

CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 23, 2015

CITY HALL

7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Clerk Edwards. Roll call taken by Clerk Edwards. Aldermen Stoutenborough, Kissinger, Underwood, Peart, and Mayor Agee were present. Alderman Sims and Wilkey are absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Mayor Agee asks if everyone had a chance to go over the minutes. Alderman Underwood makes a motion to approve the February 23 and 16th minutes. Alderman Stoutenborough states he does not know if he is getting a quote from the City Attorney or opinion of the Clerk since there are no quotation marks. Clerk Edwards states that it is what the attorney said. Alderman Stoutenborough states that he does not know where the quote begins, Clerk Edwards asks him what he wants done to the sentence, Alderman Stoutenborough states that if it is an opinion then I want it removed. Clerk Edwards states it is not my opinion, it is what Mike Antoline, Attorney, said. Clerk Edwards will put in the quotation marks. Mayor Agee asks if Alderman Underwood motion still stands, Alderman Underwood states yes. Alderman Kissinger then states that he has a correction for the meeting on February 23rd. Alderman Kissinger made a motion and there is no second. Clerk Edwards states that she will go back and check who seconded the motion and add it. Mayor Agee asks for a second on the motion. The motion was not seconded. Motion did not pass. Minutes were not approved.

Police Report

Chief Wilkey is present. Chief Wilkey presents the monthly activity report to the council and discusses the report. Chief Wilkey does not have a definite answer as far as the new communication center cost for the budget.

Attorney Report

Attorney Antoline is present. Attorney Antoline states that he will have issues to discuss in executive session.

Engineer's Report

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, is present and discusses MFT.

Zoning/Public Works

Old Business

New Business

Alderman Stoutenborough states he was contacted by the FFA to construct a welcome to Maroa sign. Cassie Crouch, Ag teacher, and two sophomore students from the high school discussed their proposal. The FFA would like to update the welcome sign that is currently located by the buses, where entry is first made in town on Washington Street. Presentation of the project presented to the council. The FFA will use grant money and there will be no cost to the city, the FFA would like permission to put the sign up as part of their project. Mayor Agee states that the city can help get the old posts out. Alderman Kissinger makes a motion to accept the proposal to put up the sign, seconded by Alderman Peart. Alderman Stoutenborough, Kissinger, Underwood, and Peart vote aye. Alderman Sims and Wilkey are absent. Motion passed.

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, discusses proposed street seal coating plan. City has been divided into sections. Map presented to council of how would divide up the town. Estimated cost for just seal coat, rock, and oil, is \$61,290 for just one part of town. With Engineering and IDOT paperwork and advertising the budget cost is \$65,751.55. If approved, Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, will get bid date set up and IDOT approval. Alderman Kissinger states that on Linden Street there has to be something done. Alderman Kissinger states that the gutters should be dug out and put a ditch around there. Mr. Hamilton states that the gutters are not going to be dug up. Mr. Young asks what is going to be done with Linden Street. Mayor Agee states it will be seal coated. Mr. Young states that is just a waste of money. Mayor Agee states that the other option is to close the street down, Mr. Young states or to quit snow plowing it. Superintendent Hoffman states close it down. Mr. Hamilton states that the street was done to specifications. There was further discussion about Linden Street. Alderman Underwood suggests that Linden Street be put on the agenda for next month to discuss further. Alderman Underwood makes motion to approve a resolution to appropriate \$70,000 to use from the MFT fund, seconded by Alderman Peart. Alderman Stoutenborough, Kissinger, Underwood, and Peart vote aye. Alderman Sims and Wilkey are absent. Motion passed.

Alderman Stoutenborough presents the council with a preliminary budget to go over. Alderman Stoutenborough discusses the budget. Alderman Stoutenborough states that the budget has a deficit of around \$38,000 based on the projections. As of now the budget that is presented is \$65,000 short. Discussed the rate increase for water and sewer, it was to be a three year increase but the Ordinance only has a onetime increase. The council will have to increase the rates in a new ordinance if it chooses to do so.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Young asks what Wood Street 1 and 2 are. Mr. Young thought that it was revenue, Treasurer Modro-Peters states it is an expense.

Committee reports

Bills

Mayor Agee asks if everyone had a chance to look at the bills. Clerk Edwards presents 3 bills that came in since Friday from Striglos for \$27.40, Verizon Wireless for \$103.40 for cell phones, and \$93.04 for February Communication Services for the police. Alderman Stoutenborough makes a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Alderman Peart. Alderman Kissinger, Peart, Underwood, and Stoutenborough vote aye. Alderman Wilkey and Sims are absent. 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 personnel issues. Clerk Edwards asks if she is to stay or leave, Attorney Antoline states Clerk Edwards is excused from executive session. Alderman Stoutenborough makes motion to move to Executive session, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. Alderman Stoutenborough, Kissinger, Underwood, and Peart vote aye. Alderman Sims and Wilkey are absent. Motion passed moved to executive session at 8:09 pm.

Adjourn

Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk