

# CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

CITY HALL

7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Clerk Edwards at 6:55 pm. Roll call taken by Clerk Edwards. Aldermen Edwards, Peart, Wilkey, Kissinger, Alderwomen Estep & Bogle, Administrator Ted Agee and Mayor Meador are present. Clerk Edwards and Treasurer Modro-Peters is present.

Clerk Edwards leads the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Previous Meeting Minutes**

Clerk Edwards presents the 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 August meeting minutes, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. Alderman Wilkey abstains. All other council members present vote aye, motion passed. Alderman Edwards makes a motion to accept the closed meeting minutes for August, seconded by Alderman Peart. Alderman Wilkey abstains. All other 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 they have assisted Macon County quite a bit as well.

## **Attorney Report**

Attorney Jankowicz is present and he does not have anything tonight. Alderman Edwards asks about the payment for the playground equipment, Mayor Meador states that he spoke to Attorney Jankowicz today and there will be a letter drafted to the company and if the attorney needs to become involved, we will do that at that time. Attorney Jankowicz states that it is sometimes better to start with a letter from the city first then go to attorney if needed. Alderman Edwards asks what is going on with Coastal, Mayor Meador states nothing, it is going to have to start from scratch. Attorney Jankowicz states he has talked to the attorney handling the estate for Attorney Antoline and asked for any information regarding Coastal and the City, he has not heard anything yet.

## **Engineer's Report**

Steve Bainbridge, Engineer, is not present.

### **Administrator Report**

Ted Agee, Administrator is present, and he presents his report to the council. Wifi is up on Main Street. Mayor Meador asks if we would ever do a Christmas tree in the middle of the road again. Mayor Meador would like for the council to think about it and discuss next month. Alderman Wilkey suggests putting it out on the north side of city hall in the grass.

Ted, Administrator, discusses the sidewalk progress.

Ted, Administrator, discusses the internet at City Hall.

Ted, Administrator, discusses the playground equipment. It is in and there were brackets that came in today and Mike, Superintendent, will get them put on.

Ted, Administrator, discusses the retention pond at Crawford's. It will be taken care of later this week.

Ted, Administrator, discusses the financial audit, he states that he received the electronic copies today and he will make a comparison from the previous years.

Ted, Administrator, discusses the appraisal of the railroad right-of-way property. He will have the appraisal next week.

Ted, Administrator, presents the bid to add two cameras to the courtyard at city hall for \$1,127. Alderwoman Bogle makes a motion to accept the bid for \$1,127, seconded by Alderman Edwards. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Ted, Administrator, discusses the Façade Grant that Crawford's would like for signage. Alderwoman Bogle makes a motion to approve Crawford's Business District Façade Grant Application for a sign in the amount of \$2,500, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

### **Zoning/Public Works**

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is not present.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Alderman Edwards discusses changing the time of the council meetings from 7 pm to 6 pm. Alderman Edwards states that having the meeting earlier would help so that the meetings are not getting out so late. Alderman Peart states that many of the council have jobs and other obligations. Alderwoman Estep states that she thinks 6:30 pm would be a good time. Alderman Wilkey states that the longer he is home, the harder it is to get out and go to the meeting and starting earlier would be great. Alderman Wilkey states that he would like to do it as early as possible. Ted, Administrator, states that he thought that 5 pm worked great for the Finance Committee meeting. Council gives consent to start meeting at 6:30 pm beginning January 2019. Attorney Jankowicz states that Warrensburg also changed theirs in the last couple of months, they went from 7 pm to 6 pm. Attorney Jankowicz states that put in the newsletter or water bills and notify the media of the time change. Clerk Edwards will put it in the next newsletter and notify the media when she sends the notices out to them.

Chief Gaddy states that there does not need to be a discussion pertaining to the ordinance violation fee changes.

Mayor Meador discussed the employee handbook section pertaining to insurance. Mayor Meador discusses the section pertaining to full time employees hired after 4/1/2010 stating that the city will no longer pay for their dependent coverage, to be amended. Full time employee's insurance will be paid at 100% for the employees, the city will pay \$400 towards dependent coverage and the city will pay \$200 towards spouse coverage each month. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to change employee handbook section 4, subsection F, insurance to strike after 4/1/2010, seconded by Alderwoman Bogle. Clerk Edwards will make the change in the handbook.

Mayor Meador states the he is going to change some of the committees but will discuss with each council member individually.

### **Citizen Comments**

#### **Committee reports**

Alderman Wilkey discusses the Audit report. Alderman Wilkey states that there was a change this year and had the auditor come to the financial committee meeting to discuss the audit. There was more time to ask questions and get answers. Alderman Wilkey states that will be the way that it will be done in the future. Each member of the council will have a copy of the audit next month. Attorney Jankowicz states that the council needs to approve the Financial Audit Report. All council should have a copy of the report to review and then next month approve. Clerk Edwards will add that to the agenda. Mayor Meador discusses the water shrinkage and we will get the water leak survey done that has been talked about doing in the past will be done now.

**Bills**

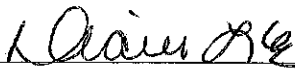
Clerk Edwards presents the bills to the council. Mayor Meador asks if everyone has looked at the bills. Alderman Wilkey asks what Creative Product Source was for, Chief Gaddy states that it is for Halloween stuff for the kids, and what is UpBeat Inc., Clerk Edwards states that is the benches. Alderman Edwards states that we need to get with Mike, Superintendent to get the benches anchored. Ted, Administrator, states that he will get with Mike to get that done. Question regarding the south diamond ball field, the work was done on the north diamond. Clerk Edwards states the bill says south diamond. Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to pay the September bills, seconded by Alderwoman Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

**Closed Session**

None

**Adjourn**

Mayor Meador asks if there is a motion to adjourn, Alderman Wilkey makes a motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm, seconded by Alderman Wilkey. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

  
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Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk