

CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 25, 2016

CITY HALL

7:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Clerk Edwards at 7:07 pm. Roll call taken by Clerk Edwards. Aldermen Peart, Wilkey, Edwards, Sims, Alderwoman Underwood and Mayor Agee were present. Alderman Kissinger was absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Mayor Agee asks if everyone had a chance to look at the minutes. Alderman Sims makes a motion to accept the March meeting minutes, seconded by Alderman Edwards. Alderman Peart, Wilkey, Sims, and Edwards vote aye, Alderwoman Underwood abstains and Alderman Kissinger is absent, motion passed.

Police Report

Chief Wilkey is present. Chief Wilkey discussed the police activity reports. Chief Wilkey discussed that the part time officer will be down for about 6 weeks and had a candidate apply who is PTI trained. Will get him through the process and would like to use him to reduce the overtime. Will need another part time officer in 2 months when the Chief retires and this candidate may be a good fit. Council approves recommendation from Chief Wilkey to hire the officer if he passes the back ground checks as part time officer.

Attorney Report

Attorney Antoline is present. Attorney Antoline states he will have the budget ordinance to present later in the meeting. Attorney Antoline states that Kevin Wills from First Midstate is here to discuss some bond refunding. Attorney Antoline presents the Mayor an engagement letter from Kevin Wills that allows him permission to speak to the council tonight. The Mayor signs the letter.

Engineer's Report

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, is present. Mr. Bainbridge states he would like to open bids on May 26 for MFT, will advertise two Thursdays. Copies given to council for the Young subdivision plan, no changes since original submitted. Discussed the water and sewer tie in.

Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to accept the plan for Young subdivision pending Zoning approval, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, discussed the pump at Jefferson Street and the possible need to replace it. Sewage treatment plant is 38 years old this year. Suggests start on getting permits for

disposal of waste that has collected by putting lagoons in place and pumping to fields as fertilizer after the crops are in.

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, states that the EPA is requesting a report in place which a formal operating maintenance manual for collection system. It is in an effort to reduce or eliminate sanitary overflows. Mike H. has been digging through some old files and we will get one together.

Zoning/Public Works

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present.

Old Business

Keith Moran, Moran Economic Development discusses Business District Map. Keith Moran presents council with copy of map. Council discusses what other parts of the city that would like to be included. Alderman Wilkey discusses where he would like to extend the business district map to. Mayor Agee asks why we don't just do the whole city, Keith states that to include the whole city, Il Department of Revenue would require a referendum. Dennis Hamilton, Maroa Lumber Company, discusses his concerns with an increase in sales tax. Keith Moran gave him and the city some suggestions that could be done to work with his business. Keith Moran gave Dennis Hamilton his card and told him to call him and they could discuss options. Alderman Wilkey states that the map will be on the west side, Jackson street on the corner running Linden we hit Washington Street to Cedar hitting Lincoln and going to Wood. Wood South all the way out of town, coming back 51 and coming back in town on just south of Jefferson heading east again on Jefferson to what would be Pine extended north to Jackson heading west on Oak, North all the way out to Lake Fork and coming back.

New Business

Mayor Agee makes recommendation to appoint Rachel Lawson to a term of 4 years to the Zoning Board. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to appoint Rachel Lawson to zoning board for a term of 4 years, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Clerk Edwards attempts to swear her in, Toni Stoutenborough says that she is not to be sworn in at council meeting. Rachel Lawson is not sworn in as Zoning Board appointee.

Kevin Wills, First Midstate Bank, discusses outstanding bonds and refinancing options of City Bonds.

Alderman Peart discusses police board recommendations to purchase a 2016 Ford Explorer from Bob Ridings for \$26,855, with trade in of \$3,000. Alderman Wilkey states that he would like to take the vehicle to auction and not trade it in. Alderman Wilkey states that the vehicle is worth at least \$6,500. Alderman Wilkey suggests we purchase without the trade in. Sergeant Gaddy will check on financing with Scott State Bank and Chief Wilkey will check with John Deere Financing. Alderman Peart makes a motion to accept the bid for 2016 Ford Explorer from Bob Ridings Fleet Sales for \$29,855 without trade in and financing to be determined, seconded by Alderman Edwards. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Chief Wilkey is still waiting to hear about the pricing for updated computer equipment for the squad car. Clerk Edwards will put on next month's agenda.

Alderman Peart makes a motion to accept Global Technical Systems bid of \$149.50 to remove equipment from 2007 Expedition and install in new squad at \$4,473.44 including all antennas, poly-carbon shield for cages x 2, upgrade lighting and car camera, seconded by Alderman Edwards. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Alderman Wilkey discusses the 2016-17 proposed budget with the council and citizens present. Alderwoman Underwood asks about sidewalks in the city that are in need of repair. Discussion about grants for the city and Attorney Antoline states that he knows a person who is a grant writer and he will put this person in touch with Alderman Wilkey. Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, questions the budget and asks if there is room for change and asks to talk to Alderman Wilkey about what is not in the budget that was in there before. Attorney Antoline states that some housekeeping items there will be no executive session tonight as the meeting has already ran too long and this is the 6 month anniversary for reviewing executive session minutes and Attorney Antoline recommends that all minutes remain closed. Attorney Antoline presents the budget appropriation ordinance and asks council to pull off the budget stapled and put on the budget that Alderman Wilkey presented. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to accept ordinance 2016/04/25-1, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Alderwoman Underwood asked about park update plans. Alderwoman Underwood will get with Alderman Edwards and Sims about park updates that need to be done. Alderwoman Underwood states that Sara Gentle would like permission to do VBS in the park. She will not mix park program and VBS. It will be in the hour when park is at lunch and there is not park program going on. The council agrees it is okay as long as there is permission slips signed from the parents. Parents have to be informed that it is a VBS program and not affiliated with the City. Park Program instructor is to make it clear to the kids that this is not part of the park program and they are not required to go to VBS.

Treasurer Modro-Peters discusses electronics recycling. The hours will be 8 – 11 on April 21st. The City will pay for the recycling of TV's for Maroa residents only.

Alderman Wilkey discusses ballpark lights. Had to get okay from the Engineer but hopefully they will be up soon.

Citizen Comments

Committee reports

Bills

Mayor Agee asks if everyone had a look at the bills. Clerk Edwards states she has the following bills to add, Public Agency Training Council \$295, Communication Revolving Fund \$93.041, and Bob Ridings \$1,806.78. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to pay the bills with the addition of Public training council \$295, Communication Revolving Fund \$93.04, and Bob Ridings \$1,806.78, seconded by Alderman Edwards. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Executive Session

Adjourn

Alderman Edwards makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk