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City of Marion – Regular Meeting

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Marion held in the Council Chambers at 5:30 P.M. The City Clerk was instructed to call the roll and the response was as follows:

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Community Program Director Allison Hasler.

Mayor Absher told the Council and audience nine total murals are being painted downtown so far. These do not include the murals painted by Josh Benson. The first two of the nine are completed. He presented certificates of appreciation and challenge coins to artists Chris Killman and Maddie Dieters for their work on these murals. The completed murals are located on the north side of the Tower Square Pizza building and on the south side of the Doug's Lock and Key building.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

NEW BUSINESS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Barwick explained the City is purchasing a portable building for Animal Control to use as an office. They do not currently have an office. Two bids were received. One of the bids was \$21,900. This is a budgeted item.

Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve Invoice #4389 to Cook Sales, Inc for \$13,934 for an addition to Marion Animal Control. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Police Chief to hire Colin J. Coriasco as a Dispatcher at the Probationary 2 rate of \$23.08 per hour, per the collective bargaining agreement. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

HUB RECREATION CENTER

Hub Recreation Center General Manager Chris Georgantas addressed the Council to explain recommended staffing changes at the Hub due to the resignation of Membership and Youth Coordinator Alexis Williams.

Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to accept the resignation of Alexis Williams as HUB Recreation Center Membership and Youth Coordinator, effective July 21, 2021; to approve the

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recommendation of the General Manager to promote Ashley Palmer, Membership Manager, to the full-time exempt position of Membership Coordinator at the base salary of \$40,000 per year; to approve the recommendation of the General Manager to promote Alana Nation, Youth Manager, to the part-time non-exempt position of Youth Coordinator, at the hourly wage of \$20.00, for a base salary of \$30,160 per year; to approve the recommendation of the General Manager to hire a part-time Membership Assistant, at the hourly wage of \$15.00, for a base salary of \$22,620 per year. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works Superintendent Brent Cain explained the Public Works Department, with help from Economic Development and Municipal Planning Director Glenn Clarida, has received a \$250,000 grant to help offset the cost of improvements to the Industrial Park Lift Station. The City advertised for bids for making the improvements to the Industrial Park Lift Station. Five bids were received. The low bid of \$301,150 was received from JM Jones, Inc. This was a little higher than the engineer's estimate of \$275,000.

Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to award the bid of \$301,150 to JM Jones, Inc. for the Industrial Park Lift Station. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING

Mayor Absher stated Resolution 2021-18 is the resolution that was discussed at the public hearing prior to tonight's meeting. It is a resolution of support for an application for a CDBG grant.

Mayor Absher made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-18 a Resolution of Support for a Community Development Block Grant. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Webb reported Street Department has been getting the streets ready for the asphalt overlay program which will be starting in the next ten days to two weeks. They continue to repair sidewalks and do general clean up around town. He reported the Cemetery Department had 16 burials and sold 11 lots during the month of June.

Commissioner Stoecklin read the Water Department report for the first two weeks in July. He thanked all the organizations and sponsors that helped with the Knights of Columbus Fourth of July festivities.

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Commissioner Barwick read the Police Department, Fire Department, Animal Control and Narcotics Unit reports for the month of June.

Commissioner Patton had nothing to report.

Mayor Absher had nothing to report.

Mayor Absher stated there was no need for executive session this evening.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

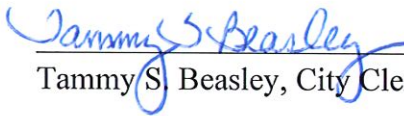
ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:59 P.M.



Michael W. Absher, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tammy S. Beasley, City Clerk