

January 12, 2026

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, AND WEBB AND MAYOR ABSHER.

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER STOECKLIN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Absher led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was a member of the public with complaints against the Police Department.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Recognition of Life-Saving Actions

Fire Chief Tim Barnett told the Council Captain Chad Schmid, and Firefighters Aaron Pritchett, Ben Schultz, Josh Hayes, and Hunter Hodge recently responded to a structure fire with a report of entrapment in the 1100 block of East Boyton Street. He congratulated them on a job well done. He told the Council Captain Schmid and Firefighters Pritchett and Schultz have been nominated for the State of Illinois Medal of Honor. He reported that members of the Herrin Fire Department, personnel from United Medical Response and Marion Police officers were also on scene. He explained that Marion and Herrin Fire Departments provide automatic aid when responding to fires.

Mayor Absher briefly paused the meeting for photos and then resumed the meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ordinance 4085 Directing the Sale of Surplus Property, a 2018 Ford Explorer to the Village of Equality

Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve Ordinance 4085 directing the sale of surplus property, a 2018 Ford Explorer to the Village of Equality. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Hire Adrienne Lampley for the Open Records Clerk Position

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Commissioner Barwick made a motion to approve the recommendation of Chief Fitts to hire Adrienne Lampley for the open records clerk position with a start date of January 14, 2026. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

Assistant Police Chief Jody Wright introduced Ms. Lampley. He told the Council she comes from the Williamson County State's Attorney's office where she was a legal secretary. He told them she is already familiar with the programs that are used in the Police Department and body cameras and will be able to hit the ground running. Ms. Lampley introduced herself to the Council and told them she has worked in the State's Attorney's office for two years. She said she is very excited about working with the Police Department.

Mayor Absher called for the vote.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING
FY26 TIF Grant Applications Received through January 9, 2026

Mayor Absher made a motion to approve FY26 TIF Grant Applications received through January 9, 2026. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

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

Resolution 2026-01 a Vacant Property Grant for 307 North Otis Street

Mayor Absher made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-01, a Vacant Property Grant for 307 North Otis Street. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

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

Resolution 2026-02 a Vacant Property Grant for 406 East Jefferson Street

Mayor Absher made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-02, a Vacant Property Grant for 406 East Jefferson Street. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance 4091 a Residential TIF I Redevelopment Agreement with Enrico Castellano (109 Champ Street)

Mayor Absher made a motion to approve Ordinance 4091, a Residential TIF I Redevelopment Agreement with Enrico Castellano for 109 Champ Street. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion.

Chief of Staff Cody Moake told the Council that the TIF I Redevelopment Agreement is for a duplex that is a new construction.

Hearing no further discussion Mayor Absher called for the vote.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Stoecklin – Public Property

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Due to Commissioner Stoecklin's absence, Commissioner Patton read the Water Department report since the last council meeting and stated there will be an annual report at the next council meeting.

Commissioner Barwick – Public Health & Safety

Commissioner Barwick read the December Fire Department report and reported eighty-one total incidents. He read the 2025 annual Police Department Report. He reported 22,969 dispatched calls; 20,756 emergency calls; 47,300 non-emergency calls; and 2,154 ambulance calls.

Commissioner Patton

Commissioner Patton reported the Treasurer's office has facilitated funding for the new HSAs for approximately fifty employees. The second half of the funding will be in July. They are in the initial stages of preparing the W-2's and 1099's.

Commissioner Webb – Streets & Public Improvements

Commissioner Webb reported that the Street Department has been running the leaf vac and cleaning out ditches ahead of spring rain. They continue to patch potholes and have installed two bus stops near Aisin. The Cemetery Department had nine burials in December.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

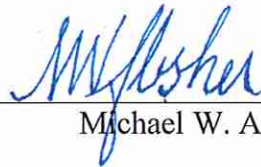
CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

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. No one had a need for executive session.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Barwick seconded the motion.

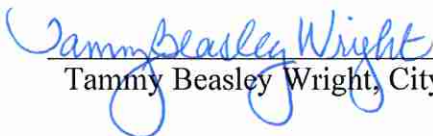
ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONERS PATTON, BARWICK, AND WEBB AND MAYOR ABSHER ALL VOTED YEA. COMMISSIONER STOECKLIN ABSENT.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:07 P.M.



Michael W. Absher, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tammy Beasley Wright, City Clerk