

CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 25, 2019

Meeting called to order by Clerk Edwards at 6:30 pm. Roll call taken by Clerk Edwards. Alderwoman Estep and Bogle, Alderman Edwards, Kissinger, Administrator Ted Agee and Mayor Meador are present. Clerk Edwards and Treasurer Modro-Peters are present. Alderman Peart and Wilkey are absent.

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 January meeting minutes, seconded by Alderwoman Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Alderwoman Estep makes a motion to accept the January closed meeting minutes, seconded by Alderman Edwards. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Police Report

Chief Gaddy is present. Chief Gaddy presents and discusses his activity report to the council. Activities were up a bit. Will get the updated violation list to council. Will discuss the employee status in closed session.

Clerk Edwards reports that ordinance violations that are over 60 days old are all turned into collections at this time.

Chief Gaddy discussed the Resource Officer for the schools. Mayor Meador states that he does not feel that Maroa Schools have a need for a resource officer at the school. Clerk Edwards states that there is a first time for everything, I am sure that all the other schools that had shootings did not think that it would happen to them. Mayor Meador asks if any of the other schools have an officer besides Decatur. He is informed they do not. Mayor feels that Forsyth should put into this as well as it would be protecting more of their students than Maroa students. Council gave consent for Chief Gaddy to gather more information from the Superintendent and bring that information back to the council.

Chief Gaddy discusses the replacement sirens in town. All are up to compliance. Eric from Barbeck states that everything is up to code and may need serviced. Superintendent Hoffman states that they have been serviced and there were no issues found. The cost to replace is \$20 – 25 thousand plus a pole. Macon County ESDA recommends that the citizens take advantage of using the Emergency Alert and Notification System that is available. It may be accessed through the City website or through Macon County website.

Chief Gaddy discussed the recommendation from the police committee to purchase a new Dodge for \$40,000 for all items needed. Item has been tabled.

Chief Gaddy tabled discussion on the portable radios until next month.

Attorney Report

Attorney Jankowicz is present. Spoke to the attorney representing the owners of the old Coastal Building before our appraisal was completed. Let the attorney know that City would like the building demolished. The Attorney got back to Attorney Jankowicz and stated that the owner does not want to demolish the building but would like to meet with city officials and see what can do to restore the building.

Attorney Jankowicz states that he got ahold of the attorney for Mike Antoline and that it appears that Mike was in the process of transferring data from old computer to new computer and they have no access to that data. They cannot find any back up data and do not believe that there is anything there.

Attorney Jankowicz states that he was unable to discuss the trailer parks as the Engineer in charge of it is out of the office at this time and will be back next week.

Engineer's Report

Ron Legner, Engineer is present. Discusses meeting with Superintendent Hoffman and Ted about the pump station and sewer plant. Discussed options to finance work to be done for January 2020. Ron Legner, Engineer, will work on getting the grant.

Zoning/Public Works

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present. Superintendent Hoffman states that he will chime in on the Administrators report.

Administrator Report

Ted Agee, Administrator is present, and he presents and discusses his report. Recommends that we go back to the SENSUS handheld as the new Trimble has only been used 1 – 2 times since purchase. Will work with them to get taken care of.

Zoning/Public Works

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present. Superintendent Hoffman states that he will chime in on the Administrators report.

Old Business

New Business

Mayor Meador states that last month a raise was approved but it was not made retroactive back to January 1 as it was supposed to be done but omitted in the motion. Clerk Edwards states that each of the Aldermen sent an email individually that it was okay to make the raise retro but now need it to be official. Alderman Edwards makes a motion for a 3% pay raise for all full and part time employees retroactive back to January 1, 2019, seconded by Alderwoman Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Clerk Edwards discusses the date for the Liberty Festival and June 29 is the date that most individuals would like to keep it at. Johnnie Leach would like to have it on July 6. Poll started and 46% for June 29

and July 6 was 54%. Suggested that if want to change the date, give more notice. Council consents on June 29, 2019 for the Liberty Festival.

Administrator Agee states that the second installment for Reeds TIF agreement is due and he is making a request for funds. Alderwoman Bogle makes a motion to approve TIF payment of \$29,000 less \$500 administrative fee to Sullivan & Sons, seconded by Alderwoman Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Citizen Comments

Superintendent Hoffman states that they are going to do some work on Linden Street. Dennis Hamilton discusses some work that was done on the road and the tile that is under it. Discussion on what could be done to improve the road.

Committee reports

Chief Gaddy states that there were 3 qualified applicants. Will schedule interviews for next week. Chief Gaddy, Police Commission and Administrator Agee will conduct the interviews.

Treasurer Modro-Peters states that we would have to get a permit to do the paint collection and that is a lengthy process. Superintendent Hoffman states that they have a lot of bulbs to be recycled. Treasurer Modro-Peters will check to see if we can get that done.

Bills

Clerk Edwards presents the bills to the council. Mayor Meador asks if everyone has looked at the bills. Alderman Edwards makes a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Alderman Kissinger. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Closed Session

Adjourn

Mayor Meador asks if there is a motion to adjourn, Alderman Edwards makes a motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm, seconded by Alderwoman Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.



Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk