

# **CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL 27, 2015**

**CITY HALL**

**7:00 pm**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Clerk Edwards. Roll call taken by Clerk Edwards. Aldermen Peart, Wilkey, Stoutenborough, Sims, Kissinger, Underwood, and Mayor Agee were present.

## **Previous Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Agee asks if everyone had a chance to go over the minutes. Alderman Underwood makes a motion to approve the minutes for February 16<sup>th</sup> as amended, 23<sup>rd</sup> as amended, and March 23<sup>rd</sup> as presented, Alderman Sims seconded the motion. Alderman Kissinger, and Underwood vote aye, Alderman Peart and Wilkey abstain, Alderman Sims vote's aye for February 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, and abstains from March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Alderman Stoutenborough votes nay. Motion not passed. Attorney Antoline recommends to put it back to a vote on each individual month. Alderman Underwood makes a motion to approve February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Alderman Wilkey. Alderman Kissinger, Wilkey, Underwood, Sims, and Stoutenborough vote aye, Alderman Peart abstains. Motion passed. Alderman Underwood makes a motion to approve February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Alderman Wilkey. Alderman Kissinger, Wilkey, Underwood and Sims vote aye, Alderman Peart and Stoutenborough abstain, Motion passed. Alderman Underwood makes a motion to approve March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Peart. Alderman Peart and Underwood vote aye, Alderman Kissinger and Stoutenborough vote nay, Alderman Wilkey and Sims abstain. Motion not passed.

## **Police Report**

Chief Wilkey is present. Chief Wilkey presents the monthly activity report to the council and discusses the report. The Chief states that the department started on cars, weeds, and grass and mobile home violations. Going to work with Attorney Antoline for items not fixed in a timely manner. Chief Wilkey states that he has not received any information regarding a route for the parade on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June, hopefully will have by the next meeting. Chief Wilkey also hopes to have the fine adjustments that he would like to have for council approval.

## **Attorney Report**

Attorney Antoline is present. Attorney Antoline states the council has 2 items in front of them, one is a legal opinion he was asked to write and the second is an ordinance that establishes the duties of the clerk. Attorney Antoline recommends that we go into executive session to discuss the legal opinion prior to taking action on the ordinance. Attorney Antoline states that will require coming back into session and acting on it.

Attorney Antoline states that the closed meeting minutes were reviewed and recommends to the council the minutes remain closed for another 6 months.

### **Engineer's Report**

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, is present and discusses seal coating for streets. He presents a summary of the primary funding for municipal projects. Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, discusses options for repairs to Linden St. were also discussed.

### **Zoning/Public Works**

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Koehl Brothers representatives attend the meeting and discuss expansions that may be made to the facility. Koehl Brothers presented to the council, information showing what they are proposing to do in Maroa. Koehl Brothers would like to know what the city considers permanent and temporary as far as the structure. Koehl Brothers would like to know if the fiber optic line that is running in the city is available to be run to them for their internet. They need to have reliable service and right now they do not have reliable service. Koehl Brothers would like to know what assistance and incentives are available from the city for the expansion and the fiber optics. Superintendent Hoffman will get them the information for the fiber optic company, Metro Communications. Mayor Agee states that the concrete is the issue for the taxes. Mayor Agee suspects that the difference for taxes will not be differentiated with permanent and temporary structures. Mayor Agee states that he can look into it and see if there is a difference in how the city classes the expansion. Mayor Agee asks Attorney Antoline if there is any implication to the city if the expansion is acknowledged as a temporary structure, Attorney Antoline states that he does not think there are any implications. Mayor Agee states that there may be some help from TIF available to them. Mayor Agee states the city will see what we can do.

Alderman Peart would like to dispose of the 1993 Ford F350 that has not run for a while. We are paying insurance on it. It needs to be towed away as it does not run. Superintendent Hoffman does not know what is wrong with it but it has not run for a couple years. Motion by Alderman Kissinger to call Walston's for a bid to dispose of the vehicle, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Clerk Edwards will call IML and cancel the insurance after the vehicle is sold.

Alderman Stoutenborough presented the budget. Alderman Stoutenborough suggests having Jaggi Insurance come in and discuss the rates for health insurance. Alderman Stoutenborough suggests that maybe the city should raise the tax levy for the police protection, as of right now it is levied at about \$11,900. Alderman Stoutenborough made a motion to approve proposed budget for FY 2015-16, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote aye. Motion passed. Ordinance will be presented next month.

Treasurer Modro-Peters asks if the Locis Module may be added with monies from 2014-15 fiscal budget instead of the 2015-16 budget. There is enough money in 51-00-671, equipment purchase, to add it now and it will not affect the upcoming budget. Council gave the okay to add the module with the 2014-15 budget. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion for Locis to add the software to allow the online bill pay, seconded by Alderman Peart. Alderman Peart, Wilkey, Underwood, Sims and Stoutenborough vote aye. Alderman Kissinger votes nay. Motion passed. Will pay out of water equipment purchase fund.

Clerk Edwards asks if the council is going to do pool fills, we have not done them for the last two years. The council says no pool fill adjustments.

Mayor Agee discusses EON Climate and Renewable proposal to put up a wind farm. Mayor Agee discusses the jurisdictional provision. Alderman Kissinger makes a motion to allow EON Climate and Renewable to install wind turbines within  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile of the city limits, seconded by Alderman Underwood. Alderman Kissinger, Peart, Wilkey, Underwood, and Sims vote aye, Alderman Stoutenborough abstains. Motion passed.

### **Citizen Comments**

Mr. Hamilton, Maroa Lumber Company, addressed having visible truck route signs. Mr. Hamilton had a truck driver today who did not see the sign. Mr. Hamilton states that in other towns the signs are visible for the truck routes but the one here is not easily visible. Superintendent Hoffman will look into getting more truck route signs put up.

### **Committee reports**

Treasurer Modro-Peters states that a citizen called and asked if the city could put in ice and water fill stations. Superintendent Hoffman stated that the places are independently own and it would be up to that company to put one in here in town.

Superintendent Hoffman asks if the power may be shut off to the crossing light since it is no longer used. Council agreed to have it shut off. Clerk Edwards will call Ameren and have the power shut off there.

### **Bills**

Mayor Agee asks if everyone had a chance to look at the bills. Clerk Edwards presents bills that came in since Friday, Chief Wilkey additional \$20.93 that was initially omitted, Bob Ridings for public works \$910.15, IMCO \$391.54, Bob Ridings for police squad car repairs \$1272.98, Police Communication \$93.04. Alderman Stoutenborough makes a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote aye. Motion passed.

### **Executive Session**

Mayor Agee states Mike Antoline, Attorney, you said you needed executive session, Attorney Antoline states that he does need executive session for 5ILCS 124-2 para C I Personnel issues and C XI potential litigation. There is possibility that formal action on some issues on the agenda will be taken after return to regular session. Alderman Wilkey makes motion to move to executive session, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote aye. Motion passed, moved to executive session. Treasurer Modro-Peters and Clerk Edwards are excused from the session.

Return from executive session and Alderman Stoutenborough makes a motion to table ordinance 04/27/2015-1, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye. Motion passed.

### **Adjourn**

Alderman Stoutenborough makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

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Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk