

CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2014
CITY HALL
7:00 pm

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

Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from December 16, 2013 and January 6, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Motion was made to accept the December 16, 2013 and January 6, 2014 meeting minutes by Alderman Sims and seconded by Alderman Peart. Alderman Peart, Stoutenborough, Sims, and Kissinger vote Aye for December minutes and Alderman Wilkey Abstains. All council members present vote Aye for January 6, 2014 Special Meeting. Motion passed.

Police Report

Chief Wilkey presented two month activity report. Several things are down but accidents and motorist assists are up. The seized car was not in the auction last Saturday because unable to make contact with auction house until last minute. When finally talked to auction house the auction on Saturday was no reserve. Did not take the car and would like to hold off till spring to take the car to the auction. Everything else is going pretty good.

Chief Wilkey states he received call regarding old Coastal, there are proceedings to get it cleaned up. Attorney Antoline states that the original cleanup was not done properly. The company is now working with the State to clean up correctly and get the matter resolved.

Attorney Report

Attorney Antoline is present. Attorney Antoline discussed what can be done about inoperable vehicles on private property. Police Officers have a right to immediately tow or move a vehicle deemed a public hazard or vehicle located on public property. For non-home rule municipalities you have to have a warrant to go onto private property to remove a vehicle from private property. Attorney Antoline found a statute that discusses the vehicle being nuisances and can be fined for this. There is a general statute to abate nuisances. A complaint is filed and owner is served, then court may be asked for order to remove and fine owner.

Attorney Antoline states that Clerk Edwards asked if needed a new ordinance to change shut off months, yes do need to change the ordinance to reflect.

Attorney Antoline states Clerk Edwards asked do we approve closed session minutes in open session. Attorney Antoline states that if approved in open session, there could not be a discussion in open session, Attorney Antoline recommends distributing closed session minutes to council members and if there is a question about the minutes, go into closed session to discuss the minutes.

Attorney Antoline states that the Tax Levy Ordinance and Abatement Ordinance was taken to County Clerk by Clerk Edwards and has been filed.

Attorney Antoline states that the Dollar General property has been closed and a warranty deed has been issued to Dollar General. Question asked about waiving fees. Mayor Agee states that he recommends waiving the permit fees due to not eligible to TIF money. Discussion about how much permit fees would be if waived. Mike Hoffman recommends that tap on fees for water and sewer be charged. They have already paid the sign permit fees. Discussion about how much tax revenue could potentially be brought in. There are no projections of their sales so it is hard to determine an estimate.

Engineer's Report

Zoning/Public Works

Old Business

Motion made by Alderman Wilkey to waive permit fees for Dollar General, but charge for sign permit and tap on fees for water and sewer. Seconded by Alderman Sims. Alderman Peart, Wilkey, Sims, and Kissinger vote Aye. Alderman Stoutenborough votes Nay. Motion passed.

New Business

Alderman Wilkey discussed no parking lines on Main St. and the recent rise in tickets for parking on the lines.

Mayor Agee questioned Attorney Antoline regarding Wayne Kissinger being on council and zoning, Attorney Antoline states that there does need to be someone else appointed he may not serve on both. Mayor Agee will check to see what the term is for the seats are and will find someone else to serve in the vacant seat. Motion made to reappoint Toni Stoutenborough to zoning board by Alderman Wilkey and seconded by Alderman Peart. Alderman Peart, Wilkey, Sims and Kissinger vote Aye. Alderman Stoutenborough Abstains. Motion passed.

Motion made to retain Bill Holley to Police Board for 4 years by Alderman Peart and seconded by Alderman Stoutenborough. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Peart states that will start interviewing for vacant police officer position on Tuesday next week.

Alderman Stoutenborough made a motion to accept changes to employee handbook as presented by Personnel Committee and recommended changes by our Attorney, seconded by Alderman Wilkey. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed.

Motion to recommend 3% raise for everybody including Budget Officer and Water Collector by Alderman Peart and seconded by Alderman Sims. Alderman Peart, Wilkey, and Sims vote Aye. Alderman Stoutenborough and Kissinger vote Nay. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments

Jim Wells addressed the council regarding TIF monies for a project that he may do on the old Williams Nursery Property. He is looking in to building apartments possibly. Mayor Agee explained to him what he would need to present to the council for consideration. Mr. Wells states that he will get something together to present to the council.

Committee reports

NONE

Bills

Mayor Agee asks if everyone had a look at the bills. Alderman Wilkey asked how fuel charges were going with the weather. Mike H. states that doing okay right now. Alderman Stoutenborough questioned the sticker charges, he wants to know what are for. Chief Wilkey explained that the stickers for his fine books were needed instead of discarding the ticket books just purchased since the State changed items on the ticket and the door stickers are to notify public of no firearms allowed on property. Clerk Edwards states that some bills also came in today that will need to be paid along with the ones on list. They are Mike Antoline, PDC Laboratories, CMS, drag chain for salt box, Motion Industries, and Cross Brothers. Alderman Sims made a motion to pay the bills and the additional bills read orally, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed.

Executive Session

Motion made to move to executive session by Alderman Sims and seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed, moved to executive session at 7:51 p.m.

Motion made by Alderman Stoutenborough to adjourn from executive session. Seconded by Alderman Wilkey. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed, moved back to open session at 8:19 p.m.

Adjourn

Alderman Stoutenborough made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Peart seconded. All in favor say Aye. All council members present vote Aye. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m..

Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk