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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

Carmen Allen-Adeoye announced that Connect 360 is having their Hands and Toes giveaway this from 9:00 am to noon this Saturday at the Boyton Street Community Center. They are still accepting donations this week at the Community Center during business hours.

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Bid of \$28,640 from Comfort Zone for Spray Insulation at the New Sewer Department Shop

Todd Marks from the Sewer Department told the Council the Sewer Department has been creating a new shop. The electrical work is complete, and the new garage doors have been installed. The spray foam insulation for the walls and ceiling is the last phase of work. He told them the R value of the insulation is the same on both bids.

Commissioner Stoecklin made a motion to approve the low bid of \$28,640 from Comfort Zone for spray insulation at the new Sewer Department shop. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Ordinance 4084 Providing for the Levy of Taxes for FY2025-2026

Mayor Absher reminded everyone that at the last meeting, he had announced the intention to act on the tax levy. The act of levying taxes by the city is a technicality since the city must levy something due to having TIF districts. Since tax year payable 2020, the city has levied \$100 across all properties which amounts to pennies for some property owners.

Mayor Absher made a motion to approve Ordinance 4084 Providing for the Levy of Taxes for FY2025-2026 in the amount of \$100. 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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COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Patton

Commissioner Patton had no report.

Commissioner Barwick – Public Health & Safety

Commissioner Barwick read the November Police Department report. He reported 1,676 dispatched calls; 1,752 emergency calls; 3,709 non-emergency calls; and 232 ambulance calls.

Commissioner Stoecklin – Public Property

Commissioner Stoecklin read the Water Department report since the last council meeting. He reported that the Water Department has been working with the Street and Wastewater Departments on JULIE laws that will take effect January 1st. He thanked all departments who helped with the Very Merry Christmas Parade and Very Merry Market.

Commissioner Webb – Streets & Public Improvements

Commissioner Webb reported that the Street Department has been working on the fall cleanup. They installed the ice-skating rink and Christmas decorations downtown and helped set up the Very Merry Market. They have been patching roads, sweeping leaves, and running the vac truck. He told the Council that Street Department Superintendent Doug Phillips has been working with the railroad to the crossing on East Main Street between KB BBQ and the old Fabick building repaired. He reported that the Cemetery Department had eight burials in November.

Mayor Absher – Public Affairs

Mayor Absher stated that so many individuals were involved in the setup for the Very Merry Market and it is impossible to thank everyone. He said that Rachel Stroud, who is the Communications Director, was here Friday and could barely talk. She put in an extra thirty to forty hours preparing for the market and did not sound well. There were many people who put in lots of hours to make the market a success, and he really appreciates all their efforts. He said that it is aggravating to some because parking is closed, but the businesses that stayed open seemed to benefit from all the visitors. He said the Street Department has been outstanding throughout this process. There is a lot of effort put into the setup for the event and the cleanup after the event. He said he appreciates every person that had something to do with the event and is very proud of the effort.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:14 P.M.

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Michael W. Absher, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tammy Beasley Wright, City Clerk