

**CITY OF MAROA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY AUGUST 7, 2023**

ROLL CALL AT 6:30 P.M.:

Alderson Grider	Present	Alderson Greutman	Present
Alderson West	Absent	Alderson Stoutenborough	Present
Alderson Riley	Present	Alderson Bogle	Present
Mayor Wilkey	Present	City Clerk Parrott	Present
Administrator Agee	Present	City Treasurer Amettis	Present
Attorney Lindsey Wise	Present	Chief Fitzgerald	Present
Superintendent of Public Works Hoffman	Present		

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor-led.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Susie Conway wanted to know about a second electronic recycling pick-up.

Jason Bresford touched base on the community garden. Jason stated he talked to Matt for next year about how they can plant the corn so they can get it sprayed. A few ideas on how things can be done differently next year. Make sure that the community garden information is in the newsletter next year due to elderly people may not have Facebook.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **310 N. Pine- Omar Sosa**-Chief Fitzgerald stated he was here today with his father and his father is not in good health and had to take his dad back after being in town for five hours. Lindsey is going to send him a letter stating that he has to follow up with Ted in the next fourteen days. The council agreed for Lindsey to send the letter.
- **Public Works Employee Position**-(Closed session discussion)
- **Street Use UTV's**- Ted stated he needs the councils' final direction on how they want to go. Discussion between the council on the different types of street use UTV's and their ideas. This will be tabled until next month for Ted to type up Ordinances for the council.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Rummage Sale and Clean-up dates:**

Clerk Parrott asked the council about Rummage sales dates for September 14th, 15th, and 16th. That avoids Homecoming which is on the 22nd. Regarding the fall cleanup Eric from GFL stated they can do that on September 23rd. They usually start throughout the week, but the final pickup will be on the 23rd.

Alderson Grider made a motion to approve the Rummage Sales dates for September 14th, 15th, and 16th, and September 23rd for the clean-up date and Alderson Bogle seconded the motion.

Alderson West	ABSENT	Alderson Bogle	AYE
Alderson Grider	AYE	Alderson Riley	AYE
Alderson Stoutenborough	AYE	Alderson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried.

To approve the Rummage Sales dates for September 14th, 15th, and 16th, and September 23rd for the clean-up date.

- **Resolution 2023/08/07-R1: Resolution to Authorize The addition of an NPPFA Deferred Compensation Plan As A Polite Employee Benefit-**

Chief Fitzgerald discussed that he is trying to make the police department look a little more interesting. These 407 plans are kind of like a 401 but just for law enforcement. He's trying to get it to where we are throwing more benefit packages at employees. It does not cost the city anything. It is all employee driven. The company will come in and pay four hours of Crystal's time to train her and teach her how to use the software. If the employee were able to take money out it would make us a little more of an attractive employer. The standard plan there is no match from the city. The employees can take a loan out on it, and they would pay their self-back interest on it. The company is TransAmerica. Employees do not have to participate in it. Only money derived from police work can go into it. No other money can go into it.

Aldersperson Bogle made a motion to table Resolution 2023/08/07-R1: Resolution to Authorize an NPPFA deferred compensation plan as a police employee benefit and Aldersperson Grider seconded the motion.

Aldersperson West	ABSENT	Aldersperson Bogle	AYE
Aldersperson Grider	AYE	Aldersperson Riley	AYE
Aldersperson Stoutenborough	AYE	Aldersperson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried.

To table Resolution 2023/08/07-R1: Resolution to Authorize an NPPFA deferred compensation plan As a police employee benefit.

- **South End Drainage Project:**

Right now, we have a 15 that has collapsed, and that takes care of most of the south end of town from Main Street. The final estimate for the city portion of the drainage project is \$50,000.00 for the installation of 18" tile from near Chestnut Street to the outlet on Duroc Road. If the City wishes to add an East/West leg from Wood Street to Chestnut, the additional cost will be \$17.00 per linear foot. This leg would be extremely beneficial in alleviating backup along Walnut Street and would be available to tie in future Wood Street drainage work. We are joining in with three others (Rohrescheib, Larry Groves, and Jon Robinson).

Aldersperson Grider made a motion to approve the south drainage project with an addition of \$17.00 per linear foot being pulled from TIF and Aldersperson Bogle seconded the motion.

Aldersperson West	ABSENT	Aldersperson Bogle	AYE
Aldersperson Grider	AYE	Aldersperson Riley	AYE
Aldersperson Stoutenborough	AYE	Aldersperson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried.

To approve the south drainage project with an Addition of \$17.00 per linear foot being pulled From TIF.

- **Maroa Lumber TIF/BD Funds:**

Ted got an application from Maroa Lumber that wants to redo the exterior of the building and he forwarded it to Keith Moran's Company. Jake gave recommendations on what they are eligible for, and Jake stated it is at the discretion of what the city wants to reimburse. Dennis stated that it needs a new product on it since

they get mostly sun on it and that they got hit with some damage from the storm about three years ago. Has not been redone since 1983.

Alderson Grider made a motion to approve TIF and Business District request in the amount of \$40,000 to be split between the TIF and Business District accounts, and Alderson Bogle seconded the motion.

Alderson West	ABSENT	Alderson Bogle	AYE
Alderson Grider	AYE	Alderson Riley	AYE
Alderson Stoutenborough	AYE	Alderson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried.

**To approve TIF and Business District request
In the amount of \$40,000 to be split between the
TIF and Business District accounts.**

Alderson Grider made a motion to amend the motion for the TIF and Business District request in the amount of \$40,000 to be split in percentages in the TIF and Business District accounts, and Alderson Bogle seconded the motion.

Alderson West	ABSENT	Alderson Bogle	AYE
Alderson Grider	AYE	Alderson Riley	AYE
Alderson Stoutenborough	AYE	Alderson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried.

**To amend the motion for the TIF and Business
District request in the amount of \$40,000 to be
Split in percentages in the TIF and Business
District accounts.**

POLICE REPORT:

The Chief stated he is working with a company called Kenmar because he wants to get our drug box changed out. People are not supposed to be putting needles in the box we have now and every time he has changed it out there have been needles in there. This company works with the DEA, and they come out and handle it on their own.

There have been two interviews within the last seven days. A lot of his energy has been trying to replace the people that have left.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Lindsey stated she is starting the lien for Wood Street. There has to be notices and then when that period is up, she will file a notice of foreclosure. She will get the letter sent out for Pine Street and the money was sent in for the one on Washington Street.

ENGINEER REPORT: No Report

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

The sidewalk and ditch on the 100 block have been primarily completed. There is just a small amount of shaping, backfilling, and seeding left to complete. The lead service line grant has been signed and is waiting for our copy of an executed document. This grant gives us \$30,000.00 towards inventory service line materials.

The AC has been fixed in the gym. The only thing that is new is the carpets that need to be cleaned. We did have a guy come in and quote a total of \$1500.00 for PD's office, clerk's office, Chambers, North offices, and hallway.

Alderson Stoutenborough made a motion to approve getting the carpets cleaned and Alderson Bogle seconded the motion.

Alderson West	ABSENT	Alderson Bogle	AYE
Alderson Grider	AYE	Alderson Riley	AYE
Alderson Stoutenborough	AYE	Alderson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried.

To approve getting the carpets cleaned.

ZONING/PUBLIC WORKS:

The highway project starts tomorrow. They will start on the shoulders. Once they do that, they have to do the shoulder drains. The roadwork really won't be done till next year. They have a year to complete the project. Mike reached out to them about getting the millings and we will get about 12,000 tons of millings. Which can be used to redo the alleys.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Harvest Festival:**

Have a timeline so far of what is going on. There are a lot of sponsors that are donating this year.

- **Winter Festival:**

Alderson showed the council some proposals for different decorations for Christmas. Next month will talk about Christmas tree decorations.

APPROVE MINUTES:

- **July 3, 2023, Open Meeting Minutes-**

Alderson Grider made a motion to approve the July 3, 2023, open meeting minutes and Alderson Stoutenborough seconded the motion.

Alderson West	ABSENT	Alderson Bogle	AYE
Alderson Grider	AYE	Alderson Riley	AYE
Alderson Stoutenborough	AYE	Alderson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried.

To approve the July 3, 2023, open minutes.

- **July 3, 2023, Closed Meeting Minutes-**

Alderson Grider made a motion to approve the July 3, 2023, closed meeting and Alderson Stoutenborough seconded the motion.

Alderson West	ABSENT	Alderson Bogle	AYE
Alderson Grider	AYE	Alderson Riley	AYE
Alderson Stoutenborough	AYE	Alderson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried.

To approve the July 3, 2023, closed minutes.

APPROVE BILLS:

- **July/ August Bills**

Alderson Bogle made a motion to approve the July/August bills and Alderson Grider seconded the motion.

Alderson West	ABSENT	Alderson Bogle	AYE
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Alderson Grider	AYE	Alderson Riley	AYE
Alderson Stoutenborough	AYE	Alderson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried. **To approve July/August bills.**

CLOSED SESSION:

Alderson made a motion to go into Closed Session at 750 p.m. and Alderson seconded the motion.

Alderson West	ABSENT	Alderson Bogle	AYE
Alderson Grider	AYE	Alderson Riley	AYE
Alderson Stoutenborough	AYE	Alderson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried. **To approve the motion to go into a closed session at 7:50 p.m.**

*****CLOSE SESSION ENDED BACK IN OPEN SESSION*****

OPEN SESSION ROLL CALL AT 8:20 P.M.:

Alderson Grider	Present	Alderson Greutman	Present
Alderson West	Absent	Alderson Stoutenborough	Present
Alderson Riley	Present	Alderson Bogle	Present
Mayor Wilkey	Present	City Clerk Parrott	Present
Administrator Agee	Present	Chief Fitzgerald	Absent
Attorney Lindsey Wise	Present	Superintendent of Public Works Hoffman	Present

Alderson Riley made a motion to increase Jeff Sautele's hourly rate from \$19.44 to \$21.00 an hour with him not receiving the 5 percent cost of living increase in January 2024 and Alderson Bogle seconded the motion. (Starting today the 7th)

Alderson West	ABSENT	Alderson Bogle	AYE
Alderson Grider	AYE	Alderson Riley	AYE
Alderson Stoutenborough	AYE	Alderson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried. **To approve the motion to increase Jeff Sautele's hourly rate from \$19.44 to \$21.00 an hour with not receiving the 5 percent cost of living increase in January of 2024.**

Alderson Riley made a motion to make an offer to Wesley Dunham to public works for \$20.00 an hour with full benefit, 90-days probation and no cost-of-living increase in January 2024 and Alderson Bogle seconded the motion.

Alderson West	AYE	Alderson Bogle	AYE
Alderson Grider	ABSTAIN	Alderson Riley	AYE
Alderson Stoutenborough	AYE	Alderson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried. **To approve the motion to make an offer to Wesley Dunham to public works for \$20.00 an hour with Full benefits, 90-day probations and no cost of living increase in January of 2024.**

Mike Hoffman discussed about with all water samples he has to do that he would like to offer to the people a \$10.00 discount on their water bill when they bring their sample in. It's twice a year and it's the same people all the time and it's the people that the IEPA have picked.

The council stated that would be fine.

ADJOURN:

Aldersperson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at pm and Aldersperson seconded the motion.

Aldersperson West	ABSENT	Aldersperson Bogle	AYE
Aldersperson Grider	AYE	Aldersperson Riley	AYE
Aldersperson Stoutenborough	AYE	Aldersperson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried.

To approve the motion to adjourn at p.m.

Done By:



Crystal Parrott, City Clerk