

**Meeting of the Marion City Council
Monday, August 21, at 5:00 P.M.**

The Marion City Council met in Regular Session August 21, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor D'Anna Browning presiding. Council members present were Randy Dunn, Wanda Olson, Tracy Cook, Bobby Belt, Dwight Sherer and Mike Byford. City Employees in attendance were as follows: Diane Ford-Benningfield, Layten Croft and Legal Service Officer, Bart Frazer. A public sign-in sheet is attached and made part of these minutes.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Motion by Councilman Randy Dunn, seconded by Councilwoman Tracy Cook to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 17, 2023. All present council members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Mike Byford, seconded by Councilman Dwight Sherer to approve the minutes from July 27, 2023, with a correction of attendance, Mike Byford was not in attendance of said meeting. All present council members voted yes; motion carried.

Councilman Mike Byford sponsored the first reading of Ordinance 23-07, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR OF 2023, CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY". Legal Services Officer Bart Frazer read the introduction to this ordinance. A member of the audience requested to know what an 'ad valorem' was. Bart answered. The second reading of this ordinance was set for a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday September 5th at 5pm.

Next on the agenda was the second reading of Ordinance 23-06 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER AND SEWER REATES FOR THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MARION.". Which would take effect in September 2023, if passed. Bart Frazer reads the summary. Councilwoman Wanda Olson requested to know if some of this added revenue could be used to replace fire hydrants. Wanda was advised that this added revenue could cover any water related issues. Councilman Dwight Sherer motioned to change the language of the said ordinance and suspend the second and third year added rate structure. Councilwoman Olson seconded Councilman Sherer's motion with the vote as follows:

Dunn – yes Olson – yes Cook – yes Sherer – yes Belt – no Byford - no
Motion carries. Councilman Sherer then made the motion to pass the ordinance as amended, Councilwoman Olson seconded this motion with the vote as follows:

Dunn – yes Olson – yes Cook – yes Sherer – yes Belt – no Byford - no
Motion carries.

Motion by Councilwoman Wanda Olson, seconded by Councilman Bobby Belt to pass Resolution 23-03 entitled, "THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY TO SUBMIT THE KENTUCKY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION.". All present council members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Mike Byford, seconded by Councilman Randy Dunn to approve the Mayoral appointment of Kayla Maxfield to the Planning and Zoning Commission Board replacing Bill Frazer. All present council members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Dwight Sherer, seconded by Wanda Olson to approve the Mayoral appointment of Beth Stinnett to the Tourism Board replacing Katie Wheeler. All present council members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Tim Thomas with Clearview Consulting then approached the council and gave a brief update on Lake George. Mr. Thomas advised that Schnabel is finalizing the design of the coffer dam and right now the concern is dewatering where the coffer dam will be. He added that MSI hopes to start turning dirt near the end of October, early November. Mr. Thomas advised that the City of Marion is still in a Declaration of Emergency which allows the city to bypass the procurement and bidding process. A discussion was had on the possibility of Lake George dam being fixed to its full stabilization. Councilman Sherer advised he would like to see the cost estimate of the full stabilization project. Councilman Bobby Belt requested to know the cost estimate of dredging Lake George. Tim Thomas advised the last engineering firm (Bacon, Farmer, Workman) advised it was possible to be as expensive as dam reconstruction.

Mayor Browning then gave an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. She stated that they are delayed and still waiting on electrical components.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Browning requested that Bart Frazer and City Administrator Diane Ford-Benningfield investigate the sewer ordinance. She advised there are residences on Fords Ferry Road that are not within the city limits with septic tanks that are being forced to pay the environmental fee.

Councilman Randy Dunn requested to know the status of the Old Laundry Building. Mayor Browning gives an update. She then reminded the council that the previous council put a stipulation on the building that the bidding had to start at \$125,000.00.

Councilman Byford advised there is high grass at 109 Rochester Street and on Adam Street.

City Administrator Diane Ford-Benningfield advised we would open the sealed bids for the street paving on August 24th at 2:00pm.

Mayor Browning advised the city put in a claim to our insurance for hail damage to our roofs.

Councilwoman Wanda Olson requested to know where the city was with "Clean the Creek". She advised Travis Street floods when it rains.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


D'ANNA BROWNING, MAYOR


ATTEST: LAYTEN CROFT CITY TREASURER, ASST. CITY CLERK