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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.

Mayor Absher told the Council and audience he wanted to call everyone's attention to a tragic incident that happened a couple weeks ago. A young man passed away due to a bicycle vehicle accident. He wants everyone's prayers and thoughts to be with the young man's family who is going through a lot right now. He said many others are going through a lot as well, including teachers, students, friends, and the driver of the vehicle. Mayor Absher asked for a moment of silence to keep all involved in thoughts and prayers as they move forward with their lives.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Absher.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments this evening.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

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

Commissioner Webb 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 made a motion to approve the recommendation of Chief Fitts to hire Tyler Dwyer as a school security officer at the agreed upon pay rate between Marion Unit 2 schools and the City of Marion. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

Police Chief David Fitts introduced Tyler Dwyer. He told the Council Mr. Dwyer previously worked at the Williamson County Sheriff's Department. Chief Fitts said he will be working at Marion Junior High School. He welcomed Tyler to the Police Department.

##### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING

Mayor Absher told the Council the MK Hotel, Inc. project has been on the back burner for a few years now. Resolution 2022-19 is in case TIF benefits become available. The owner's financing is secure again and he wants to start the project by the end of the year.

Mayor Absher made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-19 an inducement resolution with MK Hotel, Inc. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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#### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Absher said the City has been looking for someone to clean the limestone on the new City Hall building. McPherson Enterprises was the cheapest of the two bids received. They cleaned a test spot on the building, and it came out very well. Mayor's Chief of Staff Cody Moake told the Council the cleaning will be done this fall. It will have to be coordinated with the contractors and installation of the new signage.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve a quote by McPherson Enterprises for \$8,200 to soft wash the limestone exterior on the new City Hall building. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Absher told the Council the new fountains and retaining walls around the pump house and clock tower were originally supposed to be colored, speckled concrete. It was determined the fountains needed mosaic tile for a more permanent solution and will be more substantial than the concrete. He told the Commissioners the quote in the packet is not net of the deletion of the concrete. The deletion of the concrete will save approximately \$12,000. The cost of the tile will remain within the budgeted amount for the project.

Mayor Absher made a motion to approve a change order to the Square project adding mosaic tile to the fountain surfaces. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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

#### COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Webb reported Samron is the contractor this year for the asphalt overlay program. They will be starting the paving this week. They will try to always keep all streets with one lane open during the paving. He asked everyone to be courteous to the contractors and avoid areas where they are paving if possible. He said the Street Department is trying to finish the work on Wagon Creek Road near the City Lake property so the jurisdictional transfer can be made to Johnson County. He reported the Street Department is also working on drainage projects on Cherry Street, Vinewood Lane, and Scottsboro Road. There is nothing to report for the Cemetery Department as everything is in good shape there.

Commissioner Stoecklin read the Water Department report since last meeting. Since it is the second meeting of the month, Commissioner Stoecklin reported he has diverse trivia questions this evening. The first question is it illegal to eat fried chicken with a fork in Georgia? The answer is yes. The second question is are there parts of the United States where it is illegal to pump your own gas? The answer is yes, in New Jersey and Oregon. He reported the DuQuoin

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State Fair starts this week and Cheap Trick will be at the Pavilion on September 14<sup>th</sup>. He said the Kre8tive Fine Arts Academy will be performing Beauty and the Beast at the Civic Center September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, A1C will be playing a benefit concert for CASA of Williamson County at the Lake of Egypt.

Mayor Absher reported Club 60 collected boxes of school supplies and donated them to local students. They will hold their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual glove, scarf and hat drive beginning in October. Farmer's Market vouchers are available at Club 60 for use at the Farmer's Market every Wednesday and Saturday morning. On Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, they will hold their first senior self-defense class. On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Secretary of State's office will be teaching a rules of the road course. There are many other fun activities and classes being held.

Commissioner Barwick had no report.

Commissioner Patton told the Council the Treasurer's Office hired an Accounts Payable Specialist. She will start one week from today.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

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

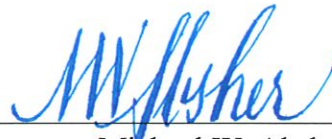
#### CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Absher said there was no need for Executive Session this evening.

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 5:46 P.M.

  
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Michael W. Absher, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Tammy S. Beasley, City Clerk