

# CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 24, 2014

CITY HALL

7:00 pm

Clerk Edwards calls the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., Mayor Agee asks Clerk Edwards take roll call. Aldermen Peart, Stoutenborough, Kissinger, and Mayor Agee were present. Alderman Sims had to leave before roll call and Alderman Underwood was absent.

## **Previous Meeting Minutes**

Clerk Edwards submits for council approval the September, 2014 amended council meeting minutes and October, 2014 council meeting minutes. Mayor Agee asks if everyone had a chance to go over the minutes. Alderman Stoutenborough makes a motion to accept the September 22, 2014 minutes be approved as presented in amended form, second by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote aye. Motion passed. Alderman Peart made a motion to accept October 27, 2014 meeting minutes, second Alderman Wilkey. All council members present vote aye. Motion passed.

## **Police Report**

Chief Wilkey is present and presents the board with the monthly activity report and discusses. Chief Wilkey discusses Macon County Public Safety Communication board. The Chief is going to meet with some other small communities. They would like to get together and ask for representation on the operational board.

## **Attorney Report**

Mike Antoline the attorney is present. Attorney Antoline asks Clerk Edwards to put on the December agenda the tax levy. Attorney Antoline is still working on the satellite dishes and valid addresses for parking tickets.

## **Engineer's Report**

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer is absent.

## **Zoning/Public Works**

Superintendent Mike Hoffman states that he got the pumps running for now. Will work on it more after the Thanksgiving break.

## **Old Business**

Alderman Wilkey states we discussed last month as to the potential of working with the high school and middle school for snow removal this winter. Alderman Wilkey states that we will be

paid an hourly fee of \$100 an hour for the truck and for backhoe \$125 an hour. National average is \$65 to 70 an hour so we are being paid just a little bit more than that. With a winter like last year we have a potential to bring in \$10,000 before we pay out salaries and fuel. Alderman Wilkey has talked to Superintendent Mike Hoffman and Mike Hoffman feels we can do it. We will be able to meet the time table of having done by 7 am. Attorney Antoline states that this contract is like one that private snow plow service has as opposed to a municipal snow plow service. Attorney Antoline discusses his concern with the contract, making sure that the people of the city will be serviced after a heavy snowfall or would we be clearing those lots in preference of the streets. Superintendent Hoffman states absolutely not, streets are the priority. Alderman Wilkey states that typically with those heavy snow falls, school is not in session. Superintendent Hoffman states that he thinks that we can do it. Mayor Agee suggests that maybe add to contract that we are not responsible to damage to pavement from our trucks. Superintendent Hoffman suggests that maybe Tommy (Agee, Mechanic at the school) is able to move the snow where the buses are parked while the buses are out. Alderman Stoutenborough states that after 3" of snow there is not school, Clerk Edwards states that is not true there were many days last year that we had more than 3" and we had school. Alderman Stoutenborough states after 1" it is cancelled. Alderman Wilkey asks Clerk Edwards what time are you notified of no school, Clerk Edwards states we find out when school reach announcement goes out. Attorney Antoline added to the contract under #5 – This shall not include damage to pavement as a result of normal snow plowing operations. Motion by Alderman Wilkey to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the School District to plow snow at the High School and Middle School for the school year 2014/15 with the addition to contract by Attorney Antoline, second by Alderman Kissinger. All council member present vote aye. Superintendent Hoffman will get the hours to Clerk Edwards and Clerk Edwards will send the bill to Superintendent Mike Williams for payment.

### **New Business**

Clerk Edwards presents council meeting dates for 2015. Alderman Stoutenborough wants to know why the December meeting is the second Monday, Clerk Edwards states that it is patterned off this year's dates. The discussion for the dates this year was that the council did not want to meet during the holidays. Alderman Stoutenborough states that the third Monday is the 21<sup>st</sup> and the fourth is the 28<sup>th</sup>. He does not see how that will interfere with the third Monday to have the meeting but it will not bother him to have it on the fourth Monday which is the 28<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Agee states so you want it to be on the 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>, Alderman Stoutenborough states that he does not see that either one will interfere with his holiday. Alderman Stoutenborough states change it to the 28<sup>th</sup> and let the next council worry about it. Motion by Alderman Wilkey to accept council meeting dates for 2015 correcting December meeting to December 28, 2015, second by Alderman Stoutenborough. All council members present vote aye. Motion passed.

Clerk Edwards presents Mayor Agee with the zoning members and the dates of their term expiration. Mayor Agee approves them.

## **Citizen Comments**

### **Committee reports**

#### **Bills**

City Clerk Edwards presents the November Accounts Payable for council to review. Mayor Agee asks if everyone has looked at the bills. Motion made by Alderman Wilkey to pay the bills, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye. Motion passed. Alderman Kissinger asked about the hands free devices for cell phones for the city vehicles. Clerk Edwards states that all vehicles have Bluetooth hands free in them so the city employees are able to drive and answer phones hands free. That was done last year in the summer I believe it was.

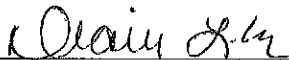
Mayor Agee asks Clerk Edwards to explain to the council what he is signing. Clerk Edwards explains that she needs the signature of the Mayor for the reciprocal agreement on exchange of information between the City of Maroa and the IL Dept. of Revenue. This will allow the city to be able to get tax information from any of the taxing bodies in the City without a release of information from the business. It is a new law that has been passed by the State and allows us to get the information.

Superintendent Hoffman asks if it is okay for Koehl Brothers to put up grain bins in front of the business and also to add on to the building in the back. Council states it is okay.

#### **Executive Session**

Mayor Agee asks if motion to move to executive session. Alderman Kissinger makes motion to move to executive session for personnel issues, seconded by Alderman Stoutenborough. All council members present vote aye. Motion to move to executive session passed at 7:39pm. Clerk Edwards leaves the meeting.

#### **Adjourn**



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Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk