

CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July22, 2019

Meeting called to order by Clerk Edwards at 6:31 pm. Roll call taken by Clerk Edwards. Alderwoman Estep, Bogle, Alderman Grider, West, Jackson, Wilkey, Administrator Ted Agee and Mayor Meador are present. Clerk Edwards and Treasurer Modro-Peters are present.

Clerk Edwards leads the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Clerk Edwards presents the meeting minutes, both open and closed, to the council. Mayor Meador asks if everyone had a chance to look at the minutes. Wilkey makes a motion to accept the June 24, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Bogle. West, Grider, Bogle, Estep and Wilkey vote aye, Jackson abstains, motion carried.

Clerk Edwards asks for a motion to accept the closed meeting minutes. Estep makes a motion to accept the closed meeting minutes for June 24, 2019, seconded by Bogle. West, Grider, Bogle, Estep and Wilkey vote aye, Jackson abstains, motion carried.

Police Report

Chief Gaddy is present. Chief Gaddy presents his monthly report to the council and updated ordinance violations list. Mayor Meador asks if there has been anything done with the letter sent out last month, Chief Gaddy states that he has updated them on the violation list. There are a couple property owners who are in a dispute, so nothing has been done there. Chief Gaddy states that there was \$9000 budgeted in the for the new laptops. Discussed the purchase of 2 laptop computers in the Police committee meeting and it was approved accept the bid from CDS for 2 laptops for \$7618. Did obtain another computer and it is not complete, they cannot give a bid on what the software will cost that needs to be put on. West makes a motion to accept the bid form CDS for \$7618 for 2 laptop computers for squad cars, seconded by Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion carried. Chief Gaddy states that he has been working on the burglary at Freedom.

Attorney Report

Attorney Jankowicz is present.

Attorney Jankowicz discusses the status of the old Coastal building. Attorney Jankowicz states that the coastal update is covered in the administrators report. The city will not tolerate the current conditions. No truck parking will be allowed, remove collection box & weeds need removed by August 3, 2019 and the property must be up to the city's satisfaction by then. Attorney Jankowicz will follow up with the attorney for the owner next week.

Attorney Jankowicz states that he has gotten information from the county and is waiting on information from the State. There will be a number of notices that would have to go out, double checking the addresses and will have more information at the next meeting. The notice is that they do not take action, we then have that authority to take possession of the mobile home and get it removed from premises. It will be both trailer parks.

Attorney Jankowicz discusses the Tombaugh property, there are two components to that, the first is Mr. Tombaugh has passed away. Second is that there needs to be Estate is opened, and an Administrator appointed. We will ask for this to be done. We need an administrator appointed who will be the person we serve notices. We need to proper paperwork to show that the cost to get the property up to code will exceed the value of the property. Jason Kretsinger is the person who does this, he has been busy but will get the report done as soon as he can. Will have the report by the next meeting.

Attorney Jankowicz discusses the Ordinance 2019/07/22-1. This is a continuation of the real estate exchange. Wilkey makes a motion to accept the Ordinance 2019/07/22-1, seconded by Jackson. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Wilkey makes a motion to send the parcel to the zoning board for rezoning, seconded by Grider. All council members present vote aye, motion carried. August 15, 2019 is the next Zoning Board meeting and they will hear this at that meeting. Clerk Edwards will get the notices sent out, published in the paper and Kevin McCullough, Assistant Superintendent, will get the signs posted regarding the proposed change in zoning.

Engineer's Report

Ron Legner, Engineer is not present.

Administrator Report

Ted Agee, Administrator is present, and he presents and discusses his report.

Full House, Justin Ford is not present so will put his BD fund request on next month. He also still needs to turn in the paid receipts.

Mapped out the streetlights for Main Street and the power work that will need to be done if going to continue to have festivals downtown. The power will need to be upgraded in that area. We had too much power feeding off the line and lost power. Agee will talk to Ameren and have them put the feed up higher to the other box for now. Wilkey asks if we will have the numbers next month and Agee states yes, we will.

Zoning/Public Works

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is not present.

Old Business

Mayor Meador states that the old veterans sign is not salvageable. Wilkey did a whiffle ball tournament and raised \$798. This will go toward the veteran's memorial. Meador states that we have no design yet so he would like to have a committee that will work on the design and have at least 2 or three council members on that committee and public members as well. Grider spoke that he had some ideas, he will be on the planning committee and recruit some other council members and public members. We will start an account at Scott State Bank for donations to the Veteran's memorial. Jackson makes a motion to open account at Scott State Bank called Veteran's Memorial donations, seconded by Grider. All council members present vote aye, motion carried. The memorial will go up here at city hall. Wilkey states that

the Maroa Mapping Group will immediately transfer \$6,000 that they have in their account to this memorial as well.

New Business

Clerk Edwards discusses the addition of Estep to all accounts at Scott State Bank. Bogle makes a motion to add Monica Estep to all bank accounts at Scott State Bank, seconded by Grider. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Clerk Edwards asks if fall city sales are okay for September 12, 13, & 14, 2019. Council gives consent.

Clerk Edwards asks what day we want to have the July Liberty Festival, and will it be two nights, council consents to continue the Friday night Family night. Festival date tabled until next month.

Clerk Edwards requests to go to the IML conference in September in Chicago. It would be the first time that she has attended. West makes a motion to send Clerk Edwards to the IML Conference not to exceed \$1,000, seconded by Wilkey. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Clerk Edwards asks what time for trick or treat, council gives consent to have hours from 5 pm – 8 pm on October 31, 2019.

Fall festival on October 5, 2019 is discussed. It will be more for adults in the early evening time. This is homecoming weekend and classes coming home would have a place to go. It will be downtown, have band that was here for last festival. Will ask for sponsors from local businesses, Edwards states that if you have both concessions, Pig Out will need to have a 50 amp so the power issue will need to be fixed by then. The times would be 5 pm – 10 pm. If there is volunteer's then there could be something all day long. Bogle volunteers to help with the fall festival. Bogle makes a motion to have fall festival Saturday, 10/5/2019 with time TBA, seconded by Wilkey. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Treasurer Modro-Peters asks the council if they would like to rollover the Insurance & Audit CD, it will automatically rollover if we do nothing. Bogle makes a motion to rollover CD with Scott State Bank for \$50,000, seconded by Grider. All council members vote aye, motion carried.

Citizen Comments

Toni Stoutenborough asks why when a complaint is given with out a name on it but then the name of the person who complained has their name given out, Meador asks for more specifics. Ms. Stoutenborough states that she made a complaint with the police department about her neighbor because her tree guy could not get through her yard and now the neighbor is upset and mad because the neighbor was told who complained. Meador asks Chief about the situation. Both Chief and Sergeant Koonce state that they do not give out names regardless if the complaint is signed or not.

Mark Behrends asks if there is an ordinance about parking your car across the sidewalk. Chief states that he has discussed it with a couple people this week. Meador suggest that Mr. Behrends discuss it with the Chief before he leaves tonight.

Committee reports

Agee discusses the Reveal that is being held by American Street Dreams. West makes a motion to approve Wood & Main Street to be shut down & band up until 10 pm on August 10, 2019 for American Street Dreams Reveal, seconded by Grider. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Bills

Clerk Edwards presents the bills to the council. Mayor Meador asks if everyone has looked at the bills, Estep makes a motion to pay the bills with the corrections to Ed Doak to \$2120 and change Dunn Co to TIF, seconded by Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Closed Session

Grider makes a motion to move to closed session for 5 ILCS 120/2 c (1) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of public body, seconded by Bogle. All council members present vote aye, meeting moved to closed session at 7:39 pm.

Return to open session at 8:30 pm.

Edwards & Modro-Peters return to the meeting.

Wilkey discusses the pay for budget officer & collector. Raise now and another one down the road in 6 months based on performance review.

Wilkey makes a motion to increase pay of the budget officer & collector to \$17 an hour not to exceed \$25,000 year effective 7/22/2019. Both will keep their elected pay of \$8,000. 2/1/2020 up to \$2 per hour raise based on performance review, the information will be in front of both so that they know what is expected, seconded by Jackson. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

West states that there was discussion on the email that Edwards sent out regarding the festival, West states that he appreciates hard work but thinks email is out of line, Edwards states there was nothing in there that was not the truth, West appreciates honesty but you didn't know what everyone lives were doing at the moment, Edwards states that everyone didn't know what my life was doing either, or Ted's. West states that in the future he will be more involved. Edwards says she appreciates it.

Adjourn

Mayor Meador asks if there is a motion to adjourn, Bogle makes a motion to adjourn at 8:38 pm, seconded by Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.



Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk