the bank. Washington Street has to be okay with the county, Wood and Walnut is ours and we can okay that, but the private property behind Crawford's and the Café will have to be approved by the owners. Gary would like a copy of the proposal. Clerk Edwards will get him a copy. Clerk Edwards will contact the company and let them know that the council can't sign off on most of it. Gary states that Bethany may know about it but he is not aware. He will check.

Citizen Comments

Clerk Edwards had a form from CMS for bulk rock salt, Mayor Agee states to give it to Mike H.

Gary states that Mr. Wells would like to discuss TIF monies. Mr. Wells states that he gave Clerk Edwards the proposal and Clerk Edwards states she sent it to Keith Moran of Moran Economic Development, LLC. Mr. Wells asks what to do now? Mayor Agee states to wait until we hear back from Keith with a proposal. There may be a proposal done before the next meeting but the council will have to vote on it at the next meeting.

Committee reports

Alderman Wilkey gave an update regarding the Freedom Festival from Fall In Love With Maroa. They would like to request the use of the gym on April 13 for the business expo. It is on the calendar. Festival 6/27-6/28/2014 Tentative schedule is 6/27 poker run, prince and princess contest, 6/28 color run 5K, youth league breakfast, baseball tournament, parade, tentatively

Lions club ice cream social, cookie walk, cake walk, vendors all day, bags tournament behind City Hall. Pie/cake auction, BINGO in City Hall. Mayor Agee stated that poker runs are illegal in IL so need to check and change the name. Alderman Wilkey asked if anyone had questions and no one had any. The Parade time is at 11:00 am instead of 8:00 am since everything else does not start until later in the day. All activities are planned for June 27 & 28, 2014. Clerk Edwards states that Rhonda has reserved the gym for the festival. June 24 – 28.

Mayor Agee asked if we rented out the gym for rummage sales, we have not done it for the past few years, if the gym is available will make available for sales.

Alderman Peart states that interviews will start this week. Chief Wilkey said there are 8 candidates, bringing in the top 3 for interviews.

Clerk Edwards informs the council that PSN and Locis work together but in order for Locis to set up the module to do the online bill pay, there is a \$1500.00 charge and then \$17 a month. Mayor Agee asks if there is a motion to do this or if would like to add to the bills we can do that.

Bills

Mayor Agee asked if everyone looked at the bills. Alderman Stoutenborough questioned why we are paying Integrys, explained that it is for electric only for some bills. Ameren bills for some. Christine stated over and over that the bills come from Ameren but they do not, it is from Integrys. Ameren still gets paid for some electric bills for the smaller usage accounts. Alderman Stoutenborough makes a motion to pay the bills, Clerk Edwards states that 2 bills came in today that have to be paid for HTE and IMCO. Mayor Agee states there is a motion to pay the bills with the addition of the 2 bills and \$1500 to Locis, Alderman Stoutenborough states that if going to throw Locis in there then he withdraws his motion, Mayor Agee states do Locis separate, there is a motion to pay the bills with the 2 outstanding, Locis is separate, is there a second? Alderman Peart seconds the motion. All council members present vote Aye. Motion is passed.

Mayor Agee asks if there is a motion for Locis? Mayor Agee states that we could wait until the next budget to start it. Alderman Wilkey states that we could wait until May and put it in the budget and get it set up at that time. We have told the public that it will be available so we need to follow through.

Executive Session

Motion made to move to executive session by Alderman Stoutenborough and seconded by Alderman Wilkey. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed, moved to executive session at 8:17 p.m.

Motion made by Alderman Stoutenborough to adjourn from executive session. Seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed, moved back to open session at 8:32 p.m.

Adjourn

Alderman Stoutenborough made a motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm. Alderman Wilkey seconded. All in favor say Aye. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.



Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk