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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 Assistant Fire Chief Bill Heyde.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments this evening.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Absher asked Fire Chief Tim Barnett to explain Consent Agenda Item 4 A 1. Chief Barnett told the Council the invoice to Fire Apparatus & Supply is for repairs to the ladder truck the City is donating to Carterville Fire Department. He said two main drive pulleys on the ladder went out and had to be fixed. Carterville Fire Chief Ron Rains has reimbursed the City for the repairs. This truck will be donated when the new ladder truck is finished. Chief Barnett said there is no definitive completion date for the new ladder truck since they are having trouble getting parts needed to complete it.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Barwick called Assistant Fire Chief Bill Heyde to the podium. Chief Barnett thanked Heyde for his 31 years of service to the Fire Department. Chief Barnett told the Council and audience Chief Heyde always had a better idea or a way to help improve the plan ahead. He said Heyde always had the department on his mind, and he lived and breathed his work. He said Assistant Chief Heyde was always concerned for the safety of his employees and the citizens of Marion. Assistant Chief Heyde served the department full-time from 1991 to 2022 and worked part-time prior to that. He has responded to over 6,300 emergency calls during his career. He traveled to New York to volunteer after 9/11. Commissioner Barwick presented Assistant Chief Heyde with a plaque recognizing his service to the department. Commissioner Barwick thanked him for his 31 years of service to the City.

Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Police & Fire Merit Board to make the following promotions following the retirement of Assistant Chief William "Bill" Heyde:

Jesse Burford to Assistant Chief
Chad Schmid to Captain
Anthony Stotlar to Lieutenant

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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 approve the recommendation of the Police & Fire Merit Board to hire Peyton Barnett to fill the vacancy created by Assistant Chief William "Bill" Heyde's retirement, employment terms per the collective bargaining agreement. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

STREET DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Webb told the Council Street Department Superintendent Doug Phillips was contacted about placing stop signs at the intersection of North Logan and Illinois Streets. Commissioner Webb said customers from the Casey's on East DeYoung leave the store and drive North on Logan Street due to traffic on DeYoung. They are driving too fast through that area. Mayor Absher said he had received an email from a resident of that area in support of the stop signs. The email indicated many neighbors were also in support of it.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Ordinance 3834 authorizing a four-way stop at the intersection of North Logan and Illinois Streets. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mayor Absher told the Council the developer of the Rolling Acres Apartments will reimburse the City for the cost of the meters the City is purchasing from Utility Pipe Sales Co.

Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to approve Utility Pipe Sales Co. quote for \$12,992.00 for meters for Rolling Acres Apartments, a budgeted item. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING

Mayor Absher explained Resolution 2022-21 is an inducement agreement with the developers of the subdivision south of Pilot Truck Stop. The subdivision was accepted at the previous council meeting.

Mayor Absher made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-21, an inducement agreement with A Better Egg, LLC. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Absher made a motion to approve the purchase of 1154 Midway Court and 407 N. Walker. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

City Attorney Wendy Cunningham told the Council the Open Meetings Act requires closed session minutes be reviewed every six months to determine if there is still a need for confidentiality or whether the minutes can be opened. The vote is supposed to take place in open session. Wendy reviewed the closed session minutes and made her recommendations as to whether the need for confidentiality still exists based on the topics that were discussed. She told the Council they could table this item to take additional time to review these minutes, if needed.

Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to accept Wendy's recommendation to open or close the minutes per the schedule of Closed Session Minutes per 5 ILCS 120/2.06. 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 told the Council it is time to renew the legal research software she uses. She explained only two companies offer this type of software, LexisNexis, and Westlaw. Wendy currently uses LexisNexis. She explained for an additional \$12 per month, she can add quite a bit to her current service. With the expanded service, she will be able to broaden her search term capabilities, utilize search term capabilities and access legal brief analysis. Wendy said it is a lot of added benefit for \$12 per month.

Mayor Absher made a motion to approve the renewal and upgrade to Lexis+ software for legal research for the City Attorney's office. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Patton reported the Treasurer's office is still working on purchasing new software. They are planning a trial run with the Abilla upgrade before making their final decision.

Commissioner Barwick had no report.

Commissioner Stoecklin read the Water Department report since last council meeting. He mentioned several meetings ago, the Council discussed the opportunity to go solar at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He reported this project is moving quickly and should be completed in late fall or early spring next year. Since it was trivia night, he also asked two trivia questions.

Commissioner Webb reported the asphalt program is finished. He said he appreciated the Street Department crews who supported the contractor paving the streets. He said they continue to work on sidewalks on Otis and Washington Streets. They have also been cleaning culverts in town. He had no report for the Cemetery Department.

MISCELLANEOUS

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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 Barwick seconded the motion.

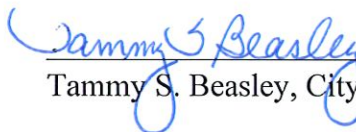
ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 P.M.



Michael W. Absher, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tammy S. Beasley, City Clerk