

CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21, 2018
CITY HALL
7:00 PM

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Reverend Mary Alice Cunningham in honor of the passing of City Attorney Michael Antoline.

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, Administrator Ted Agee 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 April 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 April 23rd meeting minutes with the noted corrections, seconded by Alderman Edwards. 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 dangerous buildings and ordinance violations. Alderman Edwards discusses the Miller property and so far, the son is keeping it mowed. Chief Gaddy discussed getting an AED for the park program and will train Julie and Tami on its use. It is the full AED with pads and everything. It will be locked up when they are not there. Council consent to order the AED. Chief Gaddy discusses the grant that he was approved for to get the body cameras. Chief Gaddy will get the paperwork submitted once he has all the information.

Attorney Report

With the passing of the city attorney, Mayor Meador is searching for a new attorney. He is talking to the other communities to see who they are using. This will delay Coastal and Fyke trailer park action. Mayor Meador states that we have no pending litigation so we do not have to rush to get an attorney.

Engineer's Report

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, is present. Mr. Bainbridge states that the ITEP Grant was not funded. Mr. Bainbridge discussed what other steps could be taken to reapply for the grant. Mr. Bainbridge discussed the Jefferson Street pump station. Mr. Bainbridge states that he will retire at the end of this year, he will work with Mike Hoffman, Superintendent and Mr. Bainbridge's replacement to make sure it is a smooth transition.

Administrator Report

Ted Agee, Administrator reports that he has been working with Matt Crawford moving forward on landscaping. He was given an application for the façade grant, he is looking to put a sign up. There is a potential business coming in next door, was given a form for that too. He is looking for other financial assistance through the business district for some canopy work as well. Ted has been working with some other local people who want business in town. Ted discussed the cameras at the park for security, a Mattoon company has bid but Ted will try to get some other prices soon since we are getting the new equipment at the park. Chief Gaddy discussed the potential for WIFI at the park through the system that the police department is getting for its equipment. They are putting an antenna on city hall and one at the park too that would work. Mayor Meador states that the free WIFI will be ready for use on June 25. Ted states that they are only adding 24 modules at a time, Alderman Edwards states that it was supposed to be all added at one time, that is what we paid for and the contract agreement. Mayor Meador states that he will get Kevin, Frontier, here to discuss. Ted is working on the TIF parcel by parcel and has found some quirks and will get with Keith Moran. Alderman Wilkey asked about Ted's day to day, Ted explained what he is working on. Ted's focus has been the TIF so that he is able to have accurate information. Ted has been out on the streets with Superintendent Hoffman and Ted has also walked the streets to check out the sidewalks. Ted has been with Chief Gaddy. Ted has discussed things that are needed in the office with the girls, what they would like and what is needed. Ted lets that council know that the computer system is going to be needed to upgrade sooner than later. Ted suspects that some of the problems that he is having with SENSUS is the operating system, if our technology is out of date and does not keep up then it will not be compatible with the new equipment.

Zoning/Public Works

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present. Mike states that he is working on the ball parks and will begin to work on getting the park ready for the playground equipment.

Old Business

New Business

Mayor Meador recommends re-appointment of Brad Wilkey to the zoning board for 4 years, he took a seat that was vacated before the end of the term. Alderman Edwards makes a motion to appoint Brad Wilkey to the zoning board for 4 years, seconded by Alderman Peart. Alderwoman Estep & Bogle, Alderman Kissinger, Peart, and Edwards vote aye, Alderman Wilkey abstains, motion passed.

Chief Gaddy discusses the Axon contract. The contract was approved by the police committee and now needs council approval. This is needed for the body cameras, the contract is \$640 a year for 5 years. Alderman Edwards makes a motion so accept Axon 5 year contract, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Citizen Comments

Committee reports

Mayor Meador states that there is an interest in starting a harvest festival committee. Mayor Meador will get this started, any council who would like to be a part of this committee please let Mayor Meador know.

Alderman Edwards states that there is nothing additional to add. Chief Gaddy does want to order the body armor that is in the budget. Committee gave the approval to go ahead.

Alderman Edwards states that he asked Superintendent Hoffman to get a sign stating that if any damage is done we will be prosecuting to the highest extent of the law. Alderman Wilkey states that the sign should also note that there is video surveillance at the park.

Alderman Edwards is about 2 ½ weeks into the raffle and has sold approximately 75 tickets. Ted has been a great help to Alderman Edwards.

Alderman Edwards states that there is still some work to be done to get the park ready for the new equipment. Some of the equipment will be brought up here so that it is used here while at ball games.

Alderman Wilkey states that we need to proceed with the sidewalks. Unfortunately, the ITEP grant was denied but we must move forward. Ted is working on this and trying to get good prices for the work to be done. Ted discusses what he has observed while he has been out. Mayor Meador suggests doing the safety issues this year then more long work next year. Alderman Wilkey states that Ted should check into the state grants that may be available. Mr. Bainbridge states that there is the safe walk to school grant but he is not sure when it is available, Alderman Wilkey states Ted should check on it.

Ted gives the council information of the services for Mike Antoline. Clerk Edwards asks if the council would like to send flowers or donate in his memory? Ted states that he will get information and get back to Clerk Edwards.

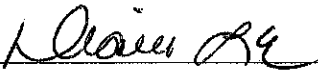
Bills

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 May 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 7:56 pm, seconded by Alderman Wilkey. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.



Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk