

CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm

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Meeting called to order remotely by Clerk Edwards at 6:30 pm. Roll call taken by Clerk Edwards. Alderwoman Bogle, Alderman Grider, Jackson, West, Wilkey, Administrator Ted Agee and Mayor Meador are present. Clerk Edwards and Treasurer Modro-Peters are present. Alderwoman Estep is absent.

Clerk Edwards leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens Comments

None

Previous Meeting Minutes

Clerk Edwards presents the January meeting minutes to the council. Mayor Meador asks if everyone had a chance to look at the minutes. Wilkey makes a motion to accept the January 25, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Jackson. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Police Report

Chief Gaddy is present. Chief emailed his report today. Chief discusses his monthly report, winter weather made it a slow month. Gaddy states that the SRO is in the process. One officer has resigned. so that will change the date to start the 12-hour shifts, it will not be started on May 1, 2021 and will advertise for the hiring of officers.

Attorney Report

Attorney Jankowicz is present. Jankowicz states he has talked with the Superintendent of the School District and the school would like to move forward with the SRO. Will have more information at the next council meeting. Will move quickly as soon as get all the paperwork from the school. Documents were forwarded to Jankowicz for review, and he will get those looked over and advise.

Wilkey asks if there has been any contact from Fyke regarding progress at the trailer park, Wilkey thought it was monthly that Fyke was to report, Jankowicz thought it was every three months, council is unsure of timeline. Agee instructed to check with Fyke and report to the council.

Jankowicz also went over the bond documents and they look good.

Engineer's Report

Not present

Administrator Report

Ted Agee, Administrator is present.

Agee discusses his report. Budgets will be starting soon and would like to know what different departments want or need.

Due to weather, the auction for the property at 418 S Wood Street was rescheduled. No date has been set as of this time.

With the resignation of the officer, that will push back the start date of the 12-hour shifts. Tentatively it will be started on May 1, 2021 and will advertise for the hiring of officers.

Meador asks what ABM is going to start with on the project. ABM will start with the water meters, they arrive within a few weeks. 10 – 12-week lead time for the control house for the lift station but can begin prep work. Water tower improvements will also start. Ideas for painting the tower are also being looked at. Will send out weekly updates.

Wilkey asks about Jefferson Street if it will be blocked off during the work being done? Agee states that no but possibly when Ameren is here running electrical but other than that it should not be, if it is, it could be just one block that is closed off.

Zoning/Public Works

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present.

Old Business

New Business

Edwards states will discuss the closed minutes in closed session.

Agee discusses Ordinance 2021/02/22-1. Payment to ABM is due in the amount of \$1,052,544 and will be paid via ACH once the Bond monies are deposited. Set up two additional accounts and one of them will have \$13,501.87 moved to that account. Steve Goehl, Bond sold to Scott State Bank, Steve discusses the interest of 2.45% fixed for 18 years on the bond. Eric Preach discusses the specifics of the bonds and how much money will be deposited one week from today. Discusses the levy property tax and the need for the city to abate it yearly. Will not be abated in December of 2021, it will start in 2023. Bogle makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2021/02/22-1, seconded by Grider. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Signature cards for the accounts to be open were signed by authorized signatories and given back to the bank.

West discusses amending the Video & Gaming Ordinance. Currently we have 16 in use. We told Jalisco that he could have machines a couple of years ago, he has not gotten them yet. Since the law was changed to six machines per establishment, three of the establishments took one additional machine each, not leaving four for Jalisco. Mata, Owner of Jalisco, would like to put in four gaming machines and they will go in his restaurant on the East side of the room with barriers put up. West makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2021/02/22-2, changing the number of machines to 20, seconded by Jackson. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Hoffman discussed the issue of parking on Main Street during snow, he would like to overnight parking to only be on the south side of the street. The issue is the parking on the North side of the street, for snow removal and businesses lose parking spots. Meador asks Agee if when Mr. Sullivan came to council to put in the apartments, was parking discussed, Agee states no. There is currently a sign posted that there is no parking after a 2" snowfall. Hoffman states that many of the cars that sit there are occasionally disabled. Meador states that overnight parking is not going to affect the businesses in the area. Meador states that if we enforce the parking ordinance that is already in force, it will help the problem. Meador states that if we enforce this then we can see how it goes. Why create a new ordinance when we are not enforcing the current one. Council states to start with the enforcement of the current Ordinance of no parking on Main Street after snow fall. Signs are posted already. Ordinance violation tickets and towing cars if need to. If that does not work, will address in the future. Agee instructed to draft up a letter and distribute to the tenants and owners of rental properties on Main Street.

Committee reports

Bogle discussed the Veterans Memorial. Presents the plan to the council. Cost is \$52,580 and that is good until March 15, 2021. ½ down and will start in the early summer. Currently there is \$15,757.46 in the account. Committee will get site plans and present to council. Council discussed different areas to put the memorial. Wilkey discussed funding, stating that the money from the windmills from 2021 payment could go to the Veterans Memorial Account, the Video tax for one year would go to that account and that would pay for the memorial. Any donations received would reimburse the accounts the money was taken from. Bogle discusses the Puppy Palooza that is also being held to raise funds. There will be other fund raisers in the upcoming months.

Peters states that BLH wants to know if we are doing an Electronics recycling this year, Meador asks for the cost, Peters does not know and she does not know the date. Peters instructed to get the cost and the date and present to the council. Council discusses the date for the city sales, it will be May 13, 14, & 15 at the regular times. Clean up will be possibly on May 22, 2021. This will be decided later.

Bills

Edwards presents the February bills to the council. Wilkey makes a motion to pay the February bills and pay \$1,052,544, by ACH after the bond monies have been deposited, to ABM and \$13,501.87 for processing out of Construction Fund, seconded by Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Closed Session

Jackson makes a motion to move to closed session under 5 I LCS 120/2 (c) (21): Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06, seconded by West. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Moved to closed session at 7:41 pm.

Return to open session at 7:56 pm.

Meador states that the council did not have time to review all the minutes, will continue next month at that meeting. No action will be taken tonight.

Adjourn

Meador asks if there is a motion to adjourn. West makes a motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm, seconded by Grider. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm

Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk