

CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 26, 2017

CITY HALL

7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Clerk Edwards at 7:00 pm. Roll call taken by Clerk Edwards. Aldermen Edwards, Peart, Wilkey, Alderwomen Estep and Bogle and Mayor Meador are present. Clerk Edwards and Treasurer Modro-Peters are also present. Alderman Kissinger is absent.

Clerk Edwards leads the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Clerk Edwards presents the May meeting minutes to the council. Mayor Meador asks if everyone had a chance to look at the minutes. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to accept the May meeting minutes, seconded by Alderman Edwards. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Police Report

Chief Gaddy is present. Chief Gaddy presents the council with the activity report and discusses it. Mayor Meador asks how the ordinance violations are going and Chief Gaddy states that he served Maple Tree Park this week. Chief Gaddy presents the council with information regarding who will be served with ordinance violations for houses and garages.

Engineer's Report

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, is present. Mr. Bainbridge discusses the sidewalk and road repair of Wood Street at the south end. Range for the project will be approximately \$250 – 280 thousand dollars. Council gave the okay to begin the bid process for the road and will wait on the sidewalks. Mr. Bainbridge will bring the Resolution to the next meeting for passage.

Attorney Report

Attorney Antoline is present. Attorney Antoline states that there has been progress with the old Coastal station. Everything is in place to begin the demolition.

Attorney Antoline states that there are Resolutions and Ordinances for tonight and he will discuss as they come up.

Old Business

Attorney Antoline presents the Ordinance for the 2017/18 budget. Alderman Wilkey discusses some changes that were made. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to accept Ordinance

2017/06/26-2, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Chief Gaddy discusses the chance to purchase a 2015 Ford Explorer for \$8,500. Everything will be left in the squad except camera and computer. This would replace the current 2013 squad car that is in the garage waiting for the status of the engine repair.

Alderman Wilkey discusses the status of the squad car that is currently in the garage with engine problems. If we get the Explorer Alderman Wilkey states that we could get \$4 to \$5 thousand for the car at the auction. Chief Gaddy states that right now we are putting a lot of miles on the new Explorer as there is only one squad. Alderman Wilkey states that there is money allocated for the squad purchase. Alderman Wilkey states that the issue with the 2013 has been going on for several months so it should be under the powertrain warranty and he is trying to get it okayed for repair under warranty, he is trying to get Ford to accept the repair under warranty.

Citizen Comments

Cassie Crouch, FFA advisor and teacher at the High School, Reed Jostes, Section, Chapter President of FFA and the FFA members are present at the meeting. Reed Jostes ask the council for approval to purchase a road sign for Cole Fredrickson, he holds the Golden Charm State Degree. Cole is going to run for the American Degree. Cole has excelled to his maximum potential. Cole has made great accomplishments and the FFA would like to have that recognized. The FFA will design a post to hold this sign and others. Lane Fredrickson states that this is a surprise for Cole. If possible would like to have it for the parade so Cole may see it when he is home. Council agrees to purchase the sign. Alderman Wilkey asks Superintendent Hoffman to purchase the sign tomorrow. Superintendent Hoffman would like to challenge the FFA to design something to put the signs on. The FFA will work on a design for the posts to put the sign on. Clerk Edwards asks if we are able to get the sign up for the weekend, Superintendent Hoffman states that he will get it up. Lanes states that the signs he looked at on the post measure 2 x 5. A copy of what the FFA would like to be on the sign was given to Superintendent Hoffman.

Mayor Meador asks if the FFA is willing to volunteer for anything around the City. Reed and Cassie states that they would help as it will also help out with their volunteer hours.

Alderman Wilkey asks if the FFA would be able to be at the festival on Saturday. Reed states that they will certainly try to put something together. Alderman Wilkey states that even if they would attend and shake hands to let the community know they are there would be great. Reed states that they will get something together.

Zoning/Public Works

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present.

New Business

Mayor Meador discusses his committees. City Committee #1 is Streets and Alleys, Waterworks, and Economic Development. Alderman Wilkey is chair, Alderwomen Bogle and Estep are on this committee. City Committee #2 is Police, Land lease/Sell, Park/City Hall/Festival. Alderman Edwards is chair, Aldermen Peart and Kissinger are on this committee. Alderman Edwards, Wilkey and Mayor Meador are on the Personnel and Finance Committee. Attorney Antolines reminds the council that to have a committee meeting, it must be posted to not violate the open meetings act. The committee meeting must have its own agenda with items to be talked about on the agenda. Alderman Wilkey states that the committees could meet once a quarter. Council agrees to the committees.

Attorney Antoline discusses the prevailing wage ordinance. Alderman Peart makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2017/06/26-1, seconded by Alderman Edwards. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Attorney Antoline states that the City could be audited so it is important that for work done for the City there is documentation to back up that prevailing wage was paid. Clerk Edwards states that she has not received documentation for Central Paving and all the work they have done. The other companies send the support showing it was paid at prevailing wage. Superintendent Hoffman states the he will get a hold of Central Paving and get Clerk Edwards the paper work.

Attorney Antoline discusses the ordinance for solicitor and peddlers. Attorney Antoline states that he went over the current ordinance and there are no changes that need to be made to the ordinance.

Mayor Meador discusses the pay for the Zoning Board President when he/she must attend the council meeting. Council discusses their opinions. Richard Enlow states he has no problem with the President being paid. Mayor Meador asks if the council would agree to \$25 pay when the President is required to attend a council meeting. Council agrees. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to allow the Zoning Board President to collect \$25 every time he/she is required to come forward in front of council for a meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Attorney Antoline will draw up a new ordinance and bring to the next council meeting.

Mayor Meador discusses the pay for the Collector. Mayor Meador states that in the past the pay for the Collector and the Budget Officer are usually the same. Currently the pay is \$13.39 an hour. Alderman Peart makes a motion Budget Officer and Collector pay rate to be the same rate of pay at \$13.39 an hour, seconded by Alderwoman Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Mayor Meador discusses Retro pay for the Clerk. Mayor Meador asked Clerk Edwards to start working as the Collector on May 1, 2017 as she had won the election. Mayor Meador was informed that he was not the Mayor at that time so the Collector should not be paid until it was agreed upon by the Council. Retro pay would be from May 1 to May 21, 2017. Alderwoman Estep made a motion for Retro back pay for the Collector from May 1 to May 21, 2017, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Treasurer Modro-Peters discussed the park program and states that there are two people working there and they are both getting \$1,800 a month. Treasurer Modro-Peters did not want to cut the check for them until after the meeting as wanted council approval for both the positions and pay rate. Alderman Edwards states that in the March meeting he did state that there would be two people working this year. Treasurer Modro-Peters state that she thought they would split the pay, they are making \$19 an hour. Clerk Edwards states that they are not just working for two months, they work many hours before and after the park program starts and ends getting things set up for the next year. This is not something that may be done in just a few days there is a lot of uncompensated hours that go into getting the program ready to go and if they are paid hourly, then the pay could be more as they work a lot of hours getting everything in place. Alderman Edwards discussed the Park Program. Mayor Meador states that next year it can be done differently but for now this is how it is. Mayor Meador asks if this is a council decision or Personnel Committee, Alderman Wilkey states that it is a Personnel Committee decision. Alderman Edwards makes a motion for the Park Program to employ two employees at \$1800 per month each for two months, seconded by Alderwoman Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Mayor Meador discusses if the council would like to set garage sale time limits. Council discusses. Council decides that garage sales should be limited to 4 days per month. Attorney Antoline will draw up the Ordinance for the next meeting.

Clerk Edwards states she received this ordinance that needs to be passed for the dispatch agreement. Attorney Antoline discusses what it entails. Chief Gaddy state that the possible cost will be \$21,650. Alderman Wilkey states that the money is in the budget to cover the charges. Richard Young asks why we are entering into an agreement without knowing the cost, Chief Gaddy states that they have not told him the cost exactly but what it should be is the \$21,650. Richard Young asks how the City can make an agreement without knowing the exact cost. Alderman Wilkey and Chief Gaddy discuss the variables. Superintendent Hoffman states that he has the information that the firehouse received and it gives the breakdown of charges. Alderman Edwards makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2017/06/26-3, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye except, Alderman Wilkey who votes nay, motion passed.

Alderman Edwards leave the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Treasurer Modro-Peters discusses the need to open an account for the Business District Tax. The current amount that has come is right now is \$14,549. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to open an account for Business District Sales Tax with Aaron Meador, Michele Modro-Peters, Diane L Edwards, Jason Edwards and James Ryan Wilkey as signers on the account, seconded by Alderwoman Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Alderman Wilkey discusses concrete and black top work done at City Hall. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to appropriate TIF funds totaling \$8075 payable to Central Paving for concrete and black top, seconded by Alderwoman Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Clerk Edwards states that she received an Intergovernmental Agreement from the IML and Attorney Antoline drew up the Ordinance. Attorney Antoline discusses the agreement. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2017/06/26-4, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Attorney Antoline discussed the ordinance for the sign maintenance policy. Alderman Wilkey made a motion to accept Resolution 2017/06/26-R1, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye.

Council discussed TIF monies for Mr. Hite. Mr. Hite discussed what he plans to do with the building and would like any help the City may give. Mr. Hite plans to complete the project within three months after starting. Council will take into consideration Keith Moran's recommendation of TIF funds for the project in the amount of \$5,000 payable after the project is complete. Attorney Antoline will bring an ordinance for this next month.

Clerk Edwards asks the council to set the Fall City Sales in September. Council agrees to September 14, 15, & 16, 2017. Clerk Edwards asks if we may rent tables in the gym, there have been inquiries regarding this. Council agrees to rent tables in the gym for \$10 per table and \$5 for each additional table. Clerk Edwards asks if she may make maps for the sales, Council agrees. The charge will be \$2 per ad.

Superintendent Hoffman discusses the replacement of the parking blocks at Spencer Park. He would like to order 50 blocks at \$39 with fasteners each. It will be \$2,300 total for the blocks. Council gives the okay. Superintendent Hoffman will order.

Superintendent Hoffman reports that the ditch cleaning on Wood Street is progressing. Still needs 6 – 8 feet taken out. 2050 feet of ditch cutting, fixing 2, 6-inch tile and shaping and seeding the ditch will be \$7,700 with Doak to do the work. Council gives the okay for work to start.

Citizen Comments

Amber Bennett, MYL President discusses comments made about the travel team that wanted to use the fields. Discussion that GAB is being disbanded. Discussion of festival plans.

Committee reports

Treasurer Modro-Peters has paperwork to be signed for the Auditors and presents to Mayor Meador.

Chief Gaddy discusses interviews for part time officers that was conducted a couple weeks ago. Alderman Edwards attended the interviews. Chief Gaddy would like to hire Chad Hickey at a part time officer with a starting wage of \$15 per hour. Mr. Hickey is certified already. One of the part time officers are going out on medical leave, one that will be terminated with council approval and one just turned in his resignation. Chief Gaddy explains that he was looking to hire two officers but of the three that interviewed, only one seems to work out. Council approved.

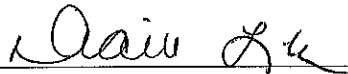
Bills

Clerk Edwards presents the council with the accounts payables. Mayor Meador asks if everyone had a chance to look at the bills. Clerk Edwards presents additional bills for Mike Antoline in the amount of \$2,507.50 for services in April and May. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to pay the bills with addition of Mike Antoline for \$2,507.50, seconded by Alderman Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Executive Session

Adjourn

Mayor Meador asks if there is a motion to adjourn, Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to adjourn at 9:34 pm, seconded by Alderman Edwards. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.



Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk