

CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2018
CITY HALL
7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Mayor Meador at 7:02 pm. Roll call taken by Mayor Meador. Aldermen Edwards, Peart, Kissinger, Alderwomen Estep & Bogle, Administrator Ted Agee and Mayor Meador are present. Clerk Edwards and Alderman Wilkey are absent. Treasurer Modro-Peters is present.

Mayor Meador leads the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Attorney Jankowicz, stated to change the wording will start to started at. Also include the reason for closed session, it was announced in the meeting but not included in the minutes. And in the last paragraph there is no indication that there was a roll take to adjourn closed session. Mayor Meador asks if he should be referred to as Mayor Meador or Aaron, it is okay but for clarification to change to Mayor Meador instead of Aaron. Mayor Meador asks if there is a motion for the closed minutes, Alderwoman Bogle makes a motion to accept the July closed meeting minutes with the amended changes, seconded by Alderwoman Estep. 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 states that there have been school shootings at football games. Chief Gaddy discussed with the school and for the remaining 4 home football games there will be an officer in attendance. Chief also discussed having an officer present at other home events but the school does not want to pay for the services. Treasurer Modro-Peters asks why the school will not pay for the expense of the officer. Chief Gaddy and Mayor Meador state that the school does not want to pay, and we cannot force them to have the services and pay for it. Mayor Meador states that he will get the figures of the cost from Chief Gaddy and then he will approach the schools and see if they would like to have it in their next budget to pay for an officer to be in attendance. Chief Gaddy is just concerned that if a shooting were to happen here, there is not an officer present so there is a

reduction in response time. He would like to help keep the kids safe, but we cannot force the school to pay for the service if they do not want it.

Attorney Report

Attorney Jankowicz states he spoke to the Circuit Clerk to see if there are any pending cases against the trailer park or the gas station, there is not. attorney Jankowicz will, with council consent move ahead with legal action for the Coastal Station. Council consent given.

Engineer's Report

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, is not present.

Administrator Report

Ted Agee, Administrator is present, and he presents his report to the council. Sidewalk project moving along. Main Street Wi-Fi is moving forward as well. Camera system up and running well. Mayor Meador states that he would like to get a bid for the camera at City Hall so that there is one focused on the squad cars, personal vehicles and the concession stand and south diamond. Currently there is not one. Ted will get an amount and then let the council know next month. Circus is set to come to town on the 29th. The city gets a certain percentage of each ticket sold. Ted states that on the day of the Circus they would like some of the officials to be there helping, so if anyone is willing to help, it would be appreciated.

Alderman Peart asks who is paying for the sidewalk across the street. Ted states that the city is paying, it was not done right when done the first time.

Alderman Edwards states that he talked to Wayne and he will be here around September 4, 2018 to September 11, 2018. He will call Alderman Edwards when he is on his way here.

Zoning/Public Works

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is not present.

Old Business

New Business

Mayor Meador asks if the council meeting dates that Clerk Edwards presented is okay with everyone. Alderman Edwards makes the suggestion to change the times from 7 pm to 6 pm next year. Mayor Meador asks what the benefit is to that. Alderman Edwards states to get home earlier. Mayor Meador states it may be discussed in the next meeting but does the council give consent for the dates? Council gives consent for the dates.

Alderman Edwards discusses the Ordinance borrowing money for the Spencer Park playground equipment. It was not done initially, and this is just to correct the mistake. Alderwoman Bogle 2018/08/27-1, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Alderman Edwards would like to change the fees for vandalism at the park. Chief Gaddy states it is currently \$150 but with recommendation to the attorney, the fee may go as high as \$750 per the current ordinance. Attorney Jankowicz states that the only reason to amend is if you do not want the minimum to be the \$150. This ordinance covers all violations. Alderman Edwards states that he would like all vandalism at the park to be a minimum of \$500 per occurrence. Mayor Meador suggests that the police committee break it down and make suggestion then the council will vote on them next month.

Citizen Comments

Mark Behrends asks what the status is on the additional \$11,000. Attorney Jankowicz discusses his findings and recommendations. This will be discussed with the company. Mr. Behrends asks if Business District funds may be used to pay for this, Mayor Meador states that yes it may be used. Mr. Behrends asks how the fund-raising monies are applied to the loan. Alderman Edwards states that the gun raffle did not involve the city, it was done on his own. It was not tax exempt, he used \$1000 out of his own pocket to make sure the guns were secured. Alderman Edwards states that he is going to omit 2 of the baby swings and purchase 2 adult swings with the funds he raised. Keeping the 2 baby swings as spares. Alderman Edwards states that if the raffle was done through the city, it would have gone into an account and there would have been a discussion of how to use those funds. Toni Stoutenborough asks how much was raised, Alderman Edwards states there was \$3070 raised and the guns were \$2370 for the 5 guns. That included everything that had to be done for the transfer of the guns.

Josh Tanner is running for County Clerk on Republican ticket. He is currently the Supervisor of Assessments. Wants to be sure that pertaining to the Wind Farms, there must be a levy for all the funds if want to get more money. Mayor Meador states that there are none of them in the city limits.

Committee reports

Bills

Mayor Meador asks if everyone has looked at the bills. Treasurer Modro-Peters states there are additional bills, one for the Doak Backhoe \$2901, Sinkosky Builders \$12,000, Chris Doak \$225 and four for the zoning board, \$200. Mike Hoffman has additional as well for \$233 for tires and blades. Treasurer Modro-Peters states that BCBS will also come as well for \$5128. Alderman Edwards states that there is also an \$11,000 bill for the playground equipment but will hold off until this is settled.

Alderman Edwards makes a motion to pay the July bills with the additions, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Closed Session

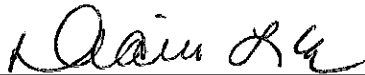
Alderman Edwards makes a motion to move to closed session at 7:49 pm for Closed Session under 5 I LCS 120/2 (c) (1): The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or appointees of the public body. Exception under 5 I LCS 120/(c) (1): Litigation, when a public my finds that an action is probable or imminent, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Move to closed session at 7:49 pm.

Alderwoman Bogle makes a motion to go back to open session at 8:10 pm, seconded by Alderwoman Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Moved back to open session at 8:10 pm.

Mayor Meador announces that at 8:10 pm we are back in open session.

Adjourn

Mayor Meador asks if there is a motion to adjourn, Alderman Peart makes a motion to adjourn at 8:11 pm, seconded by Alderwoman Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.



Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk