

June 13, 2022

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 AND WEBB
AND MAYOR ABSHER.

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER STOECKLIN

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Absher.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments this evening.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING

Mayor Absher told the Council and audience the plat to be accepted is for Stonecliffe Subdivision, an area northeast of the VA Hospital. Commissioner Patton had a question about the subdivision in relation to the connection to Fourth Street. Project Engineer Ryan Farley answered his question.

Mayor Absher made a motion to approve Ordinance 3813 accepting the plat and street and land improvements for Stonecliffe Subdivision. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Absher told the Commissioners they have background information on the purchase of 907 West White Street in their packets. Commissioner Patton asked if the City would also incur demolition costs in addition to the cost to purchase the property. Mayor Absher said the City would incur demolition costs.

Mayor Absher made a motion to approve the purchase of 907 West White Street. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Absher made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-16 a TIF Inducement Resolution with Energy Land Holdings, LLC. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Absher made a motion to approve Ordinance 3814 a Route 13 TIF Redevelopment Agreement with Olive Garden Holdings, LLC. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Merit Board to hire Ben Schultz to the role of Firefighter per the Collective Bargaining Agreement and proposed Memorandum of Understanding. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Barwick told the Council Chief Barnett could not attend the meeting tonight because he is out of town. He will be at the next council meeting to introduce new Firefighter Ben Shultz to the Council. Commissioner Patton asked a question about the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the classification of Probationary Firefighter 2. Commissioner Patton had a question regarding the Memorandum of Understanding. Commissioner Barwick explained Memorandum is similar to the lateral transfer process at the Police Department. If the new hire has at least two years experience and is certified, they will hire in at a payrate that is the midpoint between starting firefighter pay and experienced firefighter pay.

Commissioner Barwick explained Ordinance 3812 is some housekeeping that needs to be done. The City had planned to sell two older fire trucks; one to Williamson County Fire Protection District and one to Carterville after the new fire truck was finished. The Harrison-Bruce Foundation fully funded the purchase of the new fire truck. One of the conditions of the grant to fund the purchase was that the City use the old trucks to help other fire departments. The Fire Department donated those trucks instead of selling them. Since the trucks were donated, the ordinances approving those sales agreements needed to be repealed.

Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve Ordinance 3812 repealing Ordinances 3710 and 3711 concerning Sales Agreements for the Sale of Ladder Trucks based on being donated instead pursuant to funding from the Harrison-Bruce Foundation. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve the purchase of 30 new tasers and related equipment from Axon Enterprises for \$117,756, paid over 60 months, a budgeted item. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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Police Chief David Fitts told the Council one half of the tasers in use at the police department have reached their life expectancy and cartridges are no longer available for them. The new tasers will be purchased interest-free over 60 months. This will save the City over \$42,000 over the five-year period. He explained the life expectancy of the new tasers is 12 to 15 years.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Patton had nothing to report.

Commissioner Barwick read the Fire Department, Police Department and Narcotics Unit reports for May. He reported in May there were 2,164 dispatched calls; 2,000 911 calls and 299 ambulance calls.

Commissioner Webb reported the Street Department has been working on the Boyton Street sidewalk project. They have also replaced a drainage tile on Folgers Street to help with the lake there. They continue to work on clean up around town and they have been paint striping the streets. He announced the bids will be opened soon for the asphalt program. He also reported the Cemetery Department had 10 burials in May. He gave a shout out to the Cemetery crews for their preparation for Memorial Day.

Commissioner Webb read the Water Department Report in Commissioner Stoecklin's absence. He reminded citizens to drive slowly around the Square while the work is being completed in the center of the Square. He reminded citizens they can view the work live from the City's website. He reported the Marion Chamber of Commerce banquet is coming up and the silent auction has already started online. He also reminded everyone the City will be closed Monday, June 20 in observance of Juneteenth.

MISCELLANEOUS

There were no miscellaneous items to come before Council this evening.

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

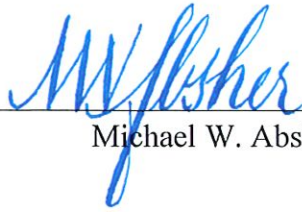
Mayor Absher announced there was no need for executive session this evening.

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

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

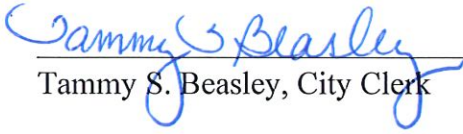
Meeting Adjourned at 5:48 P.M.

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Michael W. Absher, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tammy S. Beasley, City Clerk