

CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 16, 2019

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

Clerk Edwards leads the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens Comments

Karen Fredrickson presents the council with the signs they made for Spencer Park, they reused the signs that were there and cleaned them up and repainted. One was redone on cedar board by Lane Fredrickson. Patrick Sullivan helped as well. Mrs. Fredrickson states that the youth group was able to assist one resident with their yard clean up.

Meador states that he met with Dan Caulkins and let him know about the church projects to help with the yard clean up that is being done by the youth group. Meador will get Fredrickson the information to apply for the grant.

Everett Hite states that he is building a new home on Wood Street and asks the council what he is allowed to do with his building when he is ready to move out, is he able to rent it or sale it? Meador states that it is at his discretion. Mr. Hite asks what are his restrictions to rent it out, is it living quarters or a business? Meador states that Hoffman & Agee will check into it and let him know what he is able to do with the building.

John Leach states that multiple times he has reached out to the citizens several times and have zero citizens to join the board and so they are looking into merging with Forsyth. Meador states that he would like to be a part of the talks of the merger.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Clerk Edwards presents the meeting minutes, Mayor Meador asks if everyone had a chance to look at the minutes. Jackson makes a motion to accept the November meeting minutes, seconded by Wilkey. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

West arrived at meeting at 6:34 pm.

Police Report

Chief Gaddy is present. Chief Gaddy presents his monthly reports to the council. Chief states that he has the East side of Wood Street done for inoperable vehicles and will work on the other side and have them done by the next meeting. Wilkey states that there are four violations for Tom Gregory, Chief states he has the information sent to the attorney to start the legal process. They are out of state and the son will not give address. Edwards states that the collection agency has the new address.

Attorney Report

Attorney Jankowicz arrives 6:20 pm.

Engineer's Report

Ron Legner, Engineer is not present.

Administrator Report

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

Agee discusses the EPA & USDA grants.

Jankowicz & Agee discuss the Ordinance to Revise and Certify Current Municipal Levy Lines, DOR Coding and create limits for the city. Bogle makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2019/12/16-1, seconded by West. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Agee discusses the tax levy for the city. Wilkey makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2019/12/16-2, seconded by Grider. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Zoning/Public Works

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present.

Old Business

Modro-Peters discusses the recycling changes and that by the next meeting she should have some numbers. They will not have any pricing information until January. Edwards will put on the next agenda.

West discusses 4H projects and that there are no projects for \$500 except bushes or flowers. West would like some adult work out machines at the park. West will discuss ideas and present at the next meeting.

Hoffman states that the signage for the FFA is about \$78. Edwards will get the wording for the sign and Hoffman will order the sign and get it up.

Edwards discusses the MFHS Band Boosters need for a license to hold the raffle in order to purchase supplies. Edwards states that it was approved via email and license was sent so that they could order the supplies and just needs it formally approved in open session. Jackson makes a motion to approve MF Band Boosters Queen of Heart Raffle license, seconded by Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

New Business

Wilkey discusses employee raises. Wilkey states that we were going to have performance raises but we are not ready to do that. Wilkey states it is his opinion that everyone is doing their job at this time. There are no major issues with the budget. It is Wilkey's recommendation that we give all employees a 3% COLA raise across the board as done in the past. Bogle makes a motion to give all employees a 3% COLA raise to be effective January 1, 2020, seconded by Grider. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Meador states that there was a citizen who inquired about a shred day. Modro-Peters states she check with Earthmover CU and they do not have one scheduled and Macon County had not scheduled any. Staples does do shredding but there is a fee for that. Modro-Peters will get the cost of the city doing a shred day, she will get more information regarding a shred day and present at the next council meeting. Edwards will post on Facebook to see if there is an interest in having a city shred day.

Edwards states that Maroa Pub would like to add another gaming machine in January when the limit is increased to 6, she is not able to attend the meeting to request as she has to be home with her husband, she has no caretaker at night. Edwards states that we do have a license open if the council gives the okay, they currently have five machines. Council gives consent to add the sixth machine.

Committee reports

Meador discusses the property on Oak Street. There are no violations found after investigation. The City will take no further action on the property. Jankowicz states that Ms. Bickers contacted him about what the city was going to do and made some excuses. Her son in Hawaii also called Jankowicz and the son was very understanding. Made that the city was able to get in. Jankowicz suggests that Agee send a letter advising of the findings and that she needs to clean up the property and keep it clean.

Meador discusses getting the Pine tree down on Ash & Jackson, West said that he talked to her and she does not want the tree removed and is not willing to trim the branches, it is not on city property. Streets and Alley committee will decide to add a stop sign, if no action next month, then the matter is considered closed.

Edwards asks about when the next Veterans Committee Meeting will be. Meador & Grider discuss and decide that they will let Edwards know in a couple of days.

Bills

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

Closed Session

Adjourn

Mayor Meador asks if there is a motion to adjourn, Jackson makes a motion to adjourn at 7:16 pm, seconded by Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.



Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk