

CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2018
CITY HALL
7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Clerk Edwards at 7:01 pm. Roll call taken by Clerk Edwards. Aldermen Edwards, Peart, Wilkey, Alderwomen Estep and Bogle, and Mayor Meador are present. Clerk Edwards and Treasurer Modro-Peters are also present. Alderman Kissinger is absent.

Clerk Edwards leads the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Clerk Edwards presents the January meeting minutes to the council. Mayor Meador asks if everyone had a chance to look at the minutes. Alderwoman Bogle makes a motion to accept the January meeting minutes with the corrections, seconded by Alderman Peart. 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 Northwoods Trailer Park, Fyke has been served. Will start to track down the individual trailer owners next week.

Chief Gaddy discusses the applicants for part time police officer. Clerk Edwards will run the online ad for another 30 days.

Alderman Peart asked about a broke down truck parked on Oak Street, Chief Gaddy will address that this week.

Attorney Report

Attorney Antoline is present.

Engineer's Report

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, is not present. Superintendent Hoffman states that the MFT budget will be ready for the next meeting. There will be no seal coating this year. Street signs will be updated. This last big rain the pump station clogged. The Jefferson Street pump station. It is not running efficiently.

Zoning/Public Works

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present.

Superintendent Hoffman discussed the new meters for the town, does not have a hard estimate but it is approximately \$170K to replace them throughout the town.

Old Business

Superintendent Hoffman discusses the city hall lights, Ameren/Bodine and Alltech gave estimates. Ameren/Bodine is the lowest bid. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to accept the bid from Ameren/Bodine for new lights in the gym, city hall, council room, police station and hallway for \$8,305, seconded by Alderwoman Estep. Alderwoman Bogle, Estep, Alderman Wilkey, and Peart vote aye, Alderman Kissinger is absent Alderman Edwards votes nay, motion passed.

Alderman Kissinger arrives at 7:11 pm.

Superintendent Hoffman discusses the bid for the front doors for city hall. Alderwoman Bogle makes a motion to accept the bid from B & B Glass for city hall front doors for \$3,000, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Keith Moran, Moran Economic Development, discusses the amended business district plan. Council needs to approve ordinance 2018-02-26-3 to set the date for the public hearing on March 14, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to accept ordinance 2018-02-26-3, seconded by Alderwoman Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Mayor Meador discusses the Frontier contract. Alderman Edwards makes a motion to accept ordinance 20180226-1 and pay \$400 per month with business district funds the rest of the fiscal year and \$8,406.66 with business district funds, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

New Business

Laurie Rasmus, Macon County Recycling, discussed the possibility of having two dumpsters for recycle. Ms. Rasmus will let the city know if they are going to move forward with the plan.

Amber Bennett, President MYL, discussed the Liberty Festival and the different activities that are planned for the day. Ms. Bennett, MYL President, asked for approval of parade route to be the same as last year, Washington to Oak to Main and back to High School. Council gave consent. MYL would like to rent golf cart for festival to use on city hall property, council gave consent for use only on the city hall grounds.

Mayor Meador discussed allocating the gaming machines tax revenue. Currently there are 14 gaming machines. Alderman Wilkey and Edwards would like to have the Fireworks covered first and then put the rest of the money to the park and the park program. This could help to pay for some of the kids who may not be able to afford to go on field trips. Alderman Wilkey states

that there could be money donated to festivals since the fireworks are covered by business district funds. Council agrees. Discussion opened to the public.

Alderwoman Estep discusses the number of gaming machines to be allowed in the city. \$25,000 projected yearly income is great but feels that we should have a limit of gaming machines. Council agrees that there should be a limit of machines. Mayor Meador wants to have an ordinance stating that there are no more in town and if want to have gaming machines, hast to come before the council. Limit to 14 machines and if anyone else would like to have them, they will come before the council to get them. Mayor Meador does not want someone to come in and just have a gaming business. Superintendent Hoffman suggests that instead of limiting the machines just write ordinance to say that to have gaming machines in town, you will come before council to obtain permission. This way the ordinance does not need to be changed time after time. Attorney Antoline will bring an ordinance to the next meeting pertaining to the gaming machines in town.

Mayor Meador discussed creating a position of City Administrator and City Manager. Mayor Meador states that the audit states there should be segregation of duties and is a red flag on our audit. Mayor Meador states that he does not want to be full time Mayor, so he would like someone in charge to run the city how the council and mayor sees fit. This person would recruit businesses, help to manage TIF funds, and answer questions and help with the application process. Minimize Keith Moran's duties. Make purchases for the city. Alderman Edwards states that this was brought up before and fell flat. Attorney Antoline states that the city of Macon has a City Administrator. Mayor Meador states that the new accrual system is coming in 2019. Treasurer Peters asks if this is for sure and Mayor Meador states that it is. Mayor Meador wants to move the city forwards. Richard Young asks what pay is, Mayor Meador discusses the qualifications for this job, experience running a business, college education, live in city for at least one year, run ad in newspaper and conduct interviews. It is an appointed position. It is not an elected position, it has to be someone qualified to come in and run the city. Can look at a P & L and know what it means and able to fix. Richard Young states, you did not answer my question. He asks if the city can afford this, Mayor Meador states we can, he asks where the money is going to come from, Mayor Meador states it will come from the money in payroll from water clerk position vacated and there are funds in the general fund to cover the salary. Clerk Edwards asks if the person will also have the same insurance coverage where the city pays 100% for employee and \$200 to spouse and \$400 to dependents and dental, vision and IMRF, Mayor Meador states that they will have the same benefits as a full-time employee. Dennis Hamilton asks how you came up with the \$50,000, Mayor Meador states that it is probably a mediocre salary. Alderwoman Bogle states that she was of the understanding after discussion at the December meeting that the person would be paid depending on qualifications the pay may be less depending. Mayor Meador states that the person would work 8 am – 5 pm, and that we are a small city and cannot afford much more than that. Attorney Antoline states that if the city

administrator brings in one business and write one grant a year, he or she would have paid for themselves. Attorney Antoline states that he knows that Maroa is right on the cusp of a growth and would be well served. Richard Young asks who the guy in Macon is now, it used to be Ed Aukamp but who is it now. Attorney Antoline states Ed has moved on and they have not replaced him yet. Richard Young states that he has been gone for a few years now, Mayor Meador states and they are not growing either. Attorney Antoline states that there was a \$12 million development that wanted to come to Macon, but they had no administrator to broker the deal, so it fell through. The development is now looking for a new place to go. Attorney Antoline states that having just one contact person to work with the company then it would be helpful. Richard Young asks if there is anyone in mind for this position, Alderman Wilkey asks if he is interested, Mayor Meador states that he should apply, he is qualified. Richard Young states that there are a lot of people who do not want the town to grow and you must take them into consideration. Mayor Meador states that he does not want to turn the city into the next Clinton but maybe the next Monticello. Alderman Wilkey states if a person has a problem with their water bill, this person would take care of it. Clerk Edwards asks so what is her role to be then, there will be then. There will be no changes to job currently states Alderman Wilkey. Alderman Wilkey states that in the next 3 – 5 years there will be \$5 million in expenditures and where will the money come from. Chris Doak asks where the businesses will go, Mayor Meador states there are a lot of areas that could be developed. The farmers are not going to sell their farmland. Interview process will be conducted by the two heads of the personnel committee and then make their recommendation to the Mayor. Alderwoman Bogle makes a motion to accept ordinance 20180226-2, seconded by Alderman Wilkey. Alderwoman Bogle, Estep, Alderman Kissinger, Peart and Wilkey vote aye, Alderman Edwards votes nay, motion passed. Mayor Meador state to advertise right away, Alderman Wilkey asks for a time frame, Mayor Meador asks the council what they would like, Alderman Wilkey states have the appointment ready by the April 23rd meeting, advertise for the month of March and interviews the week of April 9, 2018 and week of the 16th if needed. Treasurer Peters leaves the meeting. Attorney Antoline states that if you get it in the paper you may be able to advertise for just two weeks in March. Alderwoman Bogle asks if they must reside in Maroa, yes, they do have to live in Maroa. Mayor Meador states that if needs to be adjusted, will be done at next meeting.

Citizen Comments

Richard Young asked about the Coastal status. Attorney Antoline states there has been the no non-remediation letter recorded. Now the new owner will be approached if able to locate.

Richard Young asks how much the business district tax is 1%? Mayor Meador, yes.

Richard Young asks questions about business district and the parcels in the district rights to apply for monies from the business district. Mayor Meador discusses the business district funds payout.

Committee reports

Alderman Edwards states he had no meetings. Alderman Wilkey has the amount for the new playground equipment.

Alderman Wilkey states that the new budget is almost done.


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 discusses the Bob Ridings bill and states that there was \$3,900 for the new squad and Bob Ridings is in the process of trying to get some of that money back. Chief Gaddy states that there are more charges with the seat, another \$500, there was more damage to the driver seat than what was originally fixed. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to pay the February bills, seconded by Alderman Edwards. 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 9:08 pm, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.



Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk