

**CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 27, 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 October 23 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 October 23 meeting minutes, seconded by Alderman Edwards. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

**Police Report**

Chief Gaddy is present. Chief Gaddy checked on some of the violations that are outstanding and made notes on the handout. Chief Gaddy presents the council with the police monthly activity report, it has been a steady month. Chief Gaddy states that Kris is no longer working on the violations, states that legal action will start against Maple Tree Park if council consents. Officer Layendecker states that the ordinance violations have been open since August with no action taken. Chief Gaddy will turn over to the attorney. Will discuss items from the police committee meeting in the old and new business.

**Attorney Report**

Attorney Antoline is not present.

**Engineer's Report**

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, is present. Mr. Bainbridge will discuss in new business.

**Zoning/Public Works**

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present. Superintendent Hoffman will discuss in new business.

**Old Business**

Attorney Antoline is not present so unable to discuss ordinances until he is present.

Chief Gaddy discussed the CIRDC agreement. If we go with DeWitt County for dispatch, it will cost \$55,000 and new radios and equipment will have to be purchased. At this time the city will go with the CIRDC for \$26,000. Alderman Edwards makes a motion to pay dispatch fee of \$26,410.47, seconded by Alderman Peart. Alderwomen Estep and Bogle, Alderman Kissinger, Peart and Wilkey vote aye, Alderman Edwards votes nay, motion passed.

Chief Gaddy states he has 3 bids for the server that will be needed for the police cameras. Chief Gaddy states that the police board met, and they recommend going with DCI for the server. Alderman Edwards makes a motion to accept bid from DCI for server, seconded by Alderman Wilkey. Alderwomen Estep and Bogle, Alderman Kissinger, Edwards and Wilkey vote aye, Alderman Peart votes nay, motion passed.

Superintendent Hoffman states that he has not gotten anything further with city hall lighting. Superintendent Hoffman states that in regard to the front doors at city hall, he has talked to Poland and still waiting on B & B Glass. Superintendent Hoffman recommends waiting now since weather is bad, until February. Mayor Meador states that is fine.

Superintendent Hoffman discussed the water leak survey, the only way to cut the cost is to cut the area surveyed. The company will listen to the entire water system, it will read the data and find leaks. It is recommended to be done every 4 – 5 years and has not been done for a period longer than that. Council gives Superintendent Hoffman the go ahead to do the water leak survey.

Mayor Meador discussed the agreement with Frontier. Alderman Edwards makes a motion to draft an ordinance to accept the agreement with Frontier for internet, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed, Attorney Antoline will bring the ordinance next month.

Attorney Antoline arrives.

### **New Business**

Grant Jones with Freedom Oil discussed his reason for wanting a pour liquor license. The company is wanting to put in gaming machines. They will price the beer at \$6 to \$8 per can to deter the drinking. This will help to keep the business in town by adding revenue. Council asks Mr. Jones to bring back the plans for how the wall will be in the station so that they may determine if they will allow the liquor license to be given. Clerk Edwards will put on the agenda for next month.

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, discussed the Wood Street project. He has the final bill for the council to approve. The final bill for Dunn Company is \$91,993.49. Alderwoman Bogle makes a motion to approve the final pay request for Dunn Company for \$91,993.49, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, discussed the ITEP Grant Resolution 2017/11/27-R1, and the plans for the bike path and sidewalks. Denise Renfro asked questions about why we are making the changes. Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, discussed with her what the plans were. Alderman Wilkey made a motion to accept resolution 2017/11/27-R1, seconded by Alderwoman Estep. Alderwomen Estep and Bogle, Alderman Kissinger, Peart and Wilkey vote aye, Alderman Edwards votes nay, motion passed.

Mayor Meador states that part of the property that we are going through is not city property. Mayor Meador is going to the township meeting this week and talk about annexing them into the city where the sidewalks are going through. Mayor Meador would like consent of the council to go to the next township meeting and offer them incentives, to take money out of TIF as a gesture of good faith, and pay for their water and sewer, if they would annex into the city limits. Council gives consent.

Alderman Edwards will discuss Spencer park at next meeting. He is working on gathering more information.

Attorney Antoline discussed the Tax Levy ordinance. Alderman Wilkey made a motion to accept ordinance 2017/11/27-1, seconded by Alderwoman Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Attorney Antoline discussed the ordinance 2017/11/27-2 pertaining to the rabbits and chickens. Alderman Peart makes a motion to accept ordinance 2017/11/27-2, seconded by Alderman Edwards. Alderwoman Bogle, Alderman Kissinger, Peart, Edwards, and Wilkey vote aye, Alderwoman Estep votes nay, motion passed. Clerk Edwards will mail updated ordinances to all who this pertains to.

Mayor Meador discussed ordinance 2017/11/27-3. Alderwoman Bogle makes a motion to accept ordinance 2017/11/27-3, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council member present vote aye, motion passed.

Mayor Meador discussed Christmas bonuses. All full-time employees will get \$100 and part time will get \$75. Budget officer and Collector will be considered full-time employees. Superintendent Hoffman and Chief Gaddy will decide who is part time and will receive the bonuses.

Mayor Meador tables the review of façade improvement program until Keith Moran, Moran Economic Development, will be here.

Clerk Edwards states that Sue from the Maroa Pub called to make sure that she could be open until 2 am on Sunday December 31, 2017 for New Year's Eve like she has in the past, council gives consent to stay open. Clerk Edwards will call her and let her know.

Mayor Meador discusses his plan for new business district. He would like to put Crawford's in the business district and exclude Maroa Lumber from the business district to allow him to be more competitive with Clinton and Forsyth. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to amend the business district with two changes of Crawford's and Maroa Lumber, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Keith Moran, Moran Economic Development, will be here next month and will have Attorney Antoline draw up the ordinance to amend the business district to add Crawford's and exclude Maroa Lumber.

Clerk Edwards presents the resolution to support the IL Bicentennial Celebrations. Mayor Meador discussed. Clerk Edwards states that she needs a motion for the resolution 2017/11/27-R2. Alderwoman Bogle makes a motion to accept resolution 2017/11/27-R2, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Mayor Meador states that the flag will be put up on December 4, 2017.

#### **Citizen Comments**

Mr. Bob Barnett discussed the changes to Wood Street.

Richard Young asked for an update on the old coastal building. Attorney Antoline states that it must be filed in court, then get a court date.

Clerk Edwards asks if we need an ordinance for the financing of the new truck, Attorney Antoline states that we do not need to have an ordinance as council has approved already.

Pat Hall asked for City acknowledgement for the football team. Alderman Wilkey states he will get some signs. Mayor Meador states that he will get the acknowledgment for the guys and girls.

#### **Committee reports**

Alderman Edwards states he would like for the truck to have a box on it for their tools that is lockable. Council discussed the prices and council gives consent to purchase the box from Browns at a cost of \$575 each side to go in the new truck that Kevin drives. The proceeds from the sale of the truck brought \$1,500, the plow brought \$1,700. The proceeds from the sale of those may go towards the purchase of the boxes for the truck.

#### **Bills**

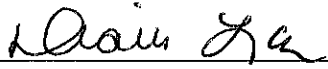
Clerk Edwards presents the council with the accounts payables. Mayor Meador asks if everyone had a chance to look at the bills. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to pay the November bills, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

**Executive Session**

Mayor Meador asked if anyone needed executive session, no one needs it.

**Adjourn**

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



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Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk