

CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 23, 2014

CITY HALL

7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:01 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 May 2014 were reviewed. Alderman Peart made a motion to accept the May meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wilkey. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed.

Police Report

Chief Wilkey is present. Chief Wilkey discussed monthly activity report. Chief Wilkey stated it was 7-8 days longer than the last report. Chief Wilkey state there was a business burglary at Four Winds, it was reported on Wednesday but we believe it happened on Monday evening. There is considerable loss. The ISP Crime lab was here fingerprinting and gathering evidence. There was extensive damage done to 8 personal campers and the rest were Four Winds property. This was nothing like the burglary years ago when professionals came in but it is still a big loss. Chief Wilkey states they are waiting for the crime lab evidence to come back. Chief Wilkey states that the camera for the squad car is here and ready to be installed. Chief Wilkey states that the car for auction is at the auction house. There are pictures of it online. The auction is 7/19/14. Chief Wilkey states that the department is ready for this weekend's activities, and plans to have more help working than has been available in the past. Chief Wilkey states that the department is continuing to work on ordinance violations. July 2, 2014 there is one violator going to court.

Alderman Wilkey states that there will be a football game on Saturday night at 7 pm at the high school. The East/West Shrine All stars will be playing. The Milliken field is under construction so the field here was offered for use. Chief Wilkey states that they will get it covered.

Alderman Wilkey gave copies of the routes for Firecracker run, color run, and the parade route, to the council and to the police department. Alderman Wilkey states that the Firecracker run – tractor parade has asked for a special permit for non-permitted vehicles to be allowed to be on the street on Friday, June 27, 2014 from 5 pm – 8:30 pm and again on Saturday, June 28, 2014 from 10 am to 1 pm. Motion made by Alderman Wilkey to issue special permit for non-motorized vehicles on the 2 days, 5-8:30 Friday and 10 am – 1 pm on Saturday, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote aye. Motion passed.

Attorney Report

Attorney Antoline is present. Attorney Antoline states that he attended court last month for Adam Troxel and Bread Tolen. Trudeau paid before fine prior to the court date. Mr. Troxel pleads guilty and was fined \$180.00 for court costs and service fees. Mr. Tolen did not appear since he was incarcerated at the time, his fine is also \$180.00. The police are still looking for him to serve him with the notice personally. He does not have a recognizable address right now. Attorney Antoline suggested that at the next meeting, the council enact an ordinance procedure for tickets that are issued with a fee schedule.

Attorney Antoline discussed the Miller property and the pending court case.

Attorney Antoline states that a letter has been sent to the cable company asking they remove the big satellite dishes.

Engineer's Report

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer is present. Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, discussed the MFT, no seal coating will be done this year. Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, states that there are some things that will be done that will cost approximately \$29,000. Steve Bainbridge, Engineer discussed the cost to seal coat the whole town. Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, will bring a resolution to the next meeting for the appropriation of monies for MFT. Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, discussed the costs to replace the S. Wood area. Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, discussed the grants available to help offset the cost of the projects. Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, states that he will look into the grant and let us know about it.

Zoning/Public Works

Mike Hoffman states that there will be a zoning map ready for approval at the next meeting.

Mike Hoffman asks if he should proceed with the new door on the north end of city hall? The cost is \$3,200.00. Motion made to continue with installation of the door on the north end of city hall was made by Alderman Wilkey and seconded by Alderman Stoutenborough. All council members present vote aye. Motion passed.

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, ask for the legal description of Dollar General so he may include that on the new maps, Clerk Edwards will send that to him.

Old Business

Discussion about the ordinance to allow chickens and rabbits in the city was held by Attorney Antoline. Motion made by Alderman Stoutenborough to accept ordinance 06/23/2014-3 as amended by city attorney during discussion, seconded by Alderman Peart. Alderman Peart, Wilkey, Sims, and Stoutenborough vote aye. Alderman Kissinger votes nay. Motion passed.

8:05 pm Alderman Sims had to leave the meeting.

New Business

Attorney Antoline discussed the ordinance pertaining to prevailing wages. Alderman Wilkey made a motion to accept ordinance 06/23/2014-1, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council member present vote aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Stoutenborough asks what happens if the prevailing wage ordinance is not passed, Attorney Antoline states that if prevailing wage is not paid, the City could face fines and penalties.

Attorney Antoline discussed the ordinance pertaining to the compensation of the commission and the Zoning and Planning Board. Alderman Stoutenborough made a motion to accept ordinance 06/23/2014-2 as amended, seconded by Alderman Wilkey. All council members present vote aye. Motion passed.

There is discussion about the terms of the Planning and Zoning Board members. Attorney Antoline suggests that all the Board members give letter of resignation to the council and then the Mayor may re-appoint all the members with terms at that time. Need to have 7 members on the Planning and Zoning Board.

Attorney Antoline states he did not realize that new water rates had been approved. Alderman Wilkey states they have been approved. Attorney Antoline will bring that ordinance next month. Alderman Wilkey makes the recommendation to hold off on the water and sewer increase until next meeting. Attorney Antoline will bring the ordinance next month.

Mayor Agee appoints Judy Yuenger to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Citizen Comments

Gary Bohner from Scott State Bank states that on Saturday, June 28, 2014, along with the Maroa Lions Club, they are bringing back the ice cream social, immediately following the parade there will be an ice cream social in the drive thru of the bank. It is free and all you can eat.

Alderman Stoutenborough states that he has had three formal complaints this month and would like to know what has to be done. Mayor Agee states that it goes to the department head or the police department and is handled.

Committee reports

Bills

Mayor Agee asks if everyone has looked at the bills. Alderman Stoutenborough asks about Digital Ally. Clerk Edwards states it is for the camera for the squad car. Alderman Wilkey asks about United Waste Services, Clerk Edwards states that one is for the clean-up day and the other is for the monthly service. Alderman Stoutenborough questions the purchase of the \$1017.27 to Striglos. Clerk Edwards states it is for the desk that she was told she could get. Alderman Stoutenborough states that it was \$686.31. Clerk Edwards states that there is a hutch to it also. Alderman Stoutenborough states that he did not know about the hutch. Clerk Edwards states it was on the paperwork sent to him, she thought that was part of the desk. Alderman Wilkey asks if there is a line item for office equipment, Clerk Edwards states that there is not one it is just office supplies. Alderman Wilkey asks if it should be on a separate line so it could be depreciated. Attorney Antoline states that it could be depreciated but would have to be differentiated so that the auditors would know what supplies are and what equipment is. Mayor Agee asks what does the council want to do then, Alderman Wilkey asks what are the options. We already have the items. Motion made by Alderman Peart to pay the bills, seconded by Alderman Wilkey. Alderman Peart, and Wilkey vote aye, Alderman Kissinger and Stoutenborough vote nay. Vote is 2 – 2. Attorney Antoline states there is a tie. Mayor Agee states that he can't not pay the other bills because of one bill. Attorney Antoline states that the distention expressed by a couple of board members express that it is important for staff to be absolutely clear about purchases as to the exact nature of what is going to be purchased. Attorney Antoline states that he thinks that the point has been made and has been taken and consequently the purpose has been served. You will have to weigh that against not paying the rest of the bills. Mayor Agee states pay the bills. Motion passed. Alderman Stoutenborough then states that is not the only option to Attorney Antoline, he states that he could make a new motion. Alderman Stoutenborough states that Attorney Antoline did not give Mayor Agee all the options on his vote. Attorney Antoline states that we have not taken a vote on this yet, and Alderman Stoutenborough raises that there is another option that the Mayor could vote no on this motion and then Alderman Stoutenborough could make another motion to pay all the bills except the bill in question. Mayor Agee then says that he will do it that way and change his vote. Alderman Wilkey states that the vote has already been recorded. Attorney Antoline states, let's work this out rather than rely on formality. Mayor Agee then asks Alderman Stoutenborough what he would like to do. Alderman Stoutenborough makes another motion to pay the bills with the exception of \$1017.27 due to Striglos for office equipment, until we can work out with them as to if the hutch may be returned, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. Alderman Kissinger, Wilkey, and Stoutenborough vote aye. Alderman Peart vote nay. Motion passed.

Mike Hoffman asks what are the payments to the park program for. Treasurer Peters states that is for the people who help with the park program. Alderman Peart states that it is done every year.

Toni Stoutenborough states that since Michele and Diane are so concerned about saving money with the newsletter, now that the payments are being done online, she has to use 6 extra sheets of paper to balance each day because she has to run a separate report for the online payments. Toni Stoutenborough states that she was under the understanding that the board did not approve online bill pay. Mayor Agee states that the board did not approve adding the Locis module. Toni Stoutenborough states that it will end on August 1, 2014 anyway unless the board approves the \$89.00 to continue according to her records. Mayor Agee states the board will make that decision when it comes up. Treasurer Peters will call Locis about this.

Alderman Kissinger wants to have more than just two council members making a decision for purchases. Alderman Kissinger wants to have the entire council decide on purchases not just the finance committee. Mayor Agee states that is why there is a finance committee so that it does not have to take up time in a council meeting.

Treasurer Peters states that she is very saddened and very upset that she feels like the Clerk and Treasurer positions are put under more scrutiny, and maybe they should be, but this was not just going out and buying some nice little thing, it is a very solid good desk. The desk that was in that office, and I know because I have been here for 5-6 years, that desk was broken from the time that I started. I think that this is a play, I really do. I am going to say this in front of the whole council, there is a definite problem here, when you have a councilman's wife that works in the City Hall. There is a conflict of interest and that is what all of this is about. Mayor Agee states that she is to come to order, she may state her opinion but she has to come to order or will be escorted out.

Executive Session

Motion made by Alderman Wilkey at 8:41 pm to move to executive session, seconded by Alderman Stoutenborough. All council members present vote aye, move to executive session.

Jim Wells thanks the council for their time and states that at this time he is not going to proceed with the apartments on the property he had discussed. Mr. Wells states that he may do it at a later date.

Adjourn

Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk