

## CITY OF MAROA REMOTE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 24, 2020

Meeting remotely called to order by Clerk Edwards at 6:30 pm. Roll call taken by Clerk Edwards. Alderwoman Bogle, Estep, 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. Bogle makes a motion to accept the July meeting minutes, seconded by West. Estep abstained, all other council members present vote aye, motion passed.

### Police Report

Chief Gaddy is present. Gaddy states he did not get his report emailed but he will in the morning. Gaddy states that it was a quiet month.

Gaddy would like to table the addendum that is on the agenda at this time. May not need it at all.

Gaddy states that one full time officer has been hired, Devin Ulmer and will hire a part time officer, Steven Lane will be offered position later this week.

### Attorney Report

Attorney Jankowicz is present. Jankowicz discusses the letter from the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division back in March of 2020 regarding the complaint from Cunningham about the City and Mr. Cunningham's violation of building code. The Attorney General has still not responded to the letter.

Jankowicz discussed the property at 418 S Wood Street. Jankowicz suggests using a contractor who will estimate the cost to bring to code, like was done with the old Coastal building, and then if it exceeds the worth, that will show the court reason that the property should be tore down. Agee and Gaddy state the building should be torn down. Hoffman states it is a fire hazard, as well, in the current state. Agee states that the building is not safe enough for the contractor to go inside. Jankowicz will get Agee the information, in the morning, for the contractor we used before. Agee will set up the appointment and get the estimate to bring building up to code. Jankowicz states that there is also a pending foreclosure case coming up and a court date in the next few days.

Jankowicz states the other thing he has is in the new business.

### Engineer's Report

Not present.

### **Administrator Report**

Ted Agee, Administrator is present.

Agee states that oil and chip is done on the west side of town, sidewalks are almost done. There were a lot of trees that have been cleared out.

Agee discusses the work with ABM. He and Hoffman have been working with them to get the information so they may help get things going. Jefferson Street pump station and the new meters are the priority. Meador asks why there are so many meetings and taking up so much of the time of the Administrator and Superintendent, they state that ABM is getting the information that they need to get the Grants written for the projects for the City.

Meador states that there was a complaint about one of the roads not being completed. Hoffman states that it is where Monroe Street stops and it is grown up with grass, there is no concrete beneath it. Hoffman states that it just must be dressed up and he has not gotten there yet. Hoffman asks Edwards if she will send the email to him and he will follow up with her. Edwards states that she did follow up with her and let her know what Hoffman's plans were.

### **Zoning/Public Works**

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present. Hoffman states that the water tower was inspected and that there is rust inside and a lot of iron sediment, otherwise it is unremarkable.

### **Old Business**

Wilkey tabled employee compensation until meeting live. Meador would like to discuss about having meetings back at City Hall and social distance. We should pause Zoom meetings for now. Council gives consent to go back to live meetings, next month we will attempt to have live meetings.

West asks about audit results, Edwards states that it will be a while will give us a report at a later time.

### **New Business**

Meador discusses the hours for the Collector. Edwards has a second job and due to Covid, she needs to leave at 1 pm daily. Personnel committee agreed to work with her, and the Ordinance was revised from 2014. Jankowicz states that Edwards emailed him to let him know the raises are done in January, not May and that she is currently hourly, not salary for the Collector. Jankowicz states that the code states it is a salaried position. Edwards states that Antoline changed that in 2014 when he separated the Clerk/Collector and Treasurer/Budget Officer. The Ordinance has updated the code so that it will read correctly. Edwards states that once it is executed, she will forward to General Code for addition to the new code book they are working on for us. Modro-Peters stated she was concerned that there was a proper correlation between the hours paid and the hours worked. Discussion on the Ordinance. Bogle makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2020/08/24-1 with the amendments. Add to Section One; In the event of special circumstances, the City Collector may request in writing that the Mayor adjust the hours to be 8:30 am – 1 pm on school days; with the Mayor to respond in writing. Add to Section Two; If the hours that are written in are not initialed, then there will be no payment for those hours. Change "May" meeting to January in both spots, seconded by Jackson. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

### **Committee reports**

Bogle discusses the last Veterans Memorial Meeting. Bogle states that a meeting was held a couple weeks ago, she sent out a link for the plan for the memorial. The price tag is high and that does not include concrete work. There are some fundraising that needs to be done. Rhonda Braden and Kara Wilkey are doing a fun run coming up. Bogle set the date for the next meeting as September 9, 2020, and would like to have the members who were there from the beginning to be there and also have JT's mother and sister as they have been there from the beginning. If the 9<sup>th</sup> does not work, it can be changed. Meador states that it works for him, Estep states that 6:30 pm will work for her that day. Bogle asks if there are any questions about the plan. Bogle thinks that \$102,000 is too much for the City to take on and that does not include concrete work. Meador suggests doing in phases. Bogle states that it was suggested but the concern is that it never gets completed, that was a concern that someone brought up. The meeting will be at 6:30 pm and Bogle will get Edwards the information for the agenda.

West discusses the park updates.

Wilkey discusses the flag football at City Hall. Starts on September 5, 2020 and runs for 6 weeks. The youth league will have things set up, the City is not paying for anything.

Wilkey states that he would like to get the decorations for the downtown again to have businesses decorate again for the fall. Wilkey asks Edwards to state what has been done, Edwards states that everything will be ready to pick up the week of September 8. Wilkey states that there will be hanging baskets put on the light poles with mums in them.

Meador asks about Christmas decorations, Wilkey states that he has not considered anything additional. Edwards suggests we get the banners that we did not get last year for the poles. We need to set the date for tree lighting as the last Saturday in November.

### **Bills**

Edwards presents the August bills to the council. West does not want to pay the Visa bill until he sees the statement. Edwards will send the statement. Estep makes a motion to pay the August bills, seconded by Bogle. West votes nay, all other council members present vote aye, motion passed.

### **Closed Session**

#### **Adjourn**

Mayor Meador asks if there is a motion to adjourn, Wilkey makes a motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm, seconded by Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.



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Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk