

**Meeting of the Marion City Council
October 16, 2017**

The Marion City Council met in regular session October 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jared Byford presiding. Council members present were: Phyllis Sykes, Darrin Tabor, Donnie Arflack, Dwight Sherer, D'Anna Sallin, and Mike Byford. City employees in attendance were as follows: Adam Ledford, Melinda Gipson, Pam Enoch, Terri Hart, Brian Thomas, Ray O'Neal, Ronald Howton, and the city attorney Bart Frazer. A public sign-in sheet is attached and made part of these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom and Russene Heaton were present at the council meeting regarding a lien at the court house on their rental property since 2005. Mrs. Heaton told the council she wasn't aware of the bill, and that they always paid their bills when due and was asking the council to waive the interest on the bill. Mr. Heaton had already paid the bill in full. After a discussion, motion by Donnie Arflack, second by Darrin Tabor to refund the interest of \$119.44. All voted yes.

Linda Schumann stated she was thankful for the ordinance on vacant and abandoned trailers and thanked Terri Hart for her work on this matter.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Motion by Phyllis Sykes, second by Darrin Tabor to approve the minutes of September 18, 2017 and to approve the minutes of September 18, 2017. All voted yes.

The city administrator, Adam Ledford, stated a report was provided to the council in their packets for finalizing the priority list. There was a long discussion between council members as to what should be at the top of the priority list. Council member Darrin Tabor stated he didn't think the drug issue was the council's concern. Council member Darrin Tabor said the primary responsibilities of city government, for him, should be streets, water and sewer utilities and fire and police protection. Council member Phyllis Sykes stated she thought major priorities on the list were: drugs, employee training and staffing and revenue. In her opinion this is what the city needs to accomplish. Motion by Phyllis Sykes, second by D'Anna Sallin to approve the priority list as presented to the council. All voted yes. A copy of priority list is attached and made part of these minutes.

Motion by Mike Byford, second by Darrin Tabor to adopt a resolution authorizing the mayor to hire PADD to administer our Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Grant. All voted yes. A copy of said resolution is attached and made part of these minutes. The city administrator, Adam Ledford, stated it also includes the contract agreement with the state to proceed with the project which was awarded to the City in the spring. PADD originally drafted the grant for the City in late 2016.

Mayor Jared Byford read a proclamation regarding November 12 to 18, 2017 to be proclaimed as Nurse Practitioner week in Marion, Kentucky. A copy of said proclamation is attached and made part of these minutes.

In September, the council rejected the only bid received for the surplus fire truck. Since the September council meeting an offer of \$2100.00 was given. Motion by Dwight Sherer, second by Phyllis Sykes to accept the offer of \$2100.00 and apply that to the new fire truck loan. All voted yes.

The mayor had requested discussion on the public awareness process for prisoners. The council had concerns on the way the county handled the prisoner escape events. Council member Donnie Arflack stated the county withheld releasing information too long from the public once an escape event occurred. The city administrator said this issue should be viewed from two different perspectives:

- (1) Escapees in the jail's care- any at the jail or on work duties from the jail.
- (2) Escapees not in jail's care- any from transports or associated with court action.

The mayor stated he would address this issue with county officials. The jailor encouraged everyone to tour the jail.

The council was provided a copy of an email from the engineer regarding the sewer project. This leads to 2018 and 2019 being very busy years for sewer department. A copy of email report is attached and made part of these minutes.

The city administrator updated the council on the Country Club Drive project. He stated Country Club Drive was closed during fall break when the city crew could work on the road. The cost was roughly around \$3,000. The city administrator requested money from the state's contingency fund, which the is under consideration. He stated he had met with the transportation department regarding moving the white lines back at the stop light by the former Pantry building.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council member Phyllis Sykes stated she had attended the park board meeting and had a lot of work ahead of them. She said Wes Hunt had been elected as President for the board.

Council member Darrin Tabor thought it would be cheaper to pay someone to put the leaf truck on a trailer and take it to Louisville.

Council member D'Anna Sallin said she attended Celebrate Recovery during Pumpkin Festival and money donated was given for the use of drug dogs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

JARED BYFORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAM ENOCH, CITY CLERK