

**CITY OF MAROA REMOTE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, July 27, 2020**

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

**Citizens Comments**

None

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

Clerk Edwards presents the meeting minutes to the council. Mayor Meador asks if everyone had a chance to look at the minutes. West makes a motion to accept the June 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Bogle. Jackson abstained, all other council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Clerk Edwards presents the June 29, 2020 special meeting minutes. Wilkey makes a motion to accept June 29, 2020 special meeting minutes, seconded by West. Jackson & Bogle abstained, all other council members present vote aye, motion tabled as not a majority of quorum vote available.

Later in the meeting there was a re roll call, Jackson did not think he attended the special meeting, but he did. Wilkey makes a motion to accept the June 29, 2020 special meeting minutes, seconded by West. Bogle abstained, all other council members present vote aye, motion passed.

**Police Report**

Chief Gaddy is present. Gaddy states he has emailed his monthly report. Wilkey states that it looks like a lot of activity, Gaddy states that traffic was up but calls were down so that is good.

**Attorney Report**

Attorney Jankowicz is present. Jankowicz discusses the letter from the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division back in March of 2020 in regard to the complaint from Cunningham about the City and Mr. Cunningham's violation of building code. The Attorney General sent a letter that there was no response from the city to Gaddy. Everything was resent to the AG and waiting to hear back from them when they understand the situation that we are facing with Mr. Cunningham.

Jankowicz states the other thing is the real estate that is under Administrator report.

**Engineer's Report**

Not present.

**Administrator Report**

Ted Agee, Administrator is present. Agee discusses his Administrator report.

Agee states that he is still working with ABM and he and Hoffman has met with vendors and at this time recommends that we stay with SENSUS. Will give out more information as it becomes available. After sitting with SENSUS and the vendors, they feel that is the best option.

Agee states that the sidewalk done will be on the south side of Main Street to the School. Drainage work to handle on Main Street and on Lincoln & Cedar.

Agee discusses the drainage issues on Jefferson & Grissom. Worked on it and it seems to be doing better now.

Meador asks Agee to discuss the complaint from Browns regarding the home on W Washington Street. Agee states that Brown's complaint has resolution. The property is cleaned up, the deck was rotted so it was removed. Cleared out the pool. Hoffman states that he will bring in dirt and seed an area that is in the back of the property. Edwards asks if hours are being kept so that it may be added to their file. Meador states that the Browns are pleased with what has been done. Agee states that there is a tree on their property that needs to come down. Not at risk of falling at this time but will discuss with Ameren if they will take it down since it is around the wires.

Agee states he has some outstanding bills, Edwards states that she has others so if he keeps them, she will get them for the end of month bills.

Estimate to tear down the building on S Wood Street, Doak quoted \$12,000 to take it down. Not sure where we are at on this. We need to do something soon. The mold in the building is a health hazard and the building is falling in. Gaddy states that he will send all the paperwork to Jankowicz.

### **Zoning/Public Works**

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present. Hoffman states that he has been busy. Things to talk about are later in the agenda.

### **Old Business**

Wilkey discusses raise for Jeff Sautlet. Hoffman states that he and Agee have evaluated Jeff, he has stepped up a bunch and been a great help. Hoffman states that he would like to raise his wages to \$14 per hour, effective to June 1, 2020. Wilkey makes a motion raise Jeff Sautlet hourly wage to \$14 per hour effective June 1, 2020, seconded by Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

### **New Business**

Edwards presents the Investment Policy and Ordinance. We currently are doing what is called for in the policy, but we just need to have it in place. Wilkey makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2020/07/27, seconded by Jackson. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Agee discusses the land purchase from Pryde. We purchased half of the farm ground last year, Pryde is not building there now. With the ABM project we are looking to put in Solar panels to cover the electrical expenses for the City. That area would be where they would go. We could potentially receive revenue from the project from excess electricity. The purchase price is \$61,500 for 5.44 acres, which is the north half of the property. City pays the closing cost. Not worried about the tax liability, it would be approximately \$200 – 300. Closing would be in approximately one month. Agee states that there are a lot of grants available and ABM will get those submitted for us. There would be little cost to the City for the panels. TQ is to check the roof for potential panels on City Hall. Hoffman states that we are also

looking to purchase two acres from Rogers as well to tie the lots to the sewer plant. Edwards asks where it will be paid from, Agee states from the TIF District. Wilkey asks what the initial cost is for the solar panel if grants are not there, Agee states that they are not that far along yet. Hoffman states they have talked about a micro grid which would give us power even when there is an outage. Wilkey asks Peters what the TIF balance is, \$138,864 right now. First installment of tax payment has been received. Agee states that we can do some financing to replenish the TIF. Wilkey is concerned about the balance of TIF fund. Agee states we are only looking at \$6,000 pay out with homes. Wilkey states that we wanted to keep it at about \$120,000. Agee states we will get another installment coming in. Edwards states that there is a big payment to Fourwinds that will be coming out, Agee states that it comes out of sales tax, not TIF. Edwards states that it has always been paid from TIF. Wilkey states that it is not. Meador states that it is paid from TIF as Keith Moran told her to pay it that way. Meador states that Agee may call Moran but that was his understanding as well. Bogle makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2020/07/27-2 using TIF funds, seconded by Wilkey. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Edwards states that Jackson was here for the special meeting, will do a re roll call then we do not have to table the minutes. Wilkey makes a motion to accept the June 29, 2020 special meeting minutes, seconded by West. Bogle abstained, all other council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Edwards discusses the contract with American Patriot Pyro and the discount we receive if we sign for three years. We would get 15% more in product each of the three years over the \$10,000 we spend already. Wilkey is fine with that and feels that we will not be going into any other direction. Wilkey makes a motion to accept the three-year contract with American Patriot Pyro, seconded by Jackson. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Wilkey discusses the request from the Football Booster for Fireworks at the home games. If it is switched to the spring, then we will address it at that time. Bogle makes a motion to permit MF Football Boosters a firework permit for home games and any home playoff games, seconded by West. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Edwards asks the council would like to set the hours for trick or treat, if we have it, from 5 pm to 8 pm is okay. Meador says to plan to have it until we hear different from the State. Council gives consent to have from 5 pm – 8 pm on October 31, 2020. We will determine later if it will be allowed.

### **Committee reports**

Wilkey states that we will not do water shut offs in September, Edwards clarifies no shut off in September, correct, we will start again in November unless there is a change in the status of the State being open.

Wilkey discusses the Middle School Booster potential for flag football, would like to use the city property between the ball diamonds and potentially a spot at the park. They are on Saturday mornings and would last for six weeks. They will provide a copy of insurance to us. Jankowicz asks if they will sign waivers to release regarding Covid-19. If they have one, they will need to add the City of Maora. Agee states that the bathrooms are not open right now, Hoffman states that we could open them. Wilkey states that he will suggest Porta Potties to them. Council gives consent.

Wilkey asks what about Fall Festival downtown? A tentative date is the first Saturday in October. Meador states that if we go to stage 3, we cannot. Edwards states that even right now we are only able to have gatherings of 50 so we still cannot do it. Agee states that he tentatively has sound and stage lined up for it. Will discuss more when closer and we know what restrictions are at the time.

Meador asks about when we could have another Veterans Memorial Meeting. Since Covid has come on, we have not had any meetings. Bogle states that she has reached out several times to get meetings and never received feedback. Bogle states she will get a Zoom meeting date for August for the Veterans Committee. She will get the dates to Edwards so she can post it.

Wilkey asks if there has been any movement on the Frontier Property on Main Street. Agee states that he will have West speak on that. West states that he has discussed it with them, they are to get back with him but has not returned call back.

Edwards asks if there was an update on Curt, Agee states that he will update privately. Edwards states that she just wanted to let everyone know that Hop would fill in for Curt. Agee states he has talked to him and he will update everyone. Meador states he has talked to him as well and that there is some things in the works and that someone will let Edwards know.

West states that they will begin to interview officers tomorrow night. They have three interviews as one did not return phone calls. Looking to hire one more officer right now Full Time.

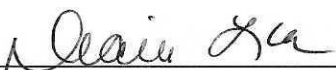
### **Bills**

Edwards presents the May bills to the council. Edwards states that if there are additional bills, put them on her desk and she will get them all when she is back and send to the finance committee for payment. Meador asks if everyone has looked at the bills. Wilkey makes a motion to pay the May bills, seconded by Estep. West asks what the \$6,000 bill is for Visa, Edwards states that it is for the barriers that were put up uptown when tents were up. West states he would like to see the bill, that no one had it. Edwards states that it was emailed to her from Hoffman so he should have it, Meador asks if Edwards will get everyone a copy of that bill. Edwards states that she will send that out. Wilkey makes a motion to pay the July bills minus the Visa bill with additional to be sent later to finance committee, seconded by West. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

### **Closed Session**

#### **Adjourn**

Mayor Meador asks if there is a motion to adjourn, Jackson makes a motion to adjourn at 7:22 pm, seconded by Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

  
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Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk