

CITY OF MAROA
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY MAY 16, 2022
MAROA CITY HALL

ROLL CALL: Taken by Clerk Walters at 6:31 p.m., Mayor Wilkey, Administrator Agee, Clerk Walters, Treasurer Modro-Peters, Alderwoman Bogle, Alderman West, Grider, Riley was all present and Harper was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by Mayor Wilkey.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: No Citizens

- **Acceptance of MFT Bid-** Mayor stated going to jump ahead a little on the agenda and get the representative out of here from the Engineering firm. He is the only one present in the room at this time. So, jumping ahead to the acceptance of the Motor Fuel Tax Bids for the year 2022.

The mayor asked if everything was under budget and the representative stated yes that the engineer's estimate was \$44,500.00 and Hiler Trucking was \$33,811.50. So almost twenty-five percent.

Alderman Riley made a motion of acceptance for the MFT Bids and Alderman Grider second the motion. Harper was absent. Alderman Grider, Riley, West and Alderwoman were all in favor. The motion of acceptance for the MFT Bids was passed.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Operating System- Locis Proposal-** Ted stated trying to get to the cloud-based system. Crystal has the proposal. To go from L7 to L8 for training and new modules the total cost is \$4680.00. To get it all set up to go to cloud based. Mayor stated we were threatening to leave and then we found out they had all this technology. Mayor stated Crystal will be the one mostly using this system and Riley asked if this is what she wanted, and Crystal stated yes this is what we need is cloud-based and when the guy came the other day to do some training Crystal found out there is more on the system that we can be using that we have not been using.
Mayor stated they offer the time system so we will have that as well so everyone will be able to clock in and clock out. The switch off will be \$4700.00 and asked Ted if he had that reflected in the budget. Ted stated yes, he has.
Alderman West made a motion to accept the proposal to move forward on the cloud based Locis for the \$4700.00 and Alderwoman Bogle second the motion. Alderman Harper was absent. Alderwoman Bogle, Alderman Grider, Riley, and West all was in favor. The motion to accept the proposal to move forward on the cloud based Locis for the \$4700.00 was passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ordinance 2022/05/16-1 FY 2022-2023 Budget and Appropriation-** Mayor stated that they have spent a lot of time on this and chewed it a part a lot. The mayor thinks that what it is going to reflect is what is the most importance asset in any business in the world today is its employees. They are hard to come by. When you have good ones, the mayor stated that he thinks it is important to hang on to them because they are hard to find. They tried to create a pay structure and have never had before. We are trying to create a pay structure so when we hire in someone will know what they are hiring in at and see that and can move forward. There are pay raises pretty much across the board. There are a couple that we didn't address because they are already at the higher pay. The two department heads are at a higher pay and the most recent hire in was at a higher pay. Catches everyone else up to there scale.

Matt asked a question on what the ARPA fund was and why it showed up in two different areas and Ted Agee explained how it worked. He also asked about the video gaming tax. Ted stated he goes by what came in from the previous year. The only tax lines that won't change is like property tax.

Alderman Grider made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022/05/16-1 FY 2022-2023 Budget and Appropriation and Alderwoman Bogle second the motion. Alderman Harper was absent. Alderwoman Bogle, Alderman Grider, Riley, and West all was in favor. The motion to approve Ordinance 2022/05/16-1 FY 2022-2023 Budget and Appropriation was passed.

Alderman Grider made a motion to approve the position-based payroll addendum to be effective as of June 2022 and Alderwoman Bogle second the motion. Alderman Harper was absent. Alderwoman Bogle, Alderman Grider, Riley, and West all was in favor. The motion to approve the position-based payroll addendum to be effective as of June 2022 was passed.

- **Ordinance 2022/05/16/2 Groundwater Well Prohibition for Specific Locations-** Ted stated that this is in regards to Freedom Oil and to the six parcels around Freedom. Freedom was worried about the contamination and the EPA has been working with them and in the ordinance, it states that no one can drill a drinking well or other use well on those six parcels. Which is not allowed anyway. Ted stated its nothing out of the ordinary and the attorney did look at it and she was comfortable with it. Alderman Grider made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022/05/16/2 Groundwater Well Prohibition for Specific Locations and Alderwoman Bogle second the motion. Alderman Harper was absent. Alderwoman Bogle, Alderman Grider, Riley, and West all was in favor. The motion to approve Ordinance 2022/05/16-2 Groundwater Well Prohibition for Specific Locations was passed.
- **Ordinance 2022/05/16/3 Authorizations of a Highway Authority Agreement-** This is the same thing when it comes to Freedom. It protects us when it comes to real estate that's city property the roadways, the right of ways. This is all part of that EPA action plan that was required. Lindsey stated that it looks good and that she stated that she thinks we need to do it. Ted stated this forces compliance to pollution control also. Alderman Riley made a motion to accept Ordinance 2022/05/16/2 Groundwater Well Prohibition for Specific Locations and Alderwoman Bogle second the motion. Alderman Harper was absent. Alderwoman Bogle, Alderman Grider, Riley, and West all was in favor. The motion to approve Ordinance 2022/05/16-3 Authorizations of a Highway Authority Agreement was passed.
- **Ordinance 2022/05/16/4 Authorizations of Equipment Loan from Scott State Bank-** Ted stated this would include the street sweeper, new mosquito fogger, dump truck for salting plus added safety lighting and also for the exiting salt spreader truck we have. The total of everything \$49737. 12 so the loan is for \$50,000.00 with three percent interest for five years. Mayor asked how we will pay for that. Ted stated we are renting the street sweeper from MFT. Ted stated you can't buy equipment with MFT money even if it is specifically used for that. But you can rent the equipment from your self with MFT funds. So that is what we are going to do. So basically \$13,500. 00 a year we are renting the street sweeper for from MFT so after three or four years will pay for the whole note. This loan isn't in the budget because the first payment isn't due till May/June of next year. Next year the budget will have that loan in it. Grider wanted to know on item three the salt spreader that will include the safety lighting we are adding with the other one. Ted stated that is the safety lighting we are buying for the other one. Alderman Grider made a motion to accept Ordinance 2022/05/16/4 Authorizations of Equipment Loan from Scott State Bank and Alderman Riley second the motion. Alderman Harper was absent. Alderwoman Bogle, Alderman Grider, Riley, and West all was in favor. The motion to accept Ordinance 2022/05/16/4 Authorizations of Equipment Loan from Scott State Bank was passed.
- **Garbage Contract-** Mayor Wilkey stated we got the updated proposal, and he believes it is probably about the best we are going to get. He would like to table it for another month if possible. So, we can get some

people in to fill the seat and get some chat in on about it. So, mayor stated when we are all here next month, we can discuss it and put it to bed.

- **Cell Phone Plan Update-** Ted stated that the mayor discussed with him that with the Freedom of Information Act that with our personal phones that all of council, the mayor and all employees should have a city cell phone used strictly for city business. That way if we have an issue with FOIA they are not taking possession of someone's personal phone. Right now, we go through FirstNet for the police phones and water and sewer because they are on that emergency system that way if there was a major catastrophes and normal cell phones went down these will still operate. The water tower is a hotspot because of our meter system.

Ted had them price nineteen phones and the water tower hotspot with all hotspots and the total monthly bill for doing that would be \$861.49. They would charge an upfront fee of like \$2400.00 but that would get credited back over the next few months. It comes out to like \$43.50 a phone and tower is like \$34.99. But right now, we are paying \$437.00 for just six phone and the water tower hotspot and with these added it would just increase it by about \$425.00 a month for thirteen more phones.

Riley stated he didn't remember talking about this and Crystal and Mayor Wilkey stated that it will also tie in with the time clock system as well. Mayor Wilkey stated that for instance if a police officer gets called in and he can't get here to clock in they could do that immediately from their phone or if a water main breaks the water guys can't go directly there to clock in. This way they could do it from their phones. Ted stated the date was unlimited also.

Alderman Riley made a motion to accept the cell phone plan update to 19 phones and water tower hotspot and Alderman Grider second the motion. Alderman Harper was absent. Alderwoman Bogle, Alderman Grider, Riley, and West all was in favor. The motion to accept the cell phone plan update to 19 phones and water tower hotspot was passed.

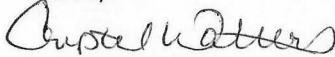
Alderman Grider made a motion to go into closed session and Alderman Riley second the motion.

Alderman Harper was absent. Alderwoman Bogle, Alderman Grider, Riley, and West all was in favor. The motion to go into closed session was passed.

ROLL CALL: Taken by Clerk Walters at 7:28 p.m., Mayor Wilkey, Administrator Agee, Clerk Walters, Alderwoman Bogle, Alderman West, Grider, Riley was all present and Harper and Treasurer Modro-Peters was absent.

ADJOURN- Alderman Grider made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. and Alderman Riley second the motion. Alderman Harper was absent. Alderwoman Bogle, Alderman Grider, Riley, and West all was in favor. The motion to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. was passed.

Done by:



Crystal Walters