

To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Adam Ledford, City Administrator  
Re: Agenda Description  
Date: April 16, 2018

Call to Order  
Public Comments

### **Business Agenda**

- I. Approval of Minutes for 3/19 Council Meeting  
Description:  
A council member does not have to be present at the previous meeting to approve the minutes for that meeting. A copy of the minutes is included in your packet.
  
- II. Representative from Park Board  
Description:  
Wes Hunt and possibly additional park board members will be in attendance to talk about current and future activity involving the city/county park.
  
- III. Representative from UK Extension/4-H  
Description:  
Leslea Barnes has a conflicting meeting, however, I understand some middle school kids are planning to be on hand to share with you their plans to build bat houses in the park and other locations (where desired). They are planning to educate you on the benefits of doing this so I will leave it to them. Leslea has asked for a \$200 donation to buy the materials for this project. I have indicated that I will organize donations to cover the cost. This group has already received support for the project from the city/county park board.

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IV. Discussion on 2018/19 Budget

Description:

The original goal was to present the finance committee's preliminary proposed budget to you tonight, however, in light of the uncertainty at the State, the committee is unable to provide you an advanced copy. It will be our goal to provide you a copy in advance of our May meeting at the earliest possible date. Currently, the retirement adjustment will result in drastic measures to assure a balanced budget. On Friday and Saturday, April 13-14, the legislature is going to attempt and resolve this latest financial mess. Once this is settled, and we then know what to expect in retirement adjustments, the budget will be presented. As of right now, the general fund draft budget is \$46,000 over revenue using the 21.48% retirement model (assuming the purchase of a police truck using planned reserves for that purpose, which means the budget is roughly \$10,000 over revenue). A gap that will need to be closed assuming the step-in model of retirement is approved. If the full 28.05% retirement model is approved the finance committee will be recommending additional measures to balance the budget. When you get a copy of the proposed budget I will include a cover page memo which will provide an overview of the measures taken.

V. Presentation and Discussion on Updated Marion Comprehensive Plan

Description:

In last month's packet you were provided an updated comprehensive plan as proposed by the planning commission. The council is being asked for feedback at this meeting, after which, the commission will conduct a public hearing and consider adopting the new plan. The Council would then receive final consideration for approval at their May meeting. The Council has 90 days to consider the new plan, if approved or no action is taken within that time, the plan is passed.

VI. Update on Firehorn Software

Description:

In your packet is a report from our 911E team that details the current status of our new software as requested by Councilmen Arflack.

VII. Mayor/Council/Staff Forum

- This would be the time for any Council Member to share activities or issues going on at the liaison meetings they have attended.
- The City recently received an updated list to expand our survey requirements as part of the efforts to obtain the CDBG grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.
- The Chamber has decided to make the Mystery Event developed and conducted in March an annual event.
- The Police Department continues to struggle through staffing issues. Our newest officer is closing in on full service. The City has selected a new candidate and is in the process of conducting early pre-academy testing.

- The E911 Department continues to struggle through staffing issues. The City is conducting pre-academy training of a new full-time and a new part-time employee to fill additional staffing needs.
- Bell Engineering has reported that preliminary design work on the sidewalk project is ongoing and should have something for us to look at in the near future.
- The signs for notice of the new rules on Country Club Drive have been ordered after being reviewed by law enforcement, Transportation Cabinet, and city staff. Once they arrive, some temporary signs will also be put up to support the initial change.
- The city staff has been meeting with property owners on Country Club Drive which share an elevated driveway that is eroding. Part of the area involved is right-of-way. Eclipse Engineering will be asked to consult on solutions when they are back in town at the end of this month.
- Perry Newcome and I again met to discuss the possibility for a jointly managed 911E system. I project this summer we will be ready to move forward with considering our future options.
- To any of you not sure what is going on with Victory Gardens, when the Mayor met with the Jailer in March, a 5-year lease was provided by the Jailer dated 2014 which would make any discussion on the property moot for 2 at least 2 years.
- A budget amendment will be drafted and presented to you at the next called council meeting.
- Do not forget over the next 45 days there is a great chance we will have 1 or 2 called special council meetings to cover all our budgetary obligations.

## IX. Adjournment