

CITY OF MAROA REMOTE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 27, 2020

Meeting remotely 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.

Citizens Comments

None

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. Grider makes a motion to accept the February open meeting minutes, seconded by Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Council has the closed meeting minutes. Bogle makes a motion to accept the February closed meeting minutes, seconded by Jackson. 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. Chief discusses the report. Chief discusses the SRO, hold off at this time to see how finances will be after all of this is over. Chief discusses ads for officers and cost. Meador states that we should spend the money to advertise, we need to get it in the budget to advertise. Chief discusses that Officer Jenkins resigned his position. Chief gave information that he had about the training academy.

Chief Gaddy discusses the fines at the trailer park. Council agrees to have a tier fee for the violations. Bogle makes a motion to impose tier fines of \$150 - \$500 - \$700 on the trailer courts violations, seconded by Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Chief discusses the phone to call to reach an officer. Call the non-emergency line and it will transfer to the dispatch center or to the officer on duty.

Attorney Report

Attorney Jankowicz is present. Attorney Jankowicz discusses the status of Cunningham complaint letter to the IL Attorney General Office. Jankowicz sent the response to the Attorney General's Office, will most likely not hear anything else from them until back to work.

Engineer's Report

Matt Foster, Engineer is present. Foster presents the council with the MFT budget resolution. Grider makes a motion to accept Resolution 2020/04/27-R1, seconded by Wilkey. All council members present vote aye, motion carried. Foster discusses the ITEP Grant.

Administrator Report

Ted Agee, Administrator is present. Foster discusses the IGA for micro-surfacing Ordinance. It was passed in March and then had a few revisions made and presented again. Wilkey makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2020/04/27-1, seconded by Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Agee discusses the preliminary FY21 budget.

Agee discusses the need to cancel upcoming events. Agee states that we can cancel them entirely or we can postpone them. We could also get a dumpster. Edwards states that June 11, 12 & 13 have been presented for the City Sales. June 20 would be the City Cleanup. These dates are tentative and the ones in May are cancelled. Council gives consent to these dates. Agee states that he will get a quote from Greg for a dumpster.

Agee states that the Circus for June 2, is cancelled until 2021.

Agee suggests cancelling the park program, Meador states he is not ready to do that just yet. Edwards states that the signup date is now June 8 with start day of June 15. There will be no field trips this year. Bogle asks if the park is closed, Edwards states that yes, it is supposed to be closed right now but it will depend on what the Governor opens as to what will happen. Meador states we could also do some virtual things as well.

Agee suggests that we cancel the Freedom Festival. Meador states that he is not ready to do that just yet, he would like to see what June brings and decide at that time. He would like to have things as close to normal as possible. Even if very scaled back, he would like to see the fireworks happen. Community night is cancelled and may have in the fall.

Zoning/Public Works

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present. Hoffman states that he will begin flushing hydrants on May 11, Edwards will get it posted.

Hoffman states that he has some storm damage to pick up. He will get that done this week

Hoffman states that the council should also thank Jamie Zombro and the township, helped with the city clean up after the storm on April 8.

Old Business

Employee compensation is tabled for now.

New Business

Modro-Peters discusses the IGA for recycling. Grider makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2020/04/27-2, seconded by Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Wilkey discusses the Special Use Permit, this was discussed in February and just needed an Ordinance. Wilkey makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2020/04/27-3, seconded by Bogle. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Meador discusses his appointments to the Zoning Board that are expiring on the 30th of April. West makes a motion to reappoint Judy Yuenger and Rachel Lawson to the Zoning Board for 5 years, seconded by Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Meador discussed some issues that came up with the Stay at Home orders issued by the Governor and that he sent out an email to get consent to allow the restaurants and bars to sell and deliver liquor during this time. West makes a motion to Ratify & allow the liquor commissioner the authority to coincide with the State laws during the State of IL Stay at Home orders, seconded by Tyler. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Edwards asks for permission to attend the IML Conference in September again this year. Council gives consent. Agee has added a line for city hall training in the budget.

Ordinance for push tax is tabled for now. Meador is going to have Agee research it more,

Meador discusses the voter's response for cannabis sell, infusion and grow. The Ordinance has already been passed. Jankowicz discusses the referendum, ordinances created to allow and the zoning that has been done. Meador acknowledges the response of the voters in cannabis sell, infusion and grow advisory referendum voted to approve cannabis related businesses in the City of Maroa.

Meador discusses his request to delay the payment for liquor and gaming licenses from two different business owners. Meador states that they have had no liquor sales for 3 months. He would like liquor Class A & Class C license payments postponed. Edwards states that Casey's, Maroa Pub and Freedom have already paid. Meador states that Crawford is waiting on our decision tonight before he pays. Meador would also like to have the license amount reduced by 25%. Edwards states that they did not stop selling until the middle of March, notices went out already that the licenses were coming due. They also knew last year that it was due on April 30 this year, so that is something that they should have already budgeted for and the City will also lose funding by the breaks that we are giving and if we continue to do that, then we will also be broke. Meador asks who we have given breaks to, Edwards states we are not charging penalties for late water bills, we are not charging shut offs or shutting anyone off. Two of the businesses have not paid a water bill since January. Edwards states that she does not have a problem with the delay but there should not be anything taken off. Council discusses how to handle. West makes a motion to amend payment of liquor license fee for Class A & C and gaming license and allow the issuance of conditional license to allow the license holder 90 days after the State of IL reopening, to pay the first 50% of license fee and an additional 90 days to pay the remaining balance, seconded by Jackson. All council members present vote aye, motion carried. Jankowicz states that a letter should be sent also with the license stating the terms and that it is conditional. Edwards will send those.

Committee reports


Bills

Edwards presents the March & April bills to the council. Mayor Meador asks if everyone has looked at the bills. Estep makes a motion to pay the March & April bills with the addition, seconded by Grider. All council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Closed Session

Adjourn

Mayor Meador asks if there is a motion to adjourn, Wilkey makes a motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm, seconded by Estep. Bogle states that she will email everyone the link for the Veterans Memorial. Bogle will get with Edwards to post a meeting when she knows. Agee states that the linear motor went out at the Sewer plant. It is \$7,500 to fix with no guarantee that it will last longer than an hour or replace the whole unit for about \$8,900. He and Hoffman discussed, and they are going to take it from the URF fund and replace it and then when there is an upgrade done, it will work with it as well. Edwards took roll for the motion. All council members present vote aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.



Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk