

**CITY OF MAROA MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, February 24, 2020**

Meeting called to order by Clerk Edwards at 6:31 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**

Diane Daggett from 4H is present and addresses the council. Ms. Daggett discusses what 4 H does and has three 4 H members and one Cloverbud, Morgan, Taylor and Garrett, 4H and Delaney, a Cloverbud, each introduce themselves to the council. Garrett presents Meador with a check for \$500 to plant 2 trees at Spencer Park.

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

Clerk Edwards presents the meeting minutes to the council, Edwards states a correction that has been made already, Mayor Meador asks if everyone had a chance to look at the minutes. Wilkey makes a motion to accept the January open meeting minutes with the noted corrections, seconded by Jackson. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Edwards presents the closed meeting minutes and states the corrections already made. Jackson makes a motion to accept the January closed meeting minutes with noted corrections, 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. Council has no questions.

**Attorney Report**

Attorney Jankowicz is present. Attorney Jankowicz states that he has received a draft of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the school district for the resource officer. He has some suggested changes and he will present it next month.

Jankowicz discusses the status of the Tombaugh lawsuit, an investigator has discovered an address for Sean Tombaugh and will get him served.

**Engineer's Report**

Matt Foster, Engineer is present. Foster discusses the ITEP Grant. Foster states that he is looking at the MFT budget for the upcoming year and he will work with Hoffman and Agee to get it completed, should have ready for next month's meeting.

### **Administrator Report**

Ted Agee, Administrator is present. Agee states that he will discuss employee wages in closed session. He presents the Zoning Amendments Ordinance to the council and discusses the ordinance. Toni Stoutenborough from the Zoning Board states that the Zoning Board makes a recommendation to accept the amendments and suggest that there be a Special Use Permit Fee of \$300. West makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2020/02/24-3, seconded by Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Meador asks for council to authorize the fee for the special use permit and the ordinance will be presented at the next council meeting. Bogle makes a motion to authorize ordinance preparation of special use permit fee of \$300, seconded by Wilkey. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Agee discusses the Intergovernmental Agreement for micro-surfacing streets. Wilkey makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2020/02/24-2, seconded by Jackson. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

### **Zoning/Public Works**

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present. Hoffman states that one of the pumps on Jefferson Street has gone down. He is waiting on estimates for the repair and will let the council know as soon as he has the numbers.

Jankowicz asks if a smoke test has ever been done, Hoffman states that it has not been done in the 16 years that he has been here. Foster states that they are not done much anymore. Meador directs Hoffman to get estimate on the cost of the smoke test.

### **Old Business**

Modro-Peters discusses the recycling changes, she presents the council with an Intergovernmental Agreement, Edwards will put on the next agenda.

Wilkey discusses the coin operated machines license fees. Currently \$10 per machine, suggests increasing it to \$300 per establishment regardless of the number of machines, this includes all coin operated machines. Wilkey makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2020/02/24-1, seconded by Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

### **New Business**

No new business.

### **Committee reports**

Girder discusses the estimate for the Veterans Memorial, total cost is \$102,442. He states that there are some things that could be eliminated to reduce the cost. There will need to be a lot more fundraising to get this done. Grider has pictures on his IPAD if anyone would like to see them after the meeting.

Meador asks council who will take over as the Chair of the Veterans Committee, Bogle states that she will do it and Estep said she would help her.

Wilkey states that the finance committee met and discussed changes for next year. He hopes to have a rough draft of the budget in March and vote in April. Agee states that will not be possible, it would likely be May before the budget is ready. There is discussion that the Fiscal year start May 1 and Jankowicz states that it does not have to be done by May 1 but most Municipalities have it in place and voted on at the April meeting. Meador states that he is meeting with Department Heads this week to discuss the budget. West states that he is meeting with Chief Gaddy tomorrow, 2/25/2020, about issues on the budget.

Wilkey discusses the Festival Committee Meeting and it is coming along well. West states that he has worked on some items and would like to let the council know what he has.

Dunk tank available and we just need to set a schedule of when and who will be in it.

Kiddie Tractor Pull, cost for equipment is \$200 and West will pay for it.

West found a petting zoo that has Kangaroo, Wallaby, Camel, Goats, Reindeer and other animals. The cost is \$850 for Friday afternoon and all day on Saturday.

Had someone reach out about horse and buggy rides, Edwards suggests that we get that for the Tree Lighting.

He also talked to someone who does pony rides and they have ten horses and it is \$1000 and the charge is \$5 per ride. The money made from the rides comes off the \$1000 fee.

Next meeting will be set this week after discussing when everyone is available.

### **Bills**

Edwards presents the bills to the council. Mayor Meador asks if everyone has looked at the bills. Estep makes a motion to pay the February bills, seconded by Jackson. 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 Bogle. All council members present vote aye, meeting moved to closed session at 7:25 pm. Edwards and Modro-Peters are excused from closed session.

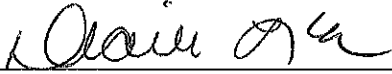
Return to open session at 8:31 pm. Edwards and Modro-Peters return to the meeting.

Wilkey states that they are going to wait for another thirty days before taking any action on pay increases. He needs to have accuracy in the budget line items by the next meeting and will re-evaluate the budget in 30 days. Wilkey requests that when given the bills, it shows what ledger accounts each item is coming out of. Edwards states that she will talk to LOCIS and see what she can get.

Meador asks for council consent to add Ted to LOCIS. Council gives consent.

**Adjourn**

Mayor Meador asks if there is a motion to adjourn, Estep makes a motion to adjourn at 8:32 pm, seconded by Grider. All council members present vote aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.



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Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk