

CITY OF MAROA SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 12, 2018

CITY HALL

5:30 pm

Meeting called to order by Clerk Edwards at 5:30 pm. Roll call was taken by Clerk Edwards. Clerk Edwards, Alderwomen Estep and Bogle, Alderman Peart, Kissinger, Edwards, Wilkey, Administrator Ted Agee & Mayor Meador are present. Michele Modro-Peters is absent.

New Business

Alderman Bogle states that they have found a tree. Alderman Wilkey states that there was discussion on what festivals to have and it was decided to have a Fourth of July Festival and a Christmas Festival. There has been work on obtaining a tree for the City for a Christmas Festival. Will work on new ideas for next year to make this larger. Checked on real trees but nothing really found, found some artificial trees and you can add to this tree and put it up to 70 foot. The tree that is being looked at will be 20 foot, pre-lit with white lights. Alderman Wilkey states that with 15% off the 20 ft tree is \$9,190.29. The tree is commercial grade. Administrator Ted Agee states that it is the same tree that is in Macy's but ours would be shorter. Alderman Wilkey states that we could use Business District monies for this and promote it as something provided by the Business District. That night the plan is to have Santa here from the Fire Department. November 30, 2018 at 6:30 pm. It will be a tree lighting ceremony. Tyler Stoutenborough will provide a flat bed trailer and a tractor that is decorated, and the kids will sing on the trailer. Alderman Bogle states that the Grade School kids will sing but they only know two songs, but they will perform them. They have checked with the church and with Christopher to see if the HS/MS choir would like to perform.

Alderman Wilkey asks where the location will be, Administrator Agee states that he has not heard back from Frontier about putting it on the property in front of their building. Clerk Edwards asks why you would not put it here on City Hall grounds, there is electricity, security cameras and it will not take away from parking at the downtown businesses. There is plenty of room to take pictures in front of the tree and the back drop is much nicer. Alderman Wilkey states that the idea was to put it downtown since it was part of the Business District, you have no power there either. The other thought was put it on Heckman's empty lot.

Alderman Wilkey states that Santa will come down Main Street and hopefully the street will be lined with kids and people, end up at where the destination is decided. Sing some songs. Have hot chocolate and cookies and visits with Santa.

Clerk Edwards states that if you have it here at City Hall you can open up the gym doors for Santa visits, and the hot chocolate and cookies and be able to warm up if you need too.

Mayor Meador asks if we order the tree today when will we get it, Ted states that it will take just a few days to get it.

There was discussion about how much would be needed to get it going this year. Suggestions for different decorations and having the kids at the schools make some.

Discussion of purchasing other decorations for the city.


Alderman Edwards makes a motion to appropriate \$20,000 to pay for Christmas Tree and decorations for Christmas Festival for the Business District, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council member present vote aye, motion passed.

Alderwoman Bogle will call Hardy's Reindeer Ranch to see if they would come with a Reindeer.

Citizen Comments
Executive Session

Adjourn

Alderman Edwards makes a motion to adjourn at 6:11 pm, seconded by Alderman Peart. All council members present vote aye, meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm.



Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk