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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 Ashley Olsen.

Mayor Absher stated he wanted to mention the passing of Wastewater Treatment Plant employee David Williams. He said several City employees had the honor of visiting David's family at the funeral home earlier today. David was an outstanding employee and outstanding family man. Everyone in the City will miss him and mourns along with his family. Mayor Absher explained there are some fundraisers planned to benefit the Williams family. On February 27th LaFiesta Mexican Restaurant is donating a portion of their sales to the Williams family and on March 3rd the Marion Elks is holding a spaghetti dinner from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Both fundraisers are to help with final/funeral expenses. He explained there is a link to the Marion Elks fundraisers at www.marionelks800.com.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Barwick noted a correction to the February 8, 2021 council meeting minutes. Agenda item 11 B, approving Ordinance 3707, did not include a second to the motion to approve. City Clerk Tammy Beasley explained that was inadvertently omitted and could be corrected on Tuesday before the minutes are signed by Mayor Absher. The original motion was seconded by Commissioner Barwick.

Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with the noted correction made to the minutes. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mayor Absher stated the South Market Street Water Main Improvements Project is to do with the expansion of water, and eventually sewer, south of town.

Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to award the bid to Scott Escue Construction, LLC for \$59,553.21 for the South Market Street Water Main Improvements Project. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Mayor Absher explained the hiring of an additional IT Technician is needed since the Technician II position has been vacated.

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Mayor Absher made a motion to hire Reilly Dickerson to fill the vacated Technician II position at \$16.50 per hour full-time, permanent position with benefits. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Barwick explained the Fire Department wants to sell the 1988 LTI 75' Ladder Truck to the Williamson County Fire Protection District because they no longer use it, but it still has value.

Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve ordinance 3711 authorizing the sale of a 1988 LTI 75' Ladder Truck to the Williamson County Fire Protection District. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Barwick stated the Fire Department wants to sell a 2004 Crimson 103' Ladder Truck contingent upon purchasing a new fire truck in the future.

Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve ordinance 3710 authorizing the sale of a 2004 Crimson 103' Ladder Truck to the City of Carterville. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Absher explained Ordinance 3712 is asking for a technical change to the current video gaming ordinance. He wants to split the video gaming permits into two categories, one for truck stops and the other for all other establishments having video gaming. This ordinance also increases the net licenses by four to accommodate one more establishment.

Mayor Absher made a motion to approve Ordinance 3712 amending Ordinance 3567 regarding the regulation of Video Gaming. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Stoecklin read the report for the Water and Sewer Departments for the last two weeks. He reported nine water main breaks, one service leak and one fire plug repair. He also reported the Water Department assisted the Street Department in hauling off snow. He read the Water Department report for January. For his trivia this time, he explained the cold weather is a big factor causing water main breaks. The colder the temperature and the length of time the temperature remains cold determines the depth of the frost line. When the frost line is deeper, there is more pressure and stress on water mains. He asked the council and audience how deep is the frost line in Southern Illinois south of Interstate 64? The average range is 20 to 30 inches. He

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also said the Water and Sewer Departments send their thoughts and prayers to David Williams' family.

Commissioner Barwick had nothing to report. He thanked the first responders who responded to the tragic accident at the Sewer Department.

Commissioner Webb applauded the Street and Cemetery Departments for their work plowing snow and clearing sidewalks and parking lots. He said there was a lot of overtime worked and he really appreciates their efforts.

Commissioner Patton had nothing to report but thanked the Street Department for the job they did during the recent snowstorm.

5:51 P.M.

Mayor Absher made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and a property matter pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6).

Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

6:59 P.M.

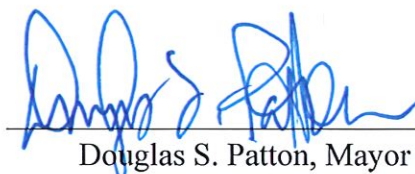
Commissioner Webb made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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

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

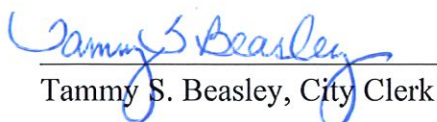
ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 P.M.



Douglas S. Patton, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:



Tammy S. Beasley, City Clerk