

CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 28, 2014

CITY HALL

7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m., roll call taken by Clerk Edwards. Aldermen Peart, Stoutenborough, Sims, Kissinger, Wilkey, and Mayor Agee were present.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from March 2014 were reviewed. Alderman Wilkey would like name under public works for Mike H. to read Mike Hoffman. Clerk Edwards will make the correction. Motion made to accept the March meeting minutes as amended, by Alderman Sims and seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed.

Police Report

Chief Wilkey was not present. Officer Gaddy reports that the weekend medication collection was a success. Chief Wilkey has given everyone a copy of the activity report.

Attorney Report

Attorney Antoline is present. Attorney Antoline discussed work that he has done this month. Discussed the budget appropriation ordinance that will be presented later tonight. Attorney Antoline will go over the ordinance later in the meeting. Attorney Antoline is working with Officer Gaddy to get fines paid. Letters have been sent out to the offenders. If no response then will have to be served summons for court appearance. Alderman Wilkey questions cost to have Sheriff serve summons, it is \$60.00 which is more than fines but it is an enforcement issue and laws have to be enforced. Attorney Antoline states that Clerk Edwards is sending Commerce Commission notices and Attorney Antoline is reviewing those notices and advising accordingly. Attorney Antoline will notify Clerk Edwards if needs to take any action.

Engineer's Report

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer is present. Mr. Bainbridge passed out a picture of sidewalks to run out to Casey's. Will cost from \$16-22,000 to complete. Discussed the shape of the streets and need for repairs. It has been 4 years since last seal coated. Unsure of what oil costs will be this year. Cost of repairs will be upwards of \$150 - 160,000. Not including patches. The cost is more than what is in the MFT account. The whole town does not have to be done but has to have State approval so would like to have the bid documents by next month as to how the City wants to proceed. Council has to decide what they want to do as far as which streets have to be done. The streets used to be paved every 2 years and now it has been 4 years. Gary Brelsfoard states that the City is not going to get as much revenue from the township this year as real estate values

have lowered. Steve Bainbridge states that we can scale back but the streets start to crumble, the seal coat will not fix them. Alderman Wilkey asks if we can get the bid for the whole city and then for sections. Steve Bainbridge states that we have to put it out the way we want it bid. Mayor Agee asks if Steve Bainbridge would like to put something together for next month and Steve Bainbridge states that he would like to do that. He would like to have approval at the next meeting so he can send off to the State for approval. The ITEP Grant was denied for Maroa.

Zoning/Public Works

Mike Hoffman does not have anything further.

Old Business

Discussion to add Locis Module to allow for online bill pay. Alderman Stoutenborough states that he did not put it in the budget. It is \$1,500 for Locis to add the module and \$17 a month. PSN is paid for and ready to go once we add the Locis module to our software. It has been on the website that we are going to have it available and have had several people asking when it will be available. Alderman Wilkey states that we have already told the citizens we will have online bill pay. Alderman Sims states that we had already agreed to do it in the next budget year. Motion made by Alderman Sims to add the Locis Module and seconded by Alderman Peart. Alderman Peart and Sims vote Aye. Alderman Wilkey, Stoutenborough and Kissinger vote Nay. Motion denied.

New Business

Alderman Stoutenborough discussed the 2015 budget. Typographical error was made on the last page for explanations. 115 should be 151 and 162 is 155, salt shed is 64 and 65. The last three numbers should read 171, 172, and 173. Alderman Sims asks if there is anything in the budget for the gambling machines here in town. Alderman Stoutenborough states he did not know that they have them in yet. Discussion about the budget was held. Alderman Stoutenborough makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2014/04/28-1 and seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed.

Clerk Edwards states that we do not currently have a charge for a check returned NSF. Clerk Edwards has called Warrensburg, and Argenta and they have a \$25.00 fee. Alderman Stoutenborough asks if the disconnect fee is \$25 and Mayor Agee points out that after hours it is an additional \$25. Alderman Stoutenborough asks if we want the bad check fee to be more than shut off fee or the shut off fee to be more? There is discussion about fees. Alderman Stoutenborough makes a motion that the City of Maroa institutes a fee of \$25.00 for checks returned for NSF and seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed.

Attorney Antoline states this is the 6 month review of closed meeting minutes and he has reviewed the notes and recommends they remain closed.

Clerk Edwards presents the information from Delta Dental to bring us into compliance for the children's dental. We have to be compliant with the ACA. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to add kid's dental wellness plus plan to Delta Dental and seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed.

Clerk Edwards states that Larry Peasley has asked permission to land helicopter for fire training on May 20, 2014 on the lot north of Jackson St. between Chestnut and Oak. Motion made by Alderman Kissinger to allow the fire department to land helicopter for training and seconded by Alderman Stoutenborough. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Wilkey discussed the preliminary plan for a three stage plan for water and sewer rate increases. There has been one increase over the last 6-8 years. He is proposing a 15% increase over a three year period of 5% a year for each year for the next three years for water and sewer. Also add what is a facility rehabilitation fund and implement a \$5 charge each month to every account in town and the money will go into an account that each person in town may look at and it is for future projects for water and sewer only. As the plan is put in place there will be more information about what those projects are. Alderman Wilkey gave some examples of how much a water bill will go up. Alderman Kissinger makes a motion to implement the plan, but Alderman Wilkey states it is not ready yet. Should be ready next meeting for adoption. Alderman Kissinger states that he wants to get that money in now.

Alderman Peart discusses the police officer selection. There has been a selection made, Jonathan Layendecker was introduced to the council. Alderman Wilkey asked him a few questions. Mayor Agee appoints Mr. Layendecker as full time police officer. Clerk Edwards gave Mr. Layendecker the oath to swear him in. Mr. Layendecker was sworn in and welcomed to the department.

Citizen Comments

Ms. Chris Gregory addressed the council to ask that there be a change in the City Ordinance to allow for chickens. Ms. Gregory would like to have the chickens for the eggs. No rooster's just chickens that are kept in the yard. Ms. Gregory presented ordinances from the City of Decatur, and Argenta that allows for chickens in town. Argenta also charges a small permit fee so that would be something that could be done here to bring in some revenue too. Ms. Gregory has children who are in 4H and would like to have the chickens for projects and she would like to have the eggs for health reasons. Attorney Antoline will draft an ordinance for the next meeting.

Ms. Barbara Martin asks what the ordinance is for burning. Mayor Agee states that you can burn yard waste. Ms. Martin asks why the town allows for burning every day. She asks why there is not a ban on burning like some cities have or a limited number of days. Officer Gaddy explains that a person may only burn during the day and not until after noon on Sunday. Mayor Agee explains that this issue has been addressed in the past and the citizens want to have the ability to burn everyday not just on certain days. Mayor Agee asks the Alderman to check with their constituents and see if they would like to have a change in the ordinance.

Mr. Bill Holley asks about the satellites on the south end of town. He questions what are they being used for? Mayor Agee states that they leased the land for the satellites but they are no longer providing service for cable so they have broken the lease. Attorney Antoline states that he will investigate and write a letter to have them removed.

Mr. Rob Kiley asks what is being done about his neighbor to the north. Mr. Kiley states that he does not mow and the house is a rat and mosquito habitat. Mr. Kiley wants to know what is going to be done. Edwin Miller owns the property. Mayor Agee states that we have an order to refrain on the property. Mr. Kiley states that he owns the property across the street too and there is a big hole in the garage. Mr. Kiley states that he does not want sidewalks out to Casey's, there are many sidewalks that are in bad shape and need attention first. Mr. Kiley states that the sidewalk in front of Peasley's house has a tree that has pushed up the sidewalk up and broken and questions who is liable if someone gets hurt on it. Attorney Antoline states that he will check on the order to refrain for Mr. Miller's property. Mr. Kiley asks what is being done about Coastal. Officer Gaddy states that Chief Wilkey was told that the EPA is having a hard time getting in touch with the owners.

Alderman Kissinger states that he has been approached by a citizen to complain about the trash at the property across from him and what is being done about it. Officer Gaddy states that the property in question has been photographed and sent to the attorney. The gentleman also complained about the trailer park that one of the doors are covered with plastic and he does not want to look at it. Alderman Kissinger states he drove through and did not see any trailers like that.

Mr. Richard Young states that if the city approves an ordinance to allow for chickens that the subdivisions, both Parkview and Linden, do not allow for the chickens in the owner agreements. Attorney Antoline states that subdivisions can have its own private rules.

Mike Hoffman states that Curt Young has asked if he may do a community garden on his property. The property is owned by Curt Young on Kennedy. Mayor Agee states that if it is his lot and he would like to put a community garden on it is his business.

Treasurer Peters states that a lady would like to plant a memorial tree at the park. What has to be done to get one. It used to be done by Williams Nursery. There are certain types of trees allowed and we have a setup of where they are to go. Mayor Agee states that the person will buy the tree and Mike Hoffman will plant it.

Committee reports

Bills

Mayor Agee asked if everyone looked at the bills. Alderman Kissinger asks about the bills that were duplicate for Bob Ridings, Clerk Edwards states that it is for two different vehicles for oil changes. Alderman Kissinger asks about the power bills. Clerk Edwards explained that we have to pay both Integrys and Ameren. Integrys only took the larger accounts for electricity and Ameren supplies gas and electricity to the smaller accounts. Alderman Kissinger asks what the Ray O'Herron bill is for, Officer Gaddy states that it is for supplies for the new officer. Alderman Peart asks Mike Hoffman what did Bodine do at the ball diamond, Mike Hoffman states that one of the poles was broke at the ground. Clerk Edwards states there are some to add that came in today, Mike Antoline for March and April for a total of \$2312, Menards for supplies \$39.42, and Communications charges for police department is \$93.04. Alderman Wilkey made a motion to pay the bills with the outstanding bills included and seconded by Alderman Stoutenborough. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Kissinger made a motion to move to executive session at 8:46 pm and seconded by Alderman Wilkey. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Agee states at 8:57 pm that Attorney Antoline needs an executive session with just the council members present. Clerk Edwards and Treasurer Peters leave.

Executive Session

Adjourn

Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk