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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 BARWICK, WEBB AND
STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER.
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER PATTON

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Absher.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments this evening. Due to illness, the recognition of the Boys & Girls Clubs' Junior Youth of the Year was postponed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING

Mayor Absher said agenda items 5.A. and 5.B. are Residential TIF I agreements. Mayor's Chief of Staff Cody Moake said these are standard agreements.

Mayor Absher made a motion to approve Ordinance 3865 a Residential TIF I Redevelopment Agreement with Aadam Franks and Adrienne Franks for 608 South Calumet Street.
Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Absher made a motion to approve Ordinance 3866 a Residential TIF I Redevelopment Agreement with Aadam Franks and Adrienne Franks for 1301 South Holland Street.
Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Absher explained the city received a petition to vacate right-of-way from a developer. The area to be vacated is in the middle of the developer's property and he does not need it as platted.

Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to approve a petition to vacate right-of-way in Stonecliffe Subdivision and Ordinance 3868 vacating right-of-way. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

STREET DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Webb told the Council the Street Department has budgeted to replace a mowing tractor. The unit being replaced has over 6,000 hours on it and will be traded in on the new tractor. He recommended the city accept the low bid of \$23,000 from Little Tractor & Equipment Company. He said the \$23,000 is net of the trade-in allowance.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the low bid from Little Tractor & Equipment to purchase a new mowing tractor for \$23,000 with a trade-in, a budgeted item. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mayor Absher said typically the city has five-year rate negotiations with our water supplier, Rend Lake. Due to inflationary pressure, Rend Lake approached the city proposing an amendment to the water supply contract to negotiate a rate for one year with the goal of getting back to a five year schedule a year from now. He explained the amendment would sunset next year but could last up to three years if inflation has not settled down.

Mayor Absher made a motion to approve an amendment to the Water Supply Contract with Rend Lake Conservancy District. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Absher asked Brian Ziegler to talk about the city borrowing funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program. Brian explained this project started in 2019 and has to do with inflow infiltration into the sewer system. He said the EPA is really pushing municipalities to control this. Brian told the Council the city elected to go to IEPA for financing and the updated project cost estimate of \$4.5 million is in the packet. He said if everything gets submitted quickly, the intent is to advertise for bids by mid-March. He said there will be approximately 30 percent debt forgiveness. Brian explained an older section of town was chosen and there was a contract with a crew that came in to televise sewer lines. This information was helpful in determining which sewer lines needed replacing and which lines needed relining. That information was then used for the final design and bid documents. Brian said Brent Cain has been working closely with Treasurer Hale on the financial aspects of this loan. Mayor Absher indicated it should already be built into the debt service.

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Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to approve Ordinance 3867 authorizing the City to borrow funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Webb reported the Street Department has been working on sidewalks and drainage on Clark Street. They have been running the leaf vac all around town. They recently removed the ice rink from Tower Square and put it into storage and demolished three more houses in the Midway Court area. He announced Spring Clean Up starts April 17. He reported everything is good at the Cemetery Department.

Commissioner Stoecklin read the Water Department report since the last council meeting. He announced tonight is trivia night. He asked how many miles of water pipeline are in the United States and Canada. There are approximately one million miles of water pipeline in the U S and Canada. He also asked which river is the longest in North America. The Missouri River is the longest river. It is one mile longer than the Mississippi River. He reminded everyone daylight savings time starts March 12.

Commissioner Barwick reported the Fire Department is still waiting on the new fire truck to be delivered. There was a problem with some lighting that had to be fixed.

Mayor Absher had nothing to report.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

5:45 PM

Commissioner Webb made a motion to go into executive session to discuss property matters (5ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)). Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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

6:54 P.M.

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

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

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

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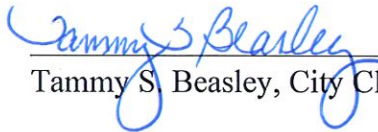
ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB AND
STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 P.M.



Douglas S. Patton, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:



Tammy S. Beasley, City Clerk