

CITY OF MAROA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY APRIL 4, 2022

ROLL CALL: Taken by Clerk Walters at 6:33p.m. Alderman West, Harper, Riley, Alderwoman Bogle, Clerk Walters, Treasurer Michele Modro-Peters, Administrator Ted Agee, Mayor Ryan Wilkey and Attorney Lindsey Wise were all present. Alderman Grider was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by Mayor Wilkey.

Mayor Wilkey stated that we received a letter of resignation from Mayor Kevin McCullough and asked Ted to touch base on that. Ted stated that Kevin had gotten a hold of him, and Kevin has been having health issues and felt he needed to relieve some stress and focus on getting better, so he gave Ted his resignation immediately. So, Ted drafted up a letter on his behalf and had Kevin sign it. Kevin regretted doing it, but Ted stated his health was what mattered the most.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: No comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Web Site-** Mayor Wilkey stated that as someone outside of the city the first thing you look at is the website and we are trying to get that updated and it is hard to do. We have talked about a few meetings ago about changing websites that was something more user friendly that we could keep updated on the go and keep more accurate. Mayor Wilkey asked Clerk Walters if that was accurate because she works with it most of the time. Clerk Walters stated that was correct because there were some things right now that just could not be changed like for instance the calendar that is on the website. There is no access to it at all. There are a few things that are hard to even change you have to really search for back ways to be able to change anything. Ted stated that the company that Blake had found had a great website that would work, and Crystal agreed also. Ted is confident now that we could switch off because of the domain system we have. Its through .gov and we don't have to pay for that anymore and they will still control all that. So, we can switch over to another company and just completely change that. The only thing is the only other thing the company does not do is they do not host web emails which is something the city should push for that anyone working with the city to have an Illinois.gov email address. That way we can achieve these emails and hang on to them for FOIA and things like that.

Blake stated he has a guy that could help that does the .org emails and everything for the fire department in Clinton and most of the Clinton city emails and website stuff so he could contact him and see if he could help get it going. Ted stated we could stay with who we are with now, but we are limited on emails and then the price jumps up and we need limited access, and we need a way to archive it.

Mayor Wilkey stated we have a preliminary budget that is going to be handed out tonight and that final budget will be voted on next month. So, he would like to have the website ready to go also next month as well. Blake said he is ready to go anytime. Mayor Wilkey asked if we had pricing and Blake stated yes, it's cheaper than what we are paying now. Mayor Wilkey stated to make sure it is on agenda for next month to move forward on the new website.

- **418 S. Wood-** Lindsey will discuss when she does her attorney report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Appoint Mayor-** Alderman West made a motion to nominate Ryan Wilkey as mayor and Alderman Harper second the motion. Alderman West, Harper, Riley and Alderwoman Bogle were all aye and Alderman Grider was absent. The motion to nominate Ryan Wilkey as mayor was passed.

Clerk Walters swore in Mayor Wilkey.

- **Appoint Alderman-** Will have someone seated next month at meeting on May 2nd.
- **2022/04/04-1 An Ordinance Restructuring the Office of City Treasurer from an elected position on to an appointed position as allowed by 65 ILCS 5/3.1-20.5.-** Alderman West made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022/04/04-1- An Ordinance Restructuring the Office of City Treasurer from an elected position on to an appointed position as allowed by 65 ILCS 5/3.1-20.5 and Alderman Harper second the motion. Alderwoman Bogle, Alderman West, Harper, and Riley were all in favor. Alderman Grider was absent. The motion to approve Ordinance 2022/04/04-1- An Ordinance Restructuring the Office of City Treasurer from an elected position on to an appointed position as allowed by 65 ILCS 5/3.1-20.5 was passed.

Ted stated this becomes effective when the current treasurer resigns or that term ends.

- **2022/04/04-R1 An Ordinance Authorizing the MFT Budget for FY2022-** Alderwoman Bogle made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022/04/04-R1 An Ordinance Authorizing the MFT Budget for FY2022 and Alderman West second the motion. The motion to approve Ordinance 2022/04/04/R1- An Ordinance Authorizing the MFT Budget for FY2022 and Alderman West second the motion. Alderman West, Harper, and Riley were all in favor. Alderman Grider was absent. The motion to approve Ordinance 2022/04/04-R1- An Ordinance Authorizing the MFT Budget for FY2022 was passed. This will include (Stockpile Rock, Rock Salt, Cold Patch Mix, Spray Patcher Bit, Materials, City Owned Street Sweeper, Paint Pavement Markings, Bump Grinding) in this estimate costs.
- **Preliminary Budget-** Will be presented in closed session which will start the clock for 30 days.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:

- **February 21, 2022, Special Meeting Open Minutes-**Alderwoman Bogle made a motion to accept the February 21, 2022, Special Meeting Open Minutes and Alderman West Second the motion. Alderman Riley, West, Harper, and Alderwoman Bogle all was in favor. Alderman Grider was absent. The motion to accept the February 21, 2022, Special Meeting Open Minutes was passed.
- **February 21, 2022, Special Meeting Closed Minutes-** Alderwoman Bogle made a motion to approve the February to accept the February 21, 2022, Special Meeting Closed Minutes and Alderman West Second the motion. Alderman Riley, West, Harper, and Alderwoman Bogle all was in favor. Alderman Grider was absent. The motion to approve the February 21, 2022, Special Meeting Closed Minutes was passed.
- **March 7, 2022, Open Minutes-** Alderman Harper made a motion to approve the March 7, 2022, Open Meeting Minutes and Alderman West second the motion. Alderman Riley, West, Harper, and Alderwoman Bogle all was in favor. Alderman Grider was absent. The motion to approve the March 7, 2022, Open Meeting Minutes was passed.
- **March 7, 2022, Closed Minutes-** Alderman Harper made a motion to approve the March 7, 2022, Closed Meeting Minutes and Alderwoman Bogle second the motion. Alderman Riley, West, Harper, and Alderwoman Bogle all was in favor. Alderman Grider was absent. The motion to approve the March 7, 2022, Closed Meeting Minutes was passed.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Wilkey stated that on the third day he was back state came over and set up some things for them to get done and things that were needed that had been laxed and they are in the process of doing those

things. So far, they are at ten to eleven things that have been done so far. They also had a second state employee come over and set up some other things to help us put things in there so that they can be notified that it is current.

Sgt. Koonce stated that at the golf cart registration there was 23 carts that showed up and have about 30 for the year so far. He stated we are still a bit short there. He stated it was an excellent idea and it went perfectly. For it to be cold and to get 23 people to come out it worked really well.

Harper wanted to know what to do if people were unable to get to the registration or if they end up getting a golf cart. Koonce stated that they would get a hold of him, and he would be able to meet them up here at City Hall and do a quick inspection and get them registered for a \$25.00 fee.

Mayor Wilkey asked how the inoperative vehicles and ordinance violations were and how the list was going. Koonce stated it was a learning curve for them on the forms and to make sure they are up to date. He stated it is slow, but it is moving forward. Mayor Wilkey asked if they will be able to see it next month and Sgt. Koonce said yes, he believes so.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Lindsey stated that they have court on Wednesday for 418 S. Wood. She approached them with the offer to split the cost for demolition and their attorney gets nothing back from his client. So, she let him know that she is going to request for it to be set for hearing to at least get the demolition ordered and move forward with that.

Lindsey also stated that she has been working with Green Wave and getting more information about the tank leak at some point and they want to get the city to pass an ordinance to not allow the any wells to be dug in these certain parcels around Freedom. Lindsey's concern was then the city has to manage that, and she asked them how long the city would have to manage it for, and it sticks with the property forever unless the city request later that Freedom goes back to the EPA and gets it dropped. Ted brought up a very good point about it going into the aquifer below and she asked for their studies and how they figured out how just this area was affected, and they sent a ton of stuff. They sent soil testing and other kinds of testing and they have done their work to make sure it hasn't gone any further. Lindsey wants Ted to look over the stuff they sent back and if a conference call is needed then we can do that.

Lindsey stated this ordinance is only stating that we will not allow any wells to not be drilled and that we will not give out any permits for that on those properties.

ENGINEER REPORT: Matt discussed the rendering for Main Street which would include bump outs, new sidewalks, new crossings, and lighting. Each intersection the sidewalks would be closer together and would meet ADA compliance requirements. Cost is estimated from Wood Street to where the old railroad used to go through town and would be about \$900,000.00 to \$1,300,000.00. Projects like this are eligible for addition funding through different agencies like Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program. To get eligible or get funding is to begin engineering work and with the federal fund a project development report is required in order to processed with any of these grants.

Mayor Wilkey wanted to explain that this project isn't solely built on desire of what the council wants. He stated we have an immediate drainage issue with the sidewalk there by Maroa Pub coming around the corner going back east that whole sidewalk with the ramp and right by Richard Young's property that's a low spot and is affecting the foundation on the building. So, Mayor Wilkey stated that with this we were going to have to do work there and spend money on that drainage issue so that is why we were looking into this.

The lady that helped him get this together stated why not use that corner as a sample and do that corner to get that area fixed and generate support and the whole overall project. Alderman Harper stated that interested him out of everything that he has stated so far because that corner has to be fixed first and to get the rest done at a later point and to come up with that other money later.

Matt stated he would come back next month with a proposal for Phase 1 for PDR enough for final design for that corner for overall plan. Mayor Wilkey said ultimately for the rest of the street Mike was concerned with the concrete and the light poles. Mike stated yes, he is the one that is usually on the light poles and has noticed bends in them and a few of them are cracked pretty good. Mike stated he thought those light poles have been there since '78.

Matt stated the other page he had was lighting on Wood Street with lighting alternating. The pricing is about \$10,000.00 a pole installed. He was not sure if that was with the wiring also. That would not be eligible for any IDOT grants but there might be something else floating out there that might work. He just wanted to show what they were thinking if the council is interested in.

Mike stated he also wanted the council to know that the engineers are also working on some regulatory things for us to as far as lead and cooper changes. There working on corrosion control products that we have to end up using. So, when you see bills coming in for the engineers that is what they are doing. Mayor Wilkey stated that is mandatory that, that is done, correct? Mike stated yes that is correct.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Ted Agee stated he has been working with the budget but needs more information. Until the end of the year closes out, we don't know where we actually sit. Been working on the concession stands. Mike torn out all the cabinets they have been prepping everything today and will get painted tomorrow afternoon. Stainless steel sinks and countertop will be put in. There was a mold problem in there and can not get a food license with having mold. Also got floor up and possibly after ball season may look at putting epoxy on the floor. Ted stated there will be five counters total and Mike is going to put trim in tomorrow to help seal the building up better. Ted stated anything that was made out of wood is gone. Will add an industrial plastic washtub sink in the center section to have the third sink. For a food service from the health department, you are supposed to have three, one for washing, one for disinfecting and one for rinsing. They did not know that till today.

Mayor Wilkey's concern is ball starts in three weeks. Ted stated the sinks and counters are supposed to be in tomorrow and him and Mike are pretty sure everything should be done in a week. Ted stated the only other thing that needs to happen in there is the air conditioner is not working. Mike is going to have Mance meet him in the morning. Ted stated Rise is kicking in \$2000.00 for upgrades to the concession.

Shed door they were trying to get a 20-foot door, but it is impossible to get so they thought about getting a standard size door. To make the larger doors they would have to change a jig out and they have to wait till they have enough orders to make the jig out. They have had it eight months now and nothing. The council decided to have Ted just order to 9-foot doors for the shed.

ZONING/PUBLIC WORKS: Mike stated that they did sell some things at the auction on Saturday. The boat didn't make it. When we got the boat the title work never got done. So, we couldn't sell it till the title work got done. Mike stated Crystal got that done and so now we are waiting on the title for that so we can sell that at another auction. He stated we sold the salt truck and he put a reserve of \$5,000.00 on it. Mike stated it was in pretty bad shape. But it sold for \$4,975.00. The old generators went for \$1200.00 a piece which was really good because one of them didn't even run. The small diesel generator that was sold it went for \$1,000.00. The small air compressor went for \$650.00 and an old junk sink that they had that they threw in he thinks went for \$36.50. So, Mike said we should be pretty close to \$10,000.00. Will probably use the money to replace the salt box truck that they had to get rid of and they had to buy some new locators when the locating project coming up of 60,000 feet of fiber going in.

Mayor Wilkey asked if anything has been done about the mosquito sprayer? Mike stated no and the one that we have is Tommy's and the one that we own is at Tommy's and he can't get parts for it. So, if the one that Tommy has breaks down, we are not going to have a mosquito sprayer. Because it is identical to the one, we have. Ted stated possibly looking at doing a trade in with Tommy rather than selling at the auction because the circuit breaker board is going bad.

Mayor Wilkey stated to Mike why wouldn't we take the \$10,000.00 and put it toward the mosquito sprayer first which is more immediate than the salt box first? Mike stated we can do that and like he stated he is still planning on selling the boat once we get the title back.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Freedom Festival**- Blake stated it is coming along for June 25th. He stated he is running into some roadblocks with it being the same weekend as Arthur festival. He stated he would like to start planning for next years now. So, when we book them this year if we can go ahead and sign them up also for next year as well. He does have some vendors already and a band signed. Blake stated we will have a DJ during the day, kiddie tractor pulls, petting zoo signed, looking at a zip line and a rock wall including the inflatables that we had last year. He is also talking to Johnny Leach about a car show.

Blake stated that bags reserved the gym for the day of the Freedom Festival. Also, the cake walk will be also going on as well. Blake also stated last year he had a hard time getting people together at the parade and being here at the same time. He stated he will have to have Angie and someone else help with the parade.

- **Harvest Festival**- Date has been picked for October 15th and is on calendar already. Angie just wanted to make sure it was not the same weekend as homecoming. Crystal stated she was pretty sure that when we scheduled the date, we had checked to make sure it was not on the same weekend.

Blake did want to mention that on Young Park the sign was placed and him and Richard have been looking at equipment and Richard like the swing that Blake picked out and he told Blake to get that ordered and Richard's brothers want to by a teeter totter in Richard's name, so Blake ordered them both. So, when they are ready him and Richard are going to drive over to Indiana to pick them up. Blake said there are a couple of water taps there and that Mike will expose of. There is also cable that is possibly Frontiers that someone is going to get a hold of them to see about getting them out. He also asked Richard what he would like, and Blake said what about a gazebo and Richard liked that idea. So, Blake went to Arthur, and they are a lot more than he thought they were. So, after looking at budget maybe that is something we could look at for next year.

Blake stated he went to the county to have them make up a sign to attach to Montgomery Court that says Young Park. So, he told Mike whenever he goes to get the other signs, they will send that one has well with him.

BILLS: Alderman West made a motion to approve the March/April bills and Alderman Harper second the motion. Alderman West, Harper, Riley and Alderwoman were all aye and Alderman Grider was absent. The motion to approve the March/ April bills was approved.

CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Wilkey asked for a motion for Closed Session for only council, Mayor, Ted and Lindsey. Alderman Bogle made a motion to go into closed session and Alderman West second the motion. Alderman West, Harper, Riley and Alderwoman were all aye and Alderman Grider was absent. The motion to go into closed session was passed.

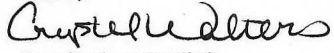
Roll Call: Taken by Clerk Walters at 8:41 p.m. Alderman West, Harper, Riley, Alderwoman Bogle, Clerk Walters, Treasurer Michele Modro-Peters, Administrator Ted Agee, Mayor Ryan Wilkey and Attorney Lindsey Wise were all present. Alderman Grider was absent.

Mayor Wilkey stated next month hopefully before we walk into the door, we are hoping to have new carpet in this room, these back boards behind us will be gone, there will be a television above his head scrolling City business, also a TV for out in the hallway. But some cosmetic work done in this room.

Mayor Wilkey stated they budgeted for an office for an office for Ted and a conference room in the now storage room that is located across from the bathrooms.

ADJOURN: Alderman West made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. and Alderman Harper second the motion. Alderman West, Harper, Riley and Alderwoman Bogle all voted aye and Alderman Grider was absent. The motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. was passed.

Done By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Crystal Walters".

Crystal Walters, City Clerk