

CITY OF MAROA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JUNE 6, 2022

ROLL CALL: Was taken by Clerk Parrott at 6:30 p.m. Alderwoman Bogle, Alderman, Grider, Riley, West, Administrator Agee, Clerk Parrott, Attorney Wise, and Mayor Wilkey were all present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by Mayor Wilkey.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Janet Broadhacker asked about the property north of town about the property to start a garden and getting FFA for next year gong. Mayor Wilkey stated that plan was already in motion. Matt Hasbarger has a community garden started right now on the back side of Kennedy and his proposal which may happen was turning the property across from the City shed into a Dog Park/ community garden with the FFA driving it.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Website Updates** – Clerk Walters stated that they had just called her today and that she will be doing training Wednesday. Then go over the final details and hopefully from there have it up and going very soon. Mayor Wilkey stated if anyone wanted to see w3hat ours would be looking like would be like the Village of Bethany. Mayor stated the reason we made this change it was not user friendly and there was a lot that we had zero access to for how many years. Clerk Walters stated just like the calendar could not change it at all. Mayor stated or the ability to change photos. Money wise we were not out anymore money. It will still be the same maroailinois.gov
- **City Hall repair updates** – Mayor stated we are going to make some renovations to this room like the carpet and these white boards we were going to take off, but they will not come off. They are glued on there to the point that they will not come off. Going to encase everything and add a drop ceiling and cut the noise out. Going to extend the desk a little bit. The room next door to create some security for us for closed sessions there will be a conference room and it will be available to the businesses in town if they ever wanted to have a meeting, they could use it. There would be a hallway where the door is coming in at. We need a secure filling room so on the other half of that room half of that room will be a office for the administrator.
- **Locis going cloud base update** – Mayor stated the operating system in the office is prehistoric so essentially along with the website updates we are going to a web-based upgrading system in the office. Clerk Walters stated that they are doing two transitions on it and hoping to have cloud based by September. If not September, then they said it would be October depending on the transitions.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Swear in two new Alderman** – Clerk Parrott swore in Monty Greutman and Michael Brown. Michael Brown works at Millikin and has been there for 20 years and lives in Montgomery Court. He stated this is the furthest north he has ever lived. Monty Greutman stated he has been in Maroa all his life which is now 64 years. He retired two years ago. He stated he is here ready to help and get to know the people of Maroa again.
- **GFL Proposal** – Ted Agee stated GFL came in two months ago and approached council wanting to go to once-a-week pick-up instead of twice a week pick up. The totes we have right now are about 65 gallons and they are going to give us two 95-gallon totes plus they will do a third 95-gallon tote for every other week recycling. They will still do the two clean-ups per year they would also give us 25 tons for the City for when we go and clean up properties.

Mayor stated that we can let this existing contact ride out and not do anything but when we go to sign the new contract there aren't many others left in town. Eric Shangrawl from GFL stated there is just them and a smaller guy left in Clinton. They are only doing twice a week at Macon and here out of the 70 city contracts that they have. Eric stated this proposal is for a five-year contract with a 4 percent increase each year. Mayor stated that this year it would be \$18.25 a month and in 2026 jumps to \$21.35 a month.

Ted Agee stated if we decide we don't want a garbage contact what would you charge every household for garbage? Eric stated it is anywhere from \$25 to \$38 dollars a house per month for garbage only. Because it's more with out a

contract with a town because it opens it up and with a contract then we know we are going to every house. Eric stated with a contract it is buying power and it saves everyone money other wise it costs more for each individual with no contract.

Mayor Wilkey stated that we do not have to make a move at this time. This is the contract proposal that is out there. Eric will come back next month.

POLICE REPORT: Sgt. Koonce stated everyone should have received the report early Friday morning. There have been many changes made to it. Alderman Riley asked about the speed limit sign of the 30-mph sign that was put up on Washington Street out by the cemetery and wanted to know since everyone is so used to it being a certain speed limit if we can do written warnings for a while till people get used to it unless someone is going by there and hammering it down. Koonce stated they will do everything they can to the best of there ability.

Administrator Agee stated that the City-Wide speed changed and was voted in last Fall and the signs in new locations are going to say when pulling into town that City Wide speed limit is 30- mph unless posted. Ted stated everywhere is 30- mph unless it's a school zone or right down main street is 20.

Alderman West stated he wanted to say how appreciative he was of the adding of the training and auto services in the report. West stated to please continue to do that. Koonce stated will do.

Mayor Wilkey wanted to know if everyone has mowed their grass. Koonce stated there was an eggshell in the numbers and that will change next month. West stated he had some complaints from the citizens and he w3ill discuss with Koonce tomorrow.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Lindsey stated she has looked into the community garden issues and there are no issues. Especially if people are coming to pick it and we are not selling it. If they are coming and doing it on their own, we will be fine. Mayor asked what if we what to reward the FFA on them selling something like if they want to take a truck load to Richland to sell and make money for themselves. Lindsey stated if they are doing the work themselves then we are ok.

Mayor asked Mike how many acres were north of Williams, and he thought about 10 and also wanted to know on Jackson Street. Mike stated possibly and acre and half.

Lindsey asked to put prevailing wages on for the next meeting. Ted stated he did not believe he had to report it anymore since we are a municipality since the new law was passed. Lindsey stated she would check into that.

ENGINEER REPORT: Ted stated he cannot meet tomorrow. The topic will be ITEP grant is back. They have is forfeited the P1 Engineering where we would have free engineer that has forfeited again so all engineering would be eligible for the grant. It's a 3.75-million-dollar cap. The goal is to- we already looked at Wood Street with the issue with the lanes, sidewalks. We would like to try and do that and Main Street from Wood to between Chestnut and Oak. That; s the purpose of the meeting to sit down and look at the full direction. It's an 80/20 deal.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Still working with Keith Grand which is the TIF consultant and getting him down here to meet with everyone. Since it's been a while since he has stepped in the door. Mason's building, we are still working on that today. Gas meter is gone and will be unhooking gas line so the demolition can start. Ameren was supposed to email us as soon as they got that done and they haven't done that yet. Parking lot in the back has been resurfaced and stripped. Mayor stated so we have 12 parking spots and 1 handicapped spot in the back now.

ZONING/PUBLIC WORKS: Mike stated he did not have anything else besides what they have already been discussing. Mayor asked if he was aware of the sidewalk in front of the post office and Mike stated yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Riley stated he wanted to know if the sign where you come into Maroa if that could be moved so when people come into town, they can see it. Mike stated he knew they had talked about Johnny building something at one time but the people that did the sign for Young's Park he said I think they do magnificent job too. He stated they are probably a little pricy. West stated he will talk to them about pricing some welcome signs. Riley asked about the bumps in the road on Wood Street if they were still going to be worked on. Ted stated that is in the MFT budget and yes, they are going to be worked on. Mike stated they will tell Matt to get started whenever they want or whenever they can fit it in.

West stated the interviews of the Police Chief are ongoing. We have had seven applicants. We have tested five of the seven. Tomorrow, we have the last two interviews. We have applicants from Mount Veron, several from Chicago, and there are locals. They are all very good candidates and we are in a good spot. So, we have asked each individual 15 questions on recordings and are sharing the recordings with all the council members so all the council members will have a say in the position. We are going to take a few from that pile and do a second interview and really listen to their views and their philosophies of where they want to take our police force and see if they share our same views. Tomorrow is the last of the first interview process and then go into the second round of interview and then get together with the council and give our recommendation to the mayor so he can make the appointment.

Young park- West stated he is waiting on a call from Indianapolis to go pick up the equipment. Once he gets the call, he will use someone's trailer and go get it and then have Chris Doak's guys get it put together. Gazebo is also on order.

Park Program is going well. They have planted some flowers, and someone mulched it. Patrick from the church stated that the church had done that. West stated thank you it looks good.

West stated there has been issues with skunks in town. Mike stated to just let him know and there is a guy working with him that will trap them. West stated ok. That he had reached out to the IDNR and animal control and was going to give him a 90-day permit. West stated he was not going to trap them. Mike said get them the 90-day permit. West stated ok he would do that. IDNR said they multiply crazy.

Grider stated that Memorial Day had the first ceremony up here and dedicated the memorial. The American Legion took the reins on quite a bit of it. Which they said from now on they said they are going to have it from now on up here at City Hall at the memorial instead of out at the cemetery. Grider stated he thought it went very well. Grider stated in the next couple months there will also be some landscaping going in like bushes and other things in front of City Hall. Agee stated he was checking on pricing.

Mayor Wilkey stated there was a poker run this weekend benefiting and he believes he heard a number that was \$350.00 that they were going to donate towards that landscaping as well.

West stated Freedom Fest is June 25th and Grider has the fireworks under control, and they will be at 9 p.m. They will be synchronized with music from WHOW radio. The kickoff will start at 11 a.m. with the parade and from there it will come back to City Hall grounds and at noon there will be food and craft vendors. As of right now there are probably 50 craft vendors signed to be here. There is bingo, kiddie track pulls, the bags tournament. Live band K-Crush will be playing. Car show will start at 4 p.m. Dyna Graphics are working on posters for us. Riley asked if the tents had been ordered. West stated he decided not to do the big tent for the vendors but did get a tent for the petting zoo. West stated we can not let those animals get over heated. He told all the vendors to big their own tents and he had only one vendor back out because of it.

Matt Bohlmann asked since he is the new president of the youth league how late can they play games that day. Grider stated they are good to go till whenever. The fireworks will be down north of Spenser Park. Matt also wanted to know who wanted to know who to get ahold of for the parade if coaches wanted their kids in the parade. West stated Angie Bogle or show up at lineup.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:

- **May 2, 2022, Open Minutes- Alderman** Grider made a motion to approve the May 2, 2022, open meeting minutes and Alderman Riley second the motion. Alderman West, Riley and Grider all was in favor. Alderwoman Bogle was absent. The motion to approve the May 2, 2022, open meeting minutes was approved.
- **May 2, 2022, Closed Minutes-** Alderman Grider made a motion to approve the May 2, 2022, closed meeting minutes and Alderman Riley second the motion. Alderman West, Riley and Grider all was in favor. Alderwoman Bogle was absent. The motion to approve the May 2, 2022, closed meeting minutes was approved.
- **May 16, 2022, Special Meeting Open Minutes-** Alderman Grider made a motion to approve the May 16, 2022, open meeting minutes and Alderman Riley second the motion. Alderman West, Riley and Grider all was in favor. Alderwoman Bogle was absent. The motion to approve the May 16, 2022, open meeting minutes was approved.
- **May 16, 2022, Special Meeting Closed Minutes -** Alderman Grider made a motion to approve the May 16, 2022, closed meeting minutes and Alderman Riley second the motion. Alderman West, Riley and Grider all was in favor. Alderwoman Bogle was absent. The motion to approve the May 16, 2022, closed meeting minutes was approved.

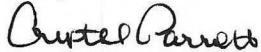
APPROVE BILLS: Alderman Riley made a motion to approve the bills and add on Central Paving for \$4700.00 and Alderman West second the motion. Alderman West, Riley and Grider all was in favor. Alderwoman Bogle was absent. The motion to approve the bills and add on Central Paving for \$4700.00 was passed.

CLOSED SESSION: Alderman Grider made a motion to go into closed session at 8:02 p.m. and Alderman West second the motion. Alderman Brown, Grider, Riley, West and Greutman were all in favor. Alderwoman Bogle was absent. The motion to go into closed session at 8:02 p.m. was passed.

ROLL CALL: Was taken by Clerk Parrott at 9:04 p.m. Alderwoman Bogle was absent. Alderman, Grider, Riley, West, Brown, Greutman, Administrator Agee, Clerk Parrott, Attorney Wise, and Mayor Wilkey were all present.

ADJOURN: Alderman Grider made a motion to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. and Alderman Brown second the motion. Alderman Grider, Riley, West, Brown and Greutman were all in favor. Alderwoman Bogle was absent. The motion to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. was passed.

Done By:



Crystal Parrott, City Clerk