

CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2017
CITY HALL
7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Clerk Edwards at 6:57 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 August 28 & 31, 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 August 28 meeting minutes, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Alderwoman Bogle made a motion to accept the August 31 meeting minutes, seconded by Alderman Peart. Alderwoman Estep & Bogle, Alderman Kissinger, Peart, and Edwards vote aye, Alderman Wilkey abstains, motion passed.

Police Report

Chief Gaddy is present. Chief Gaddy presents the council with activity report. Chief Gaddy discusses the break ins. Mayor Meador discusses the car break ins that have been happening in town. Mayor Meador asks for a schedule of when the officers are working for himself, Chief Gaddy states he will get it to him. Chief Gaddy updated the council on the squad that is coming from Macon County, still not sure of when will be here. Chief states he will try to renegotiate the price as now there are more miles on the vehicle.

Attorney Report

Attorney Antoline is present. Attorney Antoline has nothing for the council.

Engineer's Report

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, is present. Mr. Bainbridge discusses the Wood Street repairs. Mr. Bainbridge states he expects them to start in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Bainbridge presents Clerk Edwards with papers for signatures of the Clerk and the Mayor and a city seal.

Zoning/Public Works

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present. Superintendent Hoffman discusses the start of flushing fire hydrants for the next couple of weeks. Superintendent Hoffman states that Locust will be closed tomorrow evening for fire training for a couple of hours from Lincoln to Main, approved by Mayor Meador.

Mayor Meador discussed changes made to try to catch water leaks sooner. Mayor Meador asked Superintendent Hoffman to explain what has been put into place for catching leaks sooner. Superintendent Hoffman will work with Treasurer Modro-Peters to get a plan in place. Superintendent Hoffman asks if the bills may be printed sooner. Clerk Edwards states that it will not mess us up but it will mess up the citizens. Superintendent Hoffman states that waiting two weeks causes these problems to arise. Clerk Edwards asks when the new reader will be here, Superintendent Hoffman states they are testing the new software right now and as soon as it is working they will send the reader back to us.

Mayor Meador asks for the status of the new truck, Alderman Wilkey states that it is probably 4 weeks out, Superintendent Hoffman will call and check. Superintendent Hoffman will also call HD Supply to check on the reader.

Old Business

Chief Gaddy discussed the purchase of security cameras for Spencer Park. Young Security and George Alarm gave quotes. George Alarm is who the Police Committee recommend going with for the camera's. The cost is \$4,336.75. Mayor Meador states he would like this to be tabled until next meeting to check on internet prices. Council agrees to table to next meeting. Clerk Edwards will put on the next agenda.

New Business

Kevin Buckley, Auditor, presented the FY 2017 Audit findings. Mr. Buckley discussed changes that are coming with the books for the municipality.

Mayor Meador discussed MR Systems Wireless putting a transmitter on top of the water tower. This would help to improve internet coverage for the city. Council agrees that is fine. Mayor Meador will get the agreement from them and have Attorney Antoline go over it before final agreement is made with MR Systems. Mayor Meador is still in talks with Frontier.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Behrends expressed disappointment in denying the Bed and Breakfast permit. Mr. Behrends addressed the council regarding comments that were made about them and Bed and Breakfast in Maroa.

Richard Young asked for an update on the demolition of the old Coastal building, Mayor Meador states we are waiting on a demo report, which is to be done on Friday. Once that is done it will have to be filed and then will be taken down 60 days after that.

Attorney Antoline discussed the cash basis accounting vs actuarial accounting.

Sarah Pawletki asked where she could go to find past minutes and information. Clerk Edwards told her on the website www.maroaillinois.gov

Janet Broadhacker discussed her water leak.

Committee reports

Alderman Edwards discussed the new chairs he ordered for the gym. Clerk Edwards ordered 100 of those today.

Alderman Wilkey discussed the budget comparison.

Alderman Edwards discussed the police committee meeting.

Mayor Meador discussed a new business coming to town. There is one currently in Illiopolis, it is 4 Queens Wine Lounge.

Bills

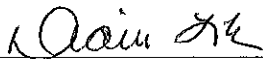
Clerk Edwards presents the council with the accounts payables. Mayor Meador asks if everyone had a chance to look at the bills. Clerk Edwards has additional bills to present, Pest Control, Attorney Antoline and Mr. Hite. Council instructs Clerk Edwards to have Keith Moran look at the request for payment for Mr. Hite first and present after his review. Alderman Edwards makes a motion to pay the bills with the additions minus Mr. Hite's, seconded by Alderman Peart. 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 Edwards makes a motion to adjourn at 8:03 pm, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.



Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk