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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 6:30 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 Fire Chief Tim Barnett.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Webb made a motion to pass 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Tim Barnett read a letter he wrote to the Harrison Bruce Foundation thanking them for their donation to purchase air packs and protective equipment for the Fire Department. Chief Barnett also wanted to thank Tom Franks for letting the Fire Department use his personal equipment on a mutual aid call at the Lake of Egypt Saturday. Commissioner Patton made a motion to accept a donation from the Harrison Bruce Foundation and approve the purchase of replacement air packs and PPP equipment not to exceed the grant amount. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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

BUILDING AND CODE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion approve Ordinance 3628 affirming the Zoning Board's approval of a zoning change request at PIN #06-15-202-001 from R-A Rural Agriculture to C-2 Highway Commercial (Marion Heights – Doug Bradley). Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Ordinance 3629 affirming the Zoning Board's approval of a zoning change at PIN #07-07-300-021 from PUD Planned Unit Development to R-1 Single Family Residential (SI Properties – Enrico Castellano). 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 approve Ordinance 3630 affirming the Zoning Board's approval of a zoning change at PIN #06-14-450-005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 013, and

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014 from R-2 General Family Residential to C-1 General Commercial (Jerry Ross).  
Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Patton asked Mr. Graul about the types of trailers he was asking permission to place on the lot on East Main Street. Mr. Graul responded the trailers were late model with vinyl siding and would be placed on concrete foundations. He also said they would meet all standards set forth by the Building and Code Services Department. Commissioner Barwick made a motion to affirm the Zoning Board's approval of a Special Use Permit to place four (4) single-wide trailers at 1400 East Main Street PIN #07-18-476-005 (Kenny Graul). Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

#### STREET DEPARTMENT

Street Department Superintendent Doug Phillips addressed the Council regarding Ordinance 3627. He stated the ordinance will be included with building permit packets along with other ordinances so that builders have all the information in advance. Mayor Absher stated his hope to streamline the permit processes. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Ordinance 3627, Amending Ordinance 2283 regarding Surface Water Drainage for the City of Marion. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

#### CEMETERY

Commissioner Webb announced one bid was received from Asphalt Maintenance for resealing all asphalt paved streets in Maplewood and Oddfellows Cemeteries. This is a budgeted item and the invitation to bid was advertised. Commissioner Webb stated the bid is comparable to the bid received last year to reseal the streets in Rose Hill Cemetery. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the low bid of \$14,995 from Asphalt Maintenance for resealing all asphalt paved streets in Maplewood and Oddfellows Cemeteries; a budgeted item. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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

#### LIBRARY

Mayor Absher explained Library Director David Patton has decided to retire at the end of the month. The Library Board will interview two candidates, one internal and one external. They will make their recommendation to Mayor Absher. During the interim, library employees Sarah Watkins and Katie Stotlar will receive a 20% stipend for taking on management duties. Mayor Absher made a motion to approve the Library Board's recommended personnel changes

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including the retirement of David Patton as Library Director effective June 30, 2020, interim appointment of Sarah Watkins and Katie Stotlar as joint directors with a 20% pay increase expiring when the permanent director is hired. 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

The City advertised parts of lots 24,25 and 26 in Block 2, Morgan Place Addition containing 0.4364 acres (PIN #06-14-229-001) for sale. One bid was received. This is property the City has owned for approximately three years. The City purchased the property for right-of-way for the roundabout at North Carbon and The Hill Avenue. The home that was on the property was torn down. Commissioner Patton opened the sealed bid. The bidder, Elisabeth Jo Abbott bid \$40,216.59 for the property. The property appraised for \$95,000. Mayor Absher, the Commissioners and Glenn Clarida had a lengthy discussion to consider all options regarding keeping the property or selling it. Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve the bid of \$40,216.59 from Elisabeth Jo Abbott for the following property advertised for sale: parts of lots 24,25 and 26 in Block2, Morgan Place Addition containing 0.4364 acres or 19,310 square feet, PIN #06-14-229-001.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA. COMMISSIONER BARWICK VOTED NO.

Ordinance 3626 is to add territory to the current Enterprise Zone. This property includes the mall and parking lots. Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to approve Ordinance 3626 adding territory to the Williamson County Enterprise Zone. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

City Attorney Wendy Cunningham explained there was a typographical error on the agenda for item 10 C. The item should have stated "Discuss/Approve the purchase of four properties from Lutheran Social Services for \$14,000 total." There was also a change that needed to be made to the agreement clarifying which entity would be paying property taxes. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the purchase of four properties from Lutheran Social Services for \$14,000 total with the stated changes to the agreement. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Patton made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-47 in support of the application for a Community Development Block Grant on behalf of AAA Accounting in the amount of \$25,000. Mayor Absher seconded the motion.

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

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Mayor Absher made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-48 in support of the application for a Community Development Block Grant on behalf of the Log Cabin in the amount of \$25,000. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Webb made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-49 in support of the application for a Community Development Block Grant on behalf of the Just One More in the amount of \$25,000. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-50 an inducement resolution with Marion Center Project, LLC and RCSZ Properties, LLC. Commissioner Webb 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 adopt Resolution 2020-51 an inducement resolution with Marion Center Project, LLC and RCSZ Properties, LLC. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

## COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Barwick read the Marion Police Department Detective Unit Report for May.

Commissioner Stoecklin read the Water Department report for May. He also announced the Knights of Columbus will be having their 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> this year. Danny and the Dreamers will be playing on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Murphy 500 will be playing on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Fireworks will be at dusk on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Patton reported the preliminary March sales tax figures were received this month. The home rule sales tax was down by approximately 13 percent and the sales tax was down by approximately 15 percent. He anticipates the April figures will be much worse.

Commissioner Webb reported the Street Department continues working on sidewalks, cleaning ditches and creeks and trimming limbs around streets and alleys. They also pressure washed the sidewalks on the square prior to the Marion United event honoring the 2020 Marion High School graduates. He reminded the public that paving has started and to please be patient with the paving crews. Commissioner Webb also reported the Cemetery looks good and the rescaling of roads in Maplewood and Oddfellows Cemeteries will begin soon.

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# MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor's Chief of Staff Cody Moake reported the Hub Recreation Center will be reopening. They will be sending out a press release with the schedule and details.

Mayor Absher reported the Civic Center is open in a limited capacity and is trying to keep things relevant. The Pavilion will be reopening July 1<sup>st</sup> with limited capacity. The Boyton Street Center is trying to come up with a plan to reopen. The Senior Citizens Center continues to provide meals through carryout are being cautious about reopening for inside dining.

Cody wanted to thank Rides Mass Transit District, Pit Stop Portable Restrooms and the many volunteers who helped with the Marion United event on Saturday.

Mayor Absher announced there would be executive session this evening to discuss litigation, property and contracts.

7:24 P.M.

Mayor Absher made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation, property and a contract matter. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

8:49 P.M.

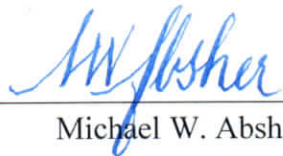
Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Webb 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.

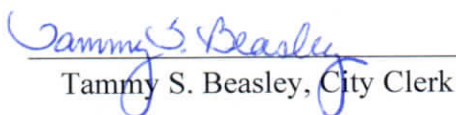
Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 P.M.



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Michael W. Absher, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Tammy S. Beasley, City Clerk