

**CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 18, 2017**  
**CITY HALL**  
**7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order by Clerk Edwards at 6:59 pm. Roll call taken by Clerk Edwards. Aldermen Edwards, Peart, Wilkey, Kissinger, Alderwomen Estep and Bogle and Mayor Meador are present. Clerk Edwards and Treasurer Modro-Peters are also present.

Clerk Edwards leads the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

Clerk Edwards presents the November 27, meeting minutes to the council. Mayor Meador asks if everyone had a chance to look at the minutes. Alderman Edwards makes a motion to accept the November meeting minutes, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

**Police Report**

Chief Gaddy is present. Chief Gaddy presents his activity report to the council. Chief Gaddy discusses the violations at 203 E Washington Street and states that they have been turned over to the attorney there is a court date next month. Chief Gaddy states that Officer Layendecker is working on Fyke's trailer park and will be ready soon with the violations to serve that park. items from the police committee meeting in the old and new business.

Chief Gaddy discussed the property at 310 N Pine Street, the Miller property. Mr. Edwin Miller is deceased, and Mrs. Cheryl Miller is unable to be located. Chief Gaddy would like to have the city guys clean up the property, board up the windows and then have Clerk Edwards place a lien on the property. Council gave consent for the property to be cleaned up and a lien placed on the property.

**Attorney Report**

Attorney Antoline is present. Attorney Antoline discusses that code books that he is working on. Will bring new sheets next month.

**Engineer's Report**

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, is present. Mr. Bainbridge discussed the EPA permit changes. Steve Bainbridge, Engineer discussed the GIS mapping that the city will start using.

### **Zoning/Public Works**

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present. Mayor Meador asks Superintendent Hoffman to clarify to the council that he got permission from the finance committee to get the boxes for the truck that were more expensive. Superintendent Hoffman states that he did and that the boxes are a better quality than the ones approved in the council meeting last month.

### **Old Business**

Grant Jones with Freedom Oil discussed again the plan for Freedom in their request for a Class A liquor license. He presented plans on how the store would change to add the gambling machines. Jim Underwood spoke against allowing the license or machines. Janet Broadhacker spoke against allowing the license or machines. Chris Doak spoke against allowing the license or machines. Alderman Edwards made a motion to allow a Class A Liquor license for Freedom Oil, no second. Motion died on the floor.

Keith Moran, Moran Economic Development, discussed the Facade Improvement program. Alderman Peart made a motion to accept Resolution 2017/12/18-R1, seconded by Alderman Edwards. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Keith Moran, Moran Economic Development, discussed the amendment to the Business and TIF districts. Options are to create a second smaller TIF district. Keith Moran, Moran Economic Development, will return next month with more information.

### **New Business**

Clerk Edwards presents the council with the Sexual Harassment Policy that we must adopt before January 15, 2018. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to accept ordinance 12/18/2017-1, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Mayor Meador states that the ordinance with Frontier is not ready yet.

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, discussed the TARP agreement and the ordinance for the TARP agreement designating Wood Street as a truck route. Alderwoman Bogle made a motion to accept ordinance 2017/12/18-3, seconded by Alderwoman Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Superintendent Hoffman will get the signs up.

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, left a copy of the ITEP Grant application that was sent to the state on our behalf. It will be in the Clerks office if anyone would like to review it.

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Chief Gaddy discussed the old radios that the department has, he would like to sell them at a good price. He would like to have council consent to sell them, council gives their consent.

Mayor Meador would like to get council consent to go paperless with the newsletter in January. Council would like to have more time for people to sign up for the newsletter. Clerk Edwards will continue to publish 1000 newsletter and mail out.

Mayor Meador would like to discuss the fall festival with the council and would the council like to have one. Alderman Edwards asks about the July 4 festival and Mayor Meador states that the city does not fund the July 4 festival, the MYL runs that and keeps all the profits. Council gives consent for a fall festival. Discussion will follow.

### **Citizen Comments**

John Leach asks for dates for the Freedom Festival, it will be June 30, 2018, if the fire department is available that night.

Richard Young asked for an update on the old coastal building. Attorney Antoline states that EPA has issued the no further remediation letter and further procedures by the EPA will take approximately 30 days and after that will take court action.

Janet Broadhacker states that she would like at least a 3 way stop sign at Ash and Jackson Streets. She states that in the mornings when she goes that way, there are kids there waiting for a bus and it is hard to see around the pine tree that is there. She is concerned that she will hit a child that she is unable to see due to the tree and she would be at fault. Mayor Meador asks the Streets & Alley committee to discuss and let the council know what is decided.

Alderman Wilkey states that June 30, 2018 is fine for the Freedom Festival, the fire department is available that night.

### **Committee reports**

#### **Bills**

Clerk Edwards presents the council with the accounts payables. Mayor Meador asks if everyone had a chance to look at the bills. Alderman Edwards makes a motion to pay the December bills, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

### Executive Session

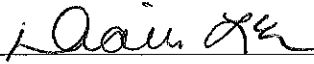
Mayor Meador asks for a motion for executive session at 8:18 pm, Alderwoman Bogle made a motion to move to executive session under 5 I LCS 120/2 (c) (1): The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or appointees of the public body. Exception under 5 I LCS 120/(c) (1): Litigation, when a public my finds that an action is probable or imminent, per Mayor Meador request, seconded by Alderman Peart. Alderwoman Bogle & Estep, Alderman Kissinger, Peart, and Wilkey vote aye, Alderman Edwards vote nay, motion passed, moved to executive session at 8:18 pm. Alderman Edwards, Treasurer Modro-Peters and Clerk Edwards we asked to leave executive session at 8:34 pm.

9:25 pm Open session again, Clerk Edwards and Treasurer Modro-Peters return to the council room, Alderman Edwards is absent.

Alderwoman Bogle makes a motion to give all employees a pay raise of 4% with the exclusion of Nick Massey and Rick Goad per the department heads recommendations, seconded by Alderwoman Estep. Alderwoman Estep & Bogle, Alderman Kissinger, Peart and Wilkey vote aye, Alderman Edwards is absent, motion passed.

### Adjourn

Mayor Meador asks if there is a motion to adjourn, Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to adjourn at 9:26 pm, seconded by Alderwoman Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

  
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Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk