

**CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 23, 2017**  
**CITY HALL**  
**7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order by Clerk Edwards at 6:55 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 September 25, 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 September meeting minutes, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

**Police Report**

Chief Gaddy is present. Chief Gaddy presents the council with activity report, it has been a slow month. Chief Gaddy discusses the break ins that happened and there have been arrests made in those cases. Chief Gaddy gave an update on the inoperable vehicles and dangerous buildings.

**Attorney Report**

Attorney Antoline is present. Attorney Antoline states he has 3 ordinances and will discuss when they come up in the agenda.

**Engineer's Report**

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, is present. Mr. Bainbridge discusses the Wood Street repairs, the work will be delayed due to weather.

**Zoning/Public Works**

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present. Superintendent Hoffman discusses the fire hydrants were flushed with no calls or complaints.

Superintendent Hoffman states that Diane Edwards, City Clerk, has a letter for Mayor Meador to sign regarding the NPDES permit. Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, discusses the letter.

### **Old Business**

Chief Gaddy discussed the purchase of security cameras for Spencer Park. Chief Gaddy has another estimate for the cameras. Superintendent Hoffman suggests that we table it until the spring. Council agrees. Mayor Meador ask Chief Gaddy to call the companies and let them know that we are putting it off until spring and will they honor the estimates.

Mayor Meador discusses ordinance 10/23/2017-2 pertaining to the liquor ordinance. Changing the sale of package liquor starting at 9 am instead of 6 am. May sell until 2 am except for New Year's Eve, stays until 3 am as was in the ordinance. Amend ordinance to Sunday from 12 pm to 10 pm on Sunday for package alcoholic liquor. Alderwoman Bogle makes a motion to accept ordinance 2017/10/23-2 with the amended changes and package liquor on Sunday from 12 pm to 10 pm, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council member present vote aye, motion passed.

### **New Business**

Alderman Edwards discusses the chairs he would like to purchase for the gym. Motion made by Alderman Edwards to table the discussion until more bids are received, seconded by Alderwoman Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Alderman Edwards discussed the park program committee meeting. How they would like to move forward. Will have another meeting in January, more information to follow. Will discuss wages for the park program employees at another meeting. Amber Bennett from the MYL states that they have some items they would donate to the park program. Mayor Meador is going to reach out to community to see if anyone is willing to donate to help those children who would like to attend an event but are unable to due to cost. January 10 at 6:30 pm is the next meeting.

Alderman Edwards discussed playground equipment. Playtime has discussed with him the different programs that they have. Council needs to set a budget; Mayor Meador asks to have the company come out and give us a plan and a price and then we can go from there to apply for grants and such. Need a price before we can apply for a grant. If Alderman Edwards is unable to meet see if someone else will meet with him to get it going.

Attorney Antoline discussed the Abatement ordinance. Alderman Wilkey made a motion to accept ordinance 2017/10/23-1, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Mayor Meador discusses having shut off month every month. Mayor Meador states that a landlord complained that by doing every other month, allows time for a tenant to build up higher water bill and then if not paid, the landlord is stuck with the bill. Superintendent Hoffman would like to keep it every other month. Council discusses and will keep it every other month, but the landlords may fill out a form to request that they get a copy of the renter's water bills. The landlord must request and state for which address they would like the information and it will be emailed to them.

Clerk Edwards presented the TIF recommendation from Keith Moran, Economic Development. Mayor Meador states that the recommendation is to pay Mr. Hite the \$5,000. Will need to make an amendment to the bills when we are ready to pay the bills. Alderman Peart makes a motion to accept Hite TIF payment of \$5,000 as recommended by Keith Moran, seconded by Alderwoman Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Superintendent Hoffman tabled the discussion for the front doors at city hall.

Mayor Meador discussed the vacancy on the Zoning Board, all current members live in Ward II. Mayor Meador recommends Brad Wilkey. Council gives consent to appoint Brad Wilkey to the Zoning Board to fill the vacancy.

Chief Gaddy presents the new bill from Central IL Dispatch Center. Chief Gaddy suggests the matter be tabled until he can obtain more information regarding other dispatch options. The bill will not be paid. Attorney Antoline will look over the agreement to be sure that the city may opt out if needed. Council agrees, discussion tabled to next meeting.

Superintendent Hoffman suggests tabling the city hall lighting until the next meeting to obtain more estimates. Council agrees.

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, discusses the ITEP grant. Mayor Meador states he will get letters from Bill Mitchell, Chapin Rose and Rodney Davis to try to help the city get the grant. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to have Steve Bainbridge, engineer with Chastain & Associates, to proceed with the ITEP grant application, costing \$8,100 to be paid from line 1-61-737 or if approved TIF or Business District funds, seconded by Alderwoman Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Superintendent Hoffman states that he has an estimate to do the water leak survey for \$5,280. Mayor Meador thinks that is too much and asks Superintendent Hoffman to talk to IRWA and get more estimates.

Chief Gaddy asks for some clarification to the ordinance 06/23/2014-3. Alderman Edwards makes a motion to reduce to 15' off boundary line from 30', make everyone compliant, \$25 permit fee yearly, up from \$1 per year, ordinance violation will be \$150 per violation and will be inspected two times a year. Attorney Antoline will bring the updated ordinance next month.

Alderman Wilkey discusses financing for the Ford F350 from Bob Ridings. Purchase price of \$42,978. The truck ready for delivery. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to finance \$28,500 with Scott State Bank at 3.75% interest, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Superintendent Hoffman asks what to do with the old truck, sell with snow plow or separately, council states to sell separately.

TIF funds for Pest Outpost, no discussion. Paperwork not completed and no one at the meeting to make request.

Mayor Meador discussed his meeting with Frontier for additional and improved internet service in the city. Will meet again with Frontier on Wednesday and have additional information for the council at the next meeting.

Superintendent Hoffman states that IRWA does not do leak surveys. Superintendent Hoffman will call to see if he is able to get the leak survey for a lesser cost.

### **Citizen Comments**

Amber Bennett made a request for a stop sign at Walnut & Garfield. She states that the bus stop is there and there are a lot of people who drive very fast in that area and is concerned about kids being hit.

Amber Bennett updated the council on the Forsyth Youth League merger, she states that the Maroa Youth League will not be combining. The board has lost 2 members and gained 3 new board members. Their next meeting is November 5, 2017, here at city hall. There are also some travel ball teams that would like to be based out of Maroa.

Richard Young asked how many chickens are allowed, and how many rabbits are allowed, Mayor Meador states 8 chickens and 7 rabbits.

Mayor Meador discusses the wrestling event that will be here November 4, he is going to touch base with them to see about concessions.

### **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. Clerk Edwards asks the council to add the payment for Mr. Hite for TIF. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to pay the bills with the addition of Mr. Hite's TIF agreement of \$5,000, seconded by Alderman Edwards. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

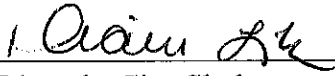
Mayor Meador asks if we would like to have a luncheon or something for our veterans or is it too short of notice, Alderman Estep states that the Harvest Church is doing a dinner for veterans. Mayor Meador would like to get a veteran's memorial set up soon. Short notice this year but will get it set up for next year.

**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 Edwards makes a motion to adjourn at 9:11 pm, seconded by Alderwoman Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.



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Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk