

CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2018
CITY HALL
7:00 PM

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

Clerk Edwards leads the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Police Report

Chief Gaddy is present. Chief Gaddy presents his activity report to the council. Chief Gaddy discusses the meeting with Northwoods Trailer Park both east and west, he attempted to have with Fyke regarding the trailer park. He was a no show at the meeting and have not returned phone calls. Officer Layendecker will attempt to make contact and serve in person, if not then will mail certified mail. There are 40 – 50 trailers with violations between his two parks.

Chief Gaddy discusses the police committee meeting and Officer Layendecker will resign effective 1/28/2018, he has accepted a new position with Mt. Zion Police Department. Chief Gaddy states that Officer Layendecker would like to purchase his vest and jacket. They are both approximately 2 years old. Chief Gaddy asks the council if it is okay to sell Officer Layendecker his bullet proof vest and jacket. Alderman Edwards makes a motion to sell the vest and jacket for \$650 to Officer Layendecker or MTZ PD, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Mayor Meador asks about the homeless gentleman in town. Chief Gaddy states that he was taken to a shelter and he came back to town. He has since been taken in by someone in town.

Chief Gaddy states that it is the recommendation of police committee is to utilize part time officers and run an ad for part time officers to fill the void of Officer Layendecker.

7:09 pm Alderman Wilkey arrives.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Clerk Edwards presents the December 22, 2017, 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 December meeting minutes with the corrections, seconded by Alderman Edwards. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Attorney Report

Attorney Antoline is present. Attorney Antoline discusses Maple Tree Trailer Park court appearance.

Engineer's Report

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, is not present. Matt Foster, Engineer, is present. Matt Foster, Engineer states that he has not heard back about the ITEP grant but that is to be expected. He will be meeting with Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, regarding the sewer plant.

Zoning/Public Works

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present. Superintendent Hoffman will discuss as his items come up on the agenda.

Old Business

Clerk Edwards discusses chairs for the gym. Alderman Peart makes a motion to purchase 100 chairs for the gym, seconded by Alderman Wilkey. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Old, broken chairs will be scrapped, Superintendent Hoffman will take care of that.

Alderman Edwards states that there has been an issue with the outlets in the gym. The Crock Pots were blowing the breakers at the Chili dinner. Superintendent Hoffman will check with Alltech and see what needs to be done to correct the problem.

Alderman Edwards discusses the park playground equipment. Total cost for the project is projected to be approximately \$83,000. Mayor Meador would like Alderman Edwards to get more information about the installation costs.

Mayor Meador would like to discuss the fall festival and if there is an interest in having one. Amber Bennett, President of the MYL, is present. Ms. Bennett discusses the Freedom Festival. Amber Bennett, President of the MYL, states that first meeting was last night, and they are looking at petting zoo through the FFA. Looking at a lot of family-oriented things for the festival. MYL put aside \$1000 for the festival. Friday night before there will be a dodgeball tournament and it will be \$5 per person. To help raise funds. Alderman Wilkey states that the city donates \$8000 for the fireworks already. Alderman Wilkey suggests opening it up to the city to see how much the city would like to spend for a fall festival. Clerk Edwards will put on Facebook to see if there is a community interest in a fall festival and how much money towards each festival. Alderman Wilkey states that there would need to have someone chair the festival. Alderman Edwards states that he and Alderman Peart are on the committee for the festivals so there are two people already. Will let MYL decide if would like to do the fall festival as well. Amber Bennett, President of MYL, states that they would take help from anyone in the city with the festival.

Alderman Edwards asks if any citizens have any ideas about a fall festival. Suggestion that businesses be contacted for donations. There could be a donation raising effort and then the city would match up to \$2000.

Superintendent Hoffman states he did not get all the information he wanted for tonight's meeting regarding the lights in City Hall, so he will have it in February. Superintendent Hoffman will get a breakdown of individual rooms and present at the next meeting. Clerk Edwards will put it on the next agenda.

Mayor Meador states that the Frontier agreement ordinance is on hold as the numbers in it were wrong. Clerk Edwards will put on the next agenda.

New Business

Clerk Edwards presents the agreement for technical services from Moran Economic Development. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to accept agreement for technical services & assistance with Moran Economic Development, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Clerk Edwards presents the council with the Sexual Harassment Policy that was added to the Employee Handbook. Attorney Antoline states to add on page 10, under progressive discipline, add the provisions of progressive discipline do not apply to appointed positions, appointed positions serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and disciplinary policies, termination policies are handled very clearly in state statute and recommends that the statement be added to the Employee Handbook. Alderwoman Estep makes a motion to accept the Employee Handbook with the 2 additions, seconded by Alderman Wilkey. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Clerk Edwards asks for dates for the Spring City Sales to be May 10, 11 & 12 with the City Clean up to be on May 19. Clerk Edwards states that Fire Chief, Larry Peasley is going to let his guys know the date of the cleanup and Treasurer Modro-Peters is going to check with the recycling to see what grants we are going to be able to get.

Alderman Edwards would like to hold a 5-gun raffle to help raise funds to pay for the playground equipment. Officer Pringle states that there was a gun raffle with Illinois Police Association and Atwood Armory just ordered the gun after the raffle so there was no upfront money, there was an option to get cash instead. There were 200 tickets and it sold out in a week. Alderman Edwards states that he would store the guns in the police department gun safe until the raffle. Alderman Edwards discusses his plan with the council. Alderman Wilkey would like for Alderman Edwards to get a non-profit group 501C to sponsor the raffle with proceeds going to the park. Maybe they could be Friends of Spencer Park. Alderman Wilkey states that he is not in favor of using city monies to front for the purchase of guns.

Attorney Antoline discusses Ordinance 20180122-2 pertaining to the annexation of the Maroa Township property. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to accept Ordinance 20180122-2, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Superintendent Hoffman discussed the repairs needed to the bathroom walls and utility room. The repairs to the walls is \$800, to put glass block windows in is \$1200, not to go over \$2000. Alderman Edwards makes a motion to accept the bid from John Leach for the repairs, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Superintendent Hoffman is waiting on prices with the same specs for the front doors at city hall.

Superintendent Hoffman wants to know if council would like to move forward with the mapping system. Alderman Wilkey says yes, the council agreed on it last month. Superintendent Hoffman will check with Verizon to see if able to get state discount on the equipment needed for the mapping system. Superintendent Hoffman states he will check around to get the best price possible.

Mayor Meador states that he has talked with the Mayor of Warrensburg about the meter reader where you are able to drive down the road and read meters. Superintendent Hoffman states that the current meters are right at their lifespan of 20 years. In Warrensburg they installed new meters and passed the cost to the customers at \$6 per bill for the meters until the meters are paid for, then the charge would be removed. It will detect leaks. The water department would be able to hook the laptop up, so they are able to be notified of leaks sooner. This would eliminate the need for a meter reader. Clinton is going to a fix-based system and currently can read $\frac{3}{4}$ of Maroa. Maybe the city could make an agreement with them and utilize their system to catch leaks sooner. Battery life in new meter is 20 years, the old meters are warranted for 10 years. Alderman Edwards asked what the cons for the new meter system are. Amber Bennett asks what meter you would go with, Superintendent Hoffman states we use Sensus. Ms. Bennett states some of the problems that Decatur had with changing the meters. Mayor Meador states that Maroa and Macon have the cheapest water rates in Macon County. Council asked Superintendent Hoffman to get the prices and will discuss at next meeting.

Superintendent Hoffman asks when budget work will begin. Alderman Wilkey states that something preliminary by February.

Superintendent Hoffman asks if on Walnut and Main where the town splits each way, is it okay to add street signs to both sides to show someone who does not know that is where the town splits. Council gives consent. Mayor Meador states that the old signs in other towns were sold and would like to know if the council would like to have a booth at the festival and sell the street signs. Council gives consent.

Alderman Edwards asks about the signs for the school, Superintendent Hoffman states that the signs are in, he just needs to get them up. One came with incorrect information on it.

Clerk Edwards asks about Reed Sullivan, ISC, he bought Country Lace building. He came in today to fill out paper work for water service, we did not charge deposit as he will be renting out the building. Mr. Sullivan does not want to pay the monthly charge for the water lines there since he is tearing them all out and putting all new in. He stated that if he is paying the minimum monthly charge, then he wants the city to pay for the new water lines to be put in. Council states that he will pay the minimum price like everyone else. Alderman Wilkey states that is the rule just like for everyone else. Superintendent Hoffman and Clerk Edwards agree, so Clerk Edwards just wanted to be sure that the council agreed as well.

Clerk Edwards tells Alderman Wilkey to get her the information about the finance committee meeting and she will post it for him.

Citizen Comments

Committee reports

Alderman Edwards discussed the park committee meeting and some of the items that the park program will need. Would like to know if possible, could the city pay for some of the events for kids who are unable to afford to go on the field trips, i.e. kids on free lunch program. Would like to see if could get some donations to help with those families to go on the trips. Will discuss further at the next meeting. Richard Young asks how much money is needed, discussion about the cost for various activities. Mr. Young states to let him know when they know. Kevin McCullough states that the money from scrap could also be given to that program as well. Officer Hickey states to get some kids on National Honor Society to have a booth that will accept donations for the kids who need assistance.

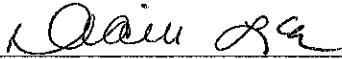
Bills

Clerk Edwards presents the council with the accounts payables with an additional bill from Attorney Antoline in the amount of \$2,083.30. Mayor Meador asks if everyone had a chance to look at the bills. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to pay the January bills with the noted addition, seconded by Alderwoman Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Executive Session

Adjourn

Mayor Meador asks if there is a motion to adjourn, Alderman Edwards makes a motion to adjourn at 8:54 pm, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.



Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk