

CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Meeting called to order by Clerk Edwards at 6:30 pm. Roll call taken by Clerk Edwards. Alderwoman Estep & Bogle, Alderman Jackson, Grider, West, 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.

Citizens Comments

Justin Ford, Full House Craft Beer Bar, requests a sixth gaming license from the City. Council gives consent for the sixth gaming machine license. Mr. Ford states that he appreciates the Council's support.

Nichole Fox from the Forsyth Youth League discusses the merger of MYL with FYL. She hopes to utilize ball fields in both cities. They would also like to store equipment at City Hall, Superintendent Hoffman will find room for them to do that.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Clerk Edwards presents the meeting minutes and states that Mayor Meador stated the incorrect address when he was discussing an issue last month and that address has been corrected in the minutes already, Mayor Meador asks if everyone had a chance to look at the minutes. Estep makes a motion to accept the December meeting minutes, seconded by Grider. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Police Report

Chief Gaddy is present. Chief Gaddy states that he emailed the monthly reports to the council, Clerk Edwards reminds Chief that anything he gives to the council, he needs to give to the Clerk so that it is part of the record. Chief states he will email them to Clerk Edwards.

Attorney Report

Attorney Jankowicz is present. Attorney Jankowicz discusses the March 17 referendum and what it could do for the city. Jankowicz discusses the different types of businesses that the cannabis referendum would affect and how it would affect zoning. The Zoning Board will need to post this as a meeting, no less than 15 days prior or more than 30 days. It has to be published in newspaper and if this does pass and a company comes in the special use permit would be applied for and the same actions, notices and posting so that the public is aware of what is going on and public may voice their opinions as well. Jackson makes a motion to refer Zoning Amendments to allow cannabis business establishments to the Zoning Board, seconded by Wilkey. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Attorney Jankowicz discussed Ordinance 2020/1/27-1 which is the business tax that would be applied to cannabis businesses. It is the Municipal Cannabis Retailers Occupation Tax, which allows the city to tax at a rate of 3%, except for medical marijuana. This would apply to sales after September of 2020. Bogle makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2020/1/27-1, seconded by Jackson. All council members present vote aye, motion carried. Clerk Edwards will send a copy of the Ordinance to ILDOR.

Engineer's Report

Ron Legner, Engineer is not present. Agee introduces Stephanie Brown, Urban and Regional Planner from Chastain is present as Legner was not able to be here tonight. She is a Grant Writer and will be helping to write Grants for the City for upcoming projects. Meador asks about the ITEP Grant from last year, Brown discusses the ITEP Grant changes. The timeline has been postponed to later in the year, it will now be a sliding scale based on LMI and other factors. It has not been announced exactly what the cost shares will be, but Brown will look into getting ours ready for submission again this year.

Administrator Report

Ted Agee, Administrator is present, and he presents and discusses his report. Agee states that he is waiting to hear from the USDA before moving forward with the waterworks projects. Once he hears from them, he will be able to get things started. Agee is starting the budget process, if has anything to add or discuss, please let him know. Meador asks about a finance committee meeting, Wilkey agrees and they will get a date that works in February.

Meador asks about the levies that were implemented, Agee states we will not know until later in March.

Meador states that we should have a budget meeting about 6 months into the budget year so that adjustments may be made if necessary. Possibly do quarterly.

Agee states that he and Hoffman met with ABM Consultants. They show us how we can self-fund. The company makes their money when we start doing large projects. They guarantee you savings, if something happens and you do not recoup that amount, they are responsible for the difference. They are going to do a survey for us and there is no cost for that service. This is the company that Edwards touched base with while at the Conference in Chicago and put them in touch with Hoffman and Agee.

Zoning/Public Works

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present. He has nothing to report.

Old Business

Modro-Peters discusses the recycling changes, she still has no cost for the recycling. Edwards will put on the next agenda.

Modro-Peters contacted COPS today and the cost for onsite shredding is \$300 per hour with a minimum of 3 hours. Council consent that this is not cost effective, so it is not something that the City is going to offer at this time. Modro-Peters will get information on shred days in Decatur and then it may be published in the newsletter.

West discusses the \$500 grant that Diane Daggett and 4H received and what projects they could do at the park. West talked to Walker landscaping and can get two Shawnee Brave Bald Cypress Tree for \$165 each. Comes with one-year warranty if they install. West recommends planting two trees and it will be \$510. Meador states that West need to find out if 4H is planting the trees or if the company needs to plant them. This could be a 4H project that they need to do. Council gives consent for West to present the information to Diane Daggett with 4H and make arrangements based on that conversation.

New Business

Edwards asks if the Spring City Sales dates of May 7, 8 & 9 with the usual times are acceptable. Council gives consent.

Edwards asks if Cleanup day May 16 is okay if the City can find volunteers because the Fire Department is not going to volunteer any more. Council gives consent for the cleanup day provided there are volunteers to help. Hoffman and McCullough will work that day as they normally do for the cleanup, they will ask Sautlet and Dunham to work as well and will check to see if anyone from the township is available to help.

Modro-Peters asks if the city would like to do electronics recycling again? Council gives consent for an electronics recycling, Modro-Peters will reach out to B & H to see if that day will work for the recycling. Meador will reach out to the Township to see if they will pitch in again this year so that it is open to everyone in the township as well as the City.

Grider would like to designate a portion of the north lot at City Hall for the Veterans Memorial Park. Grider makes a motion to designate north portion of City Hall Grounds as Veterans Memorial Park, seconded by Jackson. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Wilkey asks to defer the license fee restructure to February, Clerk Edwards will put it on the next agenda.

Committee reports

West discusses the Police Committee meeting. Still working on the agreement for the School Resource Officer.

Wilkey discusses the Festival Committee meeting. Will have family night on June 26, downtown and Freedom Festival on June 27 with fireworks. The next meeting is February 18, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Finance committee meeting will be February 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Edwards will get it posted.

Bills

Edwards presents the bills to the council. Mayor Meador asks if everyone has looked at the bills. Edwards presents the three additions to the bills. West makes a motion to pay the January bills with additions, seconded by Grider. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Closed Session

Jackson 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 Wilkey. All council members present vote aye, meeting moved to closed session at 7:30 pm.

Return to open session at 8:04 pm.

Adjourn

Mayor Meador asks if there is a motion to adjourn, Grider makes a motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm, seconded by Jackson. All council members present vote aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.



Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk