

CITY OF MAROA REMOTE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 22, 2020

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

Citizens Comments

Michael & Diane Brown stated that they like the dumpsters provided by the City and that Tents provided for the Restaurants uptown. Diane would like an update regarding the home at 427 W Washington Street, it has been vacant for about 3 years. Discussed the tree that fell over. Meador states that email today from our Attorney and have permission from the homeowner that we may enter the property. Hoffman states that he will get the tree taken care of when he is back in town next week. He would like permission to take care of the tree in case there is damage that is not seen with the tree there. Edwards states that we do have a lien on the property for the water. Gaddy states that someone has started cutting the tree up, Ms. Brown states that he cut some off for firewood. Mr. Brown asks who has the title of home, Jankowicz states that it is still in the Turner name. It is in an estate, there was a reverse mortgage taken before Mr. Turner passed, now the mortgage is held with the Department of Justice. The Government sent Estate to sign off on the property being worth more than \$200,000. They did not sign that. Since Covid 19 has happened, the process is slowed. The US Attorney office will most likely handle the foreclosure, but it is tied up right now due to closure of the Fed. Government.

Ms. Brown is concerned about speeding on Washington Street. Concerned that there is no stop sign and cars speed down that road and no stop sign with the schools there and why is there no crossing guard. Ms. Brown states that there is no light at the entrance of Montgomery Court. Meador states that for the stop sign, it will go to the roads committee, Hoffman states that Washington Street is a county highway and the city has nothing to do with that. Meador states that he will check on the lighting.

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. Bogle makes a motion to accept the May 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Estep. West abstained, all other council members present vote aye, motion carried.

Estep makes a motion to accept June 1, 202 special meeting minutes, seconded by Wilkey. West abstained, all other 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 and clerk. Chief asked about house at 418 S Wood Street that needs to be looked at. Agee states it is a commercial building, not a house. Chief posted notice that it is a dangerous building. Hoffman has notified the fire department that there is no entry into that building.

Attorney Report

Attorney Jankowicz is present. Jankowicz asks how hard he should push to foreclose the property. Jankowicz states that he will do the letters or someone from the city could do that. Meador states that he will write letters to try and get it made a priority. Edwards states that she does not want to use the incorrect verbiage if does the letter.

Engineer's Report

Not present.

Administrator Report

Ted Agee, Administrator is present. Update on GSA and the application went through and letters sent to the five vendors so there will need to be a special meeting next week to finalize that leg of this.

Generator switch was fixed at the sewer plant.

Contact with person in regards of this building on Wood Street. Email stated that the building is not in good condition and needed attention.

Wilkey ask about the tents on Main Street, they will come down on Friday sometime and barricades will stay up then come down on Saturday early so that the traffic and go through for the fireworks.

Zoning/Public Works

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present.

Old Business

Employee compensation is tabled for now.

New Business

Edwards asks about the fall city sale dates on September 10, 11 & 12. Council gives consent.

Edwards asks about the day for the dumpsters, they will come out on June 29, 2020. Edwards will get a notice out that the dumpsters will be gone on June 29, 2020. Agee states that two are full and will get them out and then have only two dumpsters for the final week.

Edwards reminds Wilkey that he needs to turn in the Sexual Harassment form ASAP.

Committee reports

West asks about hiring of full-time employee, have four applicants currently. Part time employee is almost trained and doing well.

West states he spread 13 ton of mulch around the park. Will have play equipment, bathrooms and tennis and basketball courts power washed. Will spray solvent on play equipment to sterilize them.

4H and FFA will meet on Friday at 11 am to plant the trees at the park that they donated.

West asks Hoffman if got the lawnmower, Grasshopper here but Flex Wing is not here.

Fireworks this Saturday and will have WHOW play and hour of radio time to play during fireworks and will pay \$250 for one hour of play time. Agee will sign the contract.

Agee states that the prefab concrete bags pricing has come in. Will get with West about it. West would like to put permanent bags boards there.

Meador asks when will spray for mosquitos start. Agee states that it has been too dry but will check on Wednesday night and possible spray on Thursday night.

Wilkey asks about officers for Saturday night. All will work Saturday night. Hickey will be on Friday night.

Bills

Edwards presents the May bills to the council. Wilkey asks Agee to speak about the \$70,000 payment, Agee states that this is the final payment for the agreement with the land swap. Edwards states that it is tied to Ordinance 2019/04/22-3 if anyone needs a reference. Estep asks what Digital Ally is, Agee state equipment for the squad cars. Mayor Meador asks if everyone has looked at the bills. Wilkey makes a motion to pay the May 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 7:07 pm, seconded by West. All council members present vote aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.



Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk