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City of Marion – Regular Meeting

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Marion held in the Council Chambers at 5:30 P.M. Mayor Absher called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The City Clerk called the roll, and the response was as follows:

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, WEBB, AND STOECKLIN AND MAYOR ABSHER.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Absher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doris DuFour Throgmorton Miller addressed the Council to honor the memory of Lory L. Price. She requested that Carbon Street north of DeYoung Street and the roundabout be renamed in honor of Mr. Price because he owned property and lived in that area near the where southwest corner of the roundabout is located. Chief of Staff Cody Moake pulled up the Williamson County GIS map on the monitor so the audience could see the location. Mayor Absher explained that renaming streets is problematic especially when there are established businesses located there. He thought placing a historical marker in that area would be more appropriate.

A member of the audience asked the Council whether a person panhandling on the sidewalk near the Junior High School presented a security issue. Police Chief David Fitts responded that the man was within his legal right to panhandle if he was on the sidewalk. Chief of Staff Cody Moake and City Attorney Wendy Cunningham told the audience members that laws prohibiting panhandling are unconstitutional. A question was raised about a person panhandling from a median at an intersection. Chief Fitts responded that the same rules apply as long as the person is not on the road or disrupting traffic flow.

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

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Rebuild UV Disinfection Bank at a Cost of \$56,692.14

Public Works Superintendent Brent Cain told the Council this is not a budgeted item. He explained that the disinfection equipment has malfunctioned and has had mechanical failures. The equipment has been in service since 2012 and most of it is obsolete now. People from Trojan Technologies came in to assess the problem. The equipment will be taken out of service October 31st for repairs to be made this winter and will be placed back in service prior to May 1st. The entire bank is being updated, and the Sewer Department employees will reassemble the equipment. There is money available in the capital improvement fund or in the debt service fund for the repairs. The Sewer Department will budget to update the other bank next winter.

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Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to approve the rebuild of one of the UV disinfection banks at a cost of \$56,692.14. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Purchase 2025 Ford Explorer Interceptor from Jim Hayes for \$45,273

Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford Explorer Interceptor from Jim Hayes in the amount of \$45,273. This is a replacement vehicle for one that was totaled. The city received a check from the insurance company for approximately \$42,000. The city will pay the difference. Insurance will cover the cost of moving equipment from the wrecked squad car to the new one. Chief Fitts explained the equipment inside the vehicle was not damaged and can be used in the new car. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING

Resolution 2025-14 Approving a Financial Commitment to Support a Safe Routes to Schools Application

Mayor Absher said the city is applying for a grant to place sidewalks near Washington School. Chief of Staff Moake explained that students were observed entering and leaving school each day, were counted, and how they were traveling was noted. This information was compiled for the grant application. This is the only grant that is sidewalk specific. The engineering estimate for this project is approximately \$250,000 with the city's portion being approximately \$50,000. Two years ago, the city applied for a grant to place sidewalks from Route 13 down Fair Street to Lincoln School and that project is in the final engineering phase.

Mayor Absher made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-14 approving a financial commitment from the city to support a Safe Routes to Schools Application. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance 4061 a Residential TIF II Redevelopment Agreement with Dennis McGuire (1713 West Dewey)

Mayor Absher made a motion to approve Ordinance 4061 a Residential TIF II Redevelopment Agreement with Dennis McGuire for 1713 West Dewey. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

Chief of Staff Moake said this TIF II Redevelopment Agreement is to remodel an existing home.

Hearing no discussion, Mayor Absher called for the vote.

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

Ordinance 4062 a Residential TIF I Redevelopment Agreement with Aadam and Adrienne Franks (302 South Liberty)

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Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve Ordinance 4062 a Residential TIF I Redevelopment Agreement with Aadam and Adrienne Franks for 302 South Liberty. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

Chief of Staff Moake said this TIF I Redevelopment Agreement is to build a new home, so eligible costs are limited.

Hearing no discussion, Mayor Absher called for the vote.

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

Ordinance 4063 a Hub TIF Redevelopment Agreement with The Art House, LLC (111 North Madison)

Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve Ordinance 4063 a Hub TIF Redevelopment Agreement with The Art House, LLC (111 North Madison). Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

Chief of Staff Moake said this Hub TIF Redevelopment Agreement is for a commercial building north of Pookie's. The owners are completely gutting and renovating the building for an art gallery.

Hearing no discussion, Mayor Absher called for the vote.

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

Ordinance 4064 a Residential TIF II Redevelopment Agreement with Ruth E. Malone Trust (1100 South Duncan)

Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to approve Ordinance 4064 a Residential TIF II Redevelopment Agreement with Ruth E. Malone Trust for 1100 South Duncan. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

Chief of Staff Moake told the Council this TIF II Redevelopment Agreement is for a light remodel.

Hearing no discussion, Mayor Absher called for the vote.

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

FY26 TIF Grant Applications Received Through September 19, 2025

Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve FY26 TIF grant applications received through September 19, 2025. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Collective Bargaining Agreement with Clerical Employees Represented by Laborers Local 773

Mayor Absher made a motion to approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Clerical employees represented by Laborers Local 773 through April 2029. Commissioner Stoecklin seconded the motion.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Webb – Streets & Public Improvements

Commissioner Webb reported that the Street Department has been replacing the cul-de-sac and gutters on Mark Twain Avenue and placing new sidewalks and crosswalks on Cash Street and Morgan Avenue. They have been trimming limbs and brush along rights-of-way, working on various signs, running the street sweeper, and striping on the streets. He reported all is good at the Cemetery. He read a tribute to Harry Boyd who recently passed away. Mr. Boyd and his wife Dorothy spent countless hours photographing headstones and uncovering buried headstones at the city's cemeteries. Over the last ten years Mr. and Mrs. Boyd have uploaded over 3,007 memorials and 7,272 photos to the city's cemetery website.

Commissioner Stoecklin – Public Property

Commissioner Stoecklin read the Water Department report since the last council meeting. He reported the annual electronics recycling event will be October 4th from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Training Center. He reminded everyone that the senior fair at the Hub will be tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. until 11 a.m. He also asked two trivia questions.

Commissioner Barwick – Public Health & Safety

Commissioner Barwick had no report.

Commissioner Patton

Commissioner Patton had no report for the Treasurer's Office. He reported that his brother visited over the weekend and was amazed at the changes that have occurred around the square area.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Stoecklin stated that he thinks some of the crosswalks on the square are lit up enough. He expressed concern that the crosswalk on the west side of the square is dark and if a pedestrian is wearing dark clothing they would be hard to see. He said that pedestrians do not always press the button so the crosswalk lights flash. Commissioner Patton stated that some of the pavement lights are not working near north Market Street. Mayor Absher told them he would check that out.

Commissioner Barwick shared that he has received numerous positive comments about the roundabout at Route 37 and Wildcat Road since it is finished.

Mayor Absher stated that for all the grief and complaints people have about roundabouts, they work as designed, to slow traffic with more traffic movement and fewer rear end collisions.

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

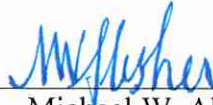
Mayor Absher stated he did not have a need for executive session this evening and asked if any of the Commissioners had a need for executive session. Hearing no need for executive session he entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to adjourn the Regular 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 6:25 P.M.



Michael W. Absher, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tammy Beasley Wright, City Clerk