

**CITY OF MAROA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY MARCH 7, 2022**

**ROLL CALL:**

Meeting was in session at 6:31 p.m. Alderman Wilkey, Grider, West, Harper, Riley Alderwoman Bogle, Clerk Walters, Treasurer Michele Modro-Peters, Administrator Agee, Attorney Wise, and Mayor McCullough were all present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Was led by Clerk Walters.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Toni Stoutenborough commented on the housing project that is going in on Washington Street.

**APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:**

- **February Open Minutes-** Alderman Grider made a motion to approve the February open minutes and Alderman Wilkey second the motion. All was in favor. The motion to approve the February open minutes was passed.
- **February Closed Minutes-** Alderwoman Bogle made a motion to approve the February closed minutes with the change to the second paragraph on fare to be changed to fair and Alderman West second the motion. All was in favor. The motion to approve the February closed minutes with the change to the second paragraph on fare to be changed to fair was passed.

**POLICE REPORT:** Sgt. Koonce introduced our new police office (Officer Gilbert). Alderman West asked Officer Gilbert if he would tell everyone a little background on him. Sgt. Koonce stated that he submitted a report to council of February and will be attached to the mins.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Lindsey stated she went to court for the property on Wood Street and they are working on negotiation's right now and see if they will put any money on the demolition. Lindsey stated they are not opposing it. But the email from their attorney in Chicago he said that their investigator is looking into some issues. Lindsey stated she is not sure what that means. Lindsey did let them know that we want to get this done before it gets too warm out. Ted got a quote of \$15,000.00 on how much it will cost to get it done. Lindsey stated she is working to see if she can get them to pay half or without having to proceed to court. Next court date is not until April 6<sup>th</sup>. But if they can come to an agreement before that she can get an order signed and we can get it done.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** None

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Ted stated going to be working on the MFT budget with the engineers within the next two weeks and we are doing the close out right now for last year.

**ZONING/PUBLIC WORKS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Website-** The payout of what we are paying right now is split between two companies Cybernautic (which deals with our website hosting, backups, and content management. That runs us about \$90.00 a month or \$1,080.00 a year. Then our business class email Cybernautic is \$240.00 a year. Our domain hosting Ted is not sure that the email he got is legit. So, he is still looking into it.

Blake stated that Ted, Crystal, J.T. and him met with a new provider and we all liked that provider. So, what do we need to do to do to be able to switch to that new provider? Ted stated that we need either



Cybernautic or .gov to do email hosting or registration because the company that we are looking at does not provide that. Ted stated he still needs to get verification from .gov. Hopefully will have it by next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Jodi Yoder-** Food Bank & Maroa Matters-Jodi came tonight to speak about the programs that she started. The Food Bank is at the library. Friendly neighbors are having people help people out if they need something from the store or if they need someone to just visit with them. Jodi is wanting help to spread the word. We will put it in the newsletter for her.
- **Justin Ford's Letter-** Justin wrote a letter to the council wanting to see about extending his time for bands on Friday nights from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. from April to September. The council approved the time to 11 p.m. on Friday night from April to September. Also, he will be having food trucks on Friday nights for anyone who would like to come and eat. If Justin is going to have out of town food trucks, they need to get a permit for \$25.00 per day due to it will be hooked up to the city's electricity. If in town food vendors, they do not need to pay the fee for the permit.

Alderman Grider made a motion to extend the ordinance to 11pm for Full House only from April to September with the ability to remove if needed and for out-of-town food vendors to pay a \$25.00 per day fee for a permit. Alderman Riley second the motion. All was in favor. The motion to extend the ordinance to 11pm for Full House only from April to September with the ability to remove if needed and for out-of-town food vendors to pay a \$25.00 per day fee for a permit was passed.

- **Fall Clean-up-** September 24<sup>th</sup>- Council also decided on Fall rummage sales for September 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Business Trash Bins-** Clerk Walters asked about saying something to the businesses about putting a bin around their dumpsters – especially Dollar General and Crawford's. With the wind that comes across the fields the garbage goes into the fields and out to the ditches. A lot of traffic goes through there and its noticeable. Casey's has fencing around theirs. Alderman West will talk to Matt about his and will also talk to Dollar General.
- **Ordinance 2022/03/07-1: Ordinance Executing a Right-of-Way Agreement with RISE Broadband-** Alderman Wilkey had a question on that the city would provide 10,000 square feet? Is that all outside and what kind of equipment will be set up there? Agee stated that the guys from Rise Broadband would be able to answer that. The guys stated that it would be trucks and boring machines and mud vac and things like that, and it would be outside. Agee stated that a lot of the storage they could use the right of way north of the blue shed. The only other part would be the main junction that they would have to install where everything comes in. It's a box that is 3ft x 3ft x 7 foot tall. Ted stated they are going to walk tomorrow to look for a good place to put that, but it will probably go south of the police shed or by the ball field shed. Construction side they are looking at four to six months' time. They will clean up after they are done. They will not leave a mess.

Alderman West made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022/03/07-1 and Alderman Grider second the motion. All was in favor. The motion to approve Ordinance 2022/03/07-1 was passed.

- **Ordinance 2022/03/07-2: Ordinance Executing a TIF/ARPA Agreement with RISE Broadband-** Alderman West made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022/03/07-2 and Alderman Grider second the motion. All was in favor. The motion to approve Ordinance 2022/03/07-2 was passed.
- **Prairieland Punishers Gym Rental-** Ted stated they would like to rent the gym on Sundays and Tuesdays for \$200.00 a month. If needed they will work with the schedule.



- **Dispose of Surplus Property-** Mike Hoffman stated he would like permission to sell at the auction the full generators. They are worth something even if its just a little bit. Also, there is a John Boat he would like to sell. Mike stated he has three right now but would rather use the one without the motor. Because the one with the motor is too heavy to get in and out of the water. Harper asked the money that he gets back from selling that stuff does it go back into his department? Mike stated he would like to roll it into the repair or replacement into the generator on Washington. Ted stated usually we set up a proceed account from auction sells and one is in general fund, and one is in water and sewer. So typically, that would go into there and then if we had to get something out of the ordinary, we would have a funding sort. But he has that need already so that is what we would use it for.

Mike stated with the MFT he may have a chance to buy a street sweeper. Mike stated the guy is going to let him try it out first. The guys want \$27,000.00 for it. Brand new one is a quarter of a million. It's the guy who does the sweeping for us now and is wanting to get out of business. It would work great for what we need.

Wikey asked Mike and Ted about the so-called speed bumps on Wood Street about if it was still a possibility on working it in the budget. Mike said yes, they would try something. Wilkey stated they are not terrible now, but they are not going to get any better.

West stated about six months ago they approved lower the speed on Wood Street and was wondering where the signage is? Mike stated he wants to get the proper signs and make sure they are legal on where they put them. West stated something about putting golf-cart on them also. Mike stated he would check into them but can't put too much on one sign.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Movie Night-** Blake stated that he is going to put on hold because they are still discussing it with the church and with Clinton theater on having some great movies at park for free.
- **Memorial-** Grider asked if anyone had heard anything from Adams about the memorial. Bogle stated she will send them a message tomorrow. Grider stated to Agee if he had scheduled out in advance to him or anything and Agee stated no. Agee figured with it being cold they weren't going to mess with it too much until March or April. Grider stated he wished that we would have just heard something from them on that they had everything and just waiting on warmer weather or what was going on.
- **Park-** Blake stated also on the ball diamonds that they would be painted this spring on how it was approved before. Mike stated that the cabinets need replaced. The air conditioner needs to be replaced or keep filling it up with freon. Mike will get some bids on it. Rise Broadband talked about sponsoring so maybe they could help with that.

West stated that Boulder Designs sent him some options on designs for the signs and he sent them to Richard and let Richard pick out the design he liked. It's complete and they will be bringing it within a week.

West stated that when he got his GFL bill and stated that on the bill it stated that there would be an increase and wanted to know what Ted thought about that when they approved on a contract. Crystal stated that she sent a copy of the contract to Eric Shangraw. Ted stated they are probably going to want the council to take apart the contract.

- **Freedom Festival Date-** The council changed the date for Freedom Festival from July 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**BILLS:**

Alderman Wilkey made a motion to pay the March bills and Alderwoman Bogle second the motion. All was in favor. The motion to pay the March bills was passed.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Alderman Grider made a motion to go into Closed Session and Alderwoman second the motion. All was in favor. The motion to go into Closed Session was passed.

**ROLL CALL:**

Back in Open Session at 8:58 p.m. Alderman Wilkey, Grider, West, Harper, Riley Alderwoman Bogle, Clerk Walters, Treasurer Michele Modro-Peters, Administrator Agee, Attorney Wise, and Mayor McCullough were all present.

Mayor McCullough stated that he was accepting Scott Gaddy's resignation of Chief of Police, and he will be appointing Brad Wilkey as Interim Chief for no more than 999 hours as administrative only. The salary will be negotiated with him this week.

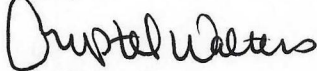
Alderman Grider made a motion to approve Brad Wilkey Interim Chief of Police for no more than 999 hours and Alderman Haprer second the motion. Alderman Wilkey abstained, Alderwoman Bogle, Alderman West, Grider, Harper, and Riley were all in favor. The motion to approve Brad Wilkey Interim Chief of Police for no more than 999 hours was passed.

Alderman West made a motion to change the Freedom Festival date from July 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup> and Alderman Riley second the motion. All was in favor. The motion to change the Freedom Festival date from July 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup> was passed.

**ADJOURN:**

Alderwoman Bogle made a motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. and Alderman Grider second the motion. All was in favor. The motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. was passed.

Done By:



Crystal Walters, City Clerk