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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: COMMISSIONER PATTON ACTING AS MAYOR PRO-TEM AND COMMISSIONERS BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN.

ABSENT: MAYOR ABSHER

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Patton.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Commissioner Patton announced the Senior Citizens Center is holding a fundraiser for 3.14 Pi(e) Day. They are taking orders for rhubarb, strawberry rhubarb, or pecan pies for pickup on Friday, March 12 with proceeds benefitting the Senior Citizens Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donald Dean Gaddis, II, a resident of North Highland Street, addressed the Council. He voiced his concerns regarding trash that piles up along Route 13. He also expressed his concerns for Police Department information not being made public.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Stoecklin 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 ALL VOTED YEA. MAYOR ABSHER ABSENT.

NEW BUSINESS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING

Commissioner Patton explained the area being vacated by Ordinance 3713 was once platted as a potential street. Economic Development and Municipal Planning Director Glenn Clarida said Mr. Gribble wants to phase this out. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Ordinance 3713 vacating a roadway/right-of-way in Carriage Hills Subdivision. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Patton stated Ordinance 3714 is removing one parcel in front of the hospital from TIF I. Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to approve Ordinance 3714 amending TIF I removing one parcel. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Patton stated the land being sold to Matt and Melissa Short is located at the corner of Pentecost Road and Meadowland Parkway. Commissioner Barwick made a motion to

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approve Ordinance 3715 authorizing the sale of land to Matt and Melissa Short in the Butler Industrial Park. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

Mayor's Chief of Staff Cody Moake explained Ordinance 3716 is a TIF redevelopment agreement for the former Fred's building which now houses Stevens Floral Gifts and Framing. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Ordinance 3716 a Hub TIF redevelopment agreement with Marion Center Project, LLC. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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

Mayor's Chief of Staff Cody Moake stated the lots being purchased on Midway Court are landlocked. One lot is empty and the other has a house that will be demolished. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Ordinance 3717 authorizing the purchase of 1121 and 1123 Midway Court. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Barwick stated the Police Department's current radios are 3.5 watts and won't transmit in certain areas because they were not the right type of radios. This presents Officer safety issues. The radios being purchased from Novacom are 5 watts and should not present the same problems. Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve the purchase of 22 portable radios and mics from Novacom for a total of \$24,970 to be paid from the EMA budget. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works Superintendent Brent Cain addressed the Council regarding replacing a section of water line leaving the Water Plant. He explained the recent high service pump and six-inch water main loop project was completed under budget. This left excess funds from the low interest IEPA loan. Brent obtained two bids for material and received a change order from the contractor on the project. He recommends accepting the low bid from Midwest Meter for \$10,719 for material. Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to approve the bid from Midwest Meter for \$10,719 to replace a section of water line. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Barwick read the February Fire Department Report.

Commissioner Stoecklin read the Water Department Report since the last council meeting.

Commissioner Webb reported the Street Department has been working on sidewalks on Virginia and Boulevard Streets. They have been trimming trees and cleaning ditches. They have also torn down 15 dilapidated houses. The Cemetery Department has already sold 40 lots and has

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had 140 burials since the beginning of the year. They are working on straightening monuments before mowing season starts. They have a larger flagpole ordered and are working on getting caught up on their GIS work. Commissioner Webb reported there are 20,000 grave spaces in three cemeteries.

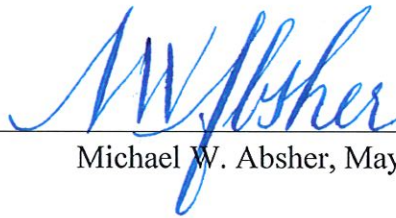
Commissioner Patton reported the Treasurer's Office is working on implementing some new ideas. They would like to see direct deposit of payroll become mandatory for all employees. He requested the other Commissioners talk with their Department Heads and Superintendents to get some feedback on this.

Commissioner Patton stated there was no need for executive session this evening.

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

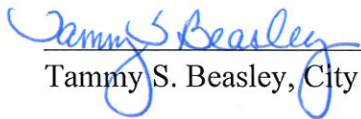
ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN ALL VOTED YEA. MAYOR ABSHER ABSENT.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:01 P.M.



Michael W. Absher, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tammy S. Beasley, City Clerk