

CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 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, 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 February meeting minutes to the council. Mayor Meador asks if everyone had a chance to look at the minutes. Alderwoman Estep makes a motion to accept the February meeting minutes. seconded by Alderman Edwards. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Police Report

Chief Gaddy is present. Chief Gaddy presents his activity report, ordinance violation listing and dangerous building list to the council. Chief Gaddy discusses the Northwoods Trailer Park, individuals at the trailer park have now been served and will have 30 days to comply. No meeting with Fyke's face to face as of today. Chief Gaddy states that some of the individuals that were served are already making the repairs that were in the violation notices. Tenants have also stated that they have been asked for information as to who owns each individual trailer since Fyke's do not have that information. No extensions for times have been requested at this time.

Attorney Report

Attorney Antoline is present.

Engineer's Report

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, is present. Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, states that it will be April or May before we hear about the ITEP grant. Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, states that he and Mike H. have been looking at different grants that the city could apply for and would like to get with Alderman Wilkey, for funding opportunities that may be beneficial to the city to come up with a plan on how to pursue those.

Mayor Meador states that he and Alderman Peart met with a windmill company and they would like to put 50 windmills on the east side of town from Maroa to Oreana with the same set back as on the west side of ¼ miles from city limits. Mayor Meador asks the citizens for their input on the windmills. Gary Brelsfoard, Walt Wessel, Josh Lester, John Leach Sr., Amber Bennett, Kim Moore, Ms. Groves, Christopher Doak, Richard Young and Ted Agee all spoke about the

windmills. Linda Heckman discussed what Josh Tanner told the Township at their last meeting about the tax impact. Council consents to keep the setback to the maximum distance possible. Mayor Meador asks for council consent to try and annex some of the property into the city to keep the setbacks further away, council gives its consent.

Zoning/Public Works

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present.

Old Business

Alderman Edwards discussed the price of the playground equipment and there are grants that are included with the price. Alderman Edwards will start to apply for grants. Superintendent Hoffman asks if it must be put to bid, Attorney Antoline states that yes it does. Council states they would like information about guarantee on equipment. Alderman Edwards will get additional bid and information and present next month.

New Business

Keith Moran, Economic Development, is not present but has sent the ordinance to adopt the Business District additions. Clerk Edwards presents the council with copies of the ordinance. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to accept ordinance 20180326-2, seconded by Alderwoman Bogle. Alderwoman Estep & Bogle, Alderman Kissinger, Peart, and Wilkey vote aye, Alderman Edwards votes nay, motion passed. Clerk Edwards will get all the paperwork mailed to Illinois Department of Revenue.

Chief Gaddy discusses having signage on each entrance into town, like other small towns have, directing solicitors to City Hall. Alderman Wilkey says no they are not needed. Mayor Meador asks about the cost, Superintendent Hoffman does not know the cost, and Mayor Meador does not want to spend \$400 on signs.

Chief Gaddy discusses the possibility of limiting the number of times that power companies may solicit in Maroa. Per Attorney Antoline, we are not able to stop them if they follow the ordinance. Individuals may post signs on their home "No Solicitors" to keep them from knocking on their doors.

Superintendent Hoffman discussed the quote from General Fence to replace the south ball diamond fence. Alderman Wilkey states it is TIF eligible for payment. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to pay \$9,500 to replace back stop and baseline fencing that is currently there on the south diamond with TIF funds, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Clerk Edwards asks if any monies will be paid by the youth league, Alderman Wilkey states no.

Purchase of landscape rake was tabled by Superintendent Hoffman.

Manhole installation on E Jackson Street was tabled by Superintendent Hoffman.

Chief Gaddy states that the ad for part time officers has run for two months with no applicants. Alderman Edwards states that the meeting with the police committee was held earlier tonight and it is the recommendation of the police committee to move Chad Hickey from part time to full time to fill the vacancy left by Jonathan Layendecker. Alderman Edwards makes a motion to move Chad Hickey to full time officer from part time officer, effective April 2, 2018, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Mayor Meador states that the handbook updates are tabled.

Alderman Wilkey presents the council with a tentative budget for FY19. Alderman Wilkey asks for any changes to be submitted by April 16, 2018, so he has time to add them to the budget. Will have final budget for the next meeting and council will vote on it at that time. Treasurer Modro-Peters gave balances of some of the accounts.

Mayor Meador discusses ordinance 20180326-1, pertaining to the gaming machines. Clerk Edwards states that at the last meeting it was decided that the ordinance was to read that any new gaming machines coming to town would need council approval first instead of limiting the number of machines so that the ordinance did not have to be changed with each new request, Mayor Meador states that we will just keep it like this for now. Alderwoman Bogle makes a motion to accept ordinance 20180326-1 with a limit of 15, seconded by Alderwoman Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Citizen Comments

John Leach Sr. discusses the cats that are in town. They are becoming a nuisance. There are many strays and he is concerned that someone will be bit or scratched by one and become ill. Chief Gaddy states that the police department does have traps. Chief Gaddy states that if the cats are caught and are tagged or chipped then the owner is cited. Mayor Meador will try to come up with a solution.

Bob Barnett states he saw the ad in the newspaper and asks why the City needs a City Administrator? He asks why everyone sitting at the table are not enough to do this job instead of spending money to hire an additional person. There are not enough people to run this small town. Mr. Barnett asks if the taxes are going to be raised to pay the salary. Mayor Meador states that to grow the town, needs a full-time person as the people on the council are not full time and have other jobs and are not able to grow the town. Treasurer Modro-Peters states that Diane and myself are willing to work 8 hours a day and take on extra responsibilities, Mayor Meador states that the ordinance has been passed and the position has been created so we will see how it works.

Committee reports

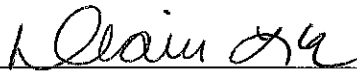
Bills

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 March bills, seconded by Alderman Wilkey. 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 8:23 pm, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.



Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk