

**Meeting of the Marion City Council
July 17, 2017**

The Marion City Council met in regular session July 17, 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

Emily Shelby passed out cards and eclipse coasters to the mayor and city council thanking them for their support.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Motion by Phyllis Sykes, second by Mike Byford to approve the minutes of June 19, 2017 meeting and to approve same as submitted to council. All voted yes.

Mayor Jared Byford proposed eliminating the small rock water fountain located at the parking lot of the old city hall. The city administrator, Adam Ledford, stated the fountain hadn't worked properly since it was built. The city staff would remove the decorative elements and fill the location in with asphalt to incorporate more parking spaces. Motion by Phyllis Sykes, second by Dwight Sherer to dismantle the rock fountain and fill in spot with concrete. All voted yes.

Motion by Darrin Tabor, second by Phyllis Sykes to declare the 1963 Pumper Fire Truck as surplus. All voted yes. The fire chief, Ronald Howton, provided the council with details of the 1963 pumper fire truck.

The city administrator, Adam Ledford, discussed with the council the possibility of creating a community appropriation process. He proposed that the City setup an application which will include a deadline for organizations to be considered for appropriation each fiscal year. Motion by Darrin Tabor, second by D'Anna Sallin to approve the proposed application, which would be reviewed by staff and the city council. All voted yes. A copy of said application is attached and made part of these minutes.

The city administrator updated the council on the new city website. He stated the city's website location is www.marionky.gov and is now live. He stated there are a few unfinished elements that will be taken care of over the next few weeks which will include the following: (1) finishing the lien holder notification system on the code enforcement page (2) add the city code of ordinances on the documents and forms page (3) add additional staff pictures on the administration page (4) tweak the welcome narrative on the home page.

The city administrator reviewed the 2017 City of Marion Goal Setting Session Report with the council. A copy of the goal setting session report is attached and made part of these minutes.

The city administrator stated once the review had been completed, the council would begin discussion on finalizing a priority list using the goal setting report as a guide. He said there was nothing stopping the council from adding, moving, or removing items from the possible list at that time. Once the list is

finalized and accepted, by action of the council, action items will be developed in conjunction with the priorities.

OTHER BUSINESS

The mayor read the letter to the council from Todd Riley, stating he was resigning from the City/County Park Board.

Council member Phyllis Sykes asked if there was a time frame that the state gives on dilapidated houses. The city attorney stated the process was already in place.

Council member Phyllis Sykes stated the park board needed to be filled. She stated Wes Hunt was on board to help.

Council member Darrin Tabor had concerns with the city employees having to spend so much time on mowing and having to let other issues go. He questioned whether it would be cheaper to outsource the mowing for the city.

Council member Darrin Tabor had a concerned citizen complaint regarding property owned by Harry Rudolph at 202 West Elm Street.

Council member Darrin Tabor had a concerned citizen complaining about some trash on Moore Street.

Council member Donnie Arflack questioned why the council tabled the ordinance about Country Club Drive. Motion by Phyllis Sykes, second by Donnie Arflack to bring the ordinance back off the table. All voted yes. The utility director, Brian Thomas, stated he would make it a priority to patch holes on Country Club Drive. He stated it would be a major expense to repair by 172 Country Club Drive and the other holes are due to age. He said he would have to get some figures together before having any idea the cost to begin to repair the road. After discussion on this issue, motion by Darrin Tabor, second by Donnie Arflack to have the city come up with a plan on the best route to fix Country Club Drive and to bring plan back to the council. All voted yes.

Council member D'Anna Sallin was concerned with time frame on some ordinances. She suggested maybe shorten the time frame on issues, not let it linger on.

Council member D'Anna Sallin suggested doing away with the park board members and hiring one person to maintain the park and making personnel go through tourism.

Council member D'Anna Sallin stated Shady Lane needed to be mowed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

JARED BYFORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAM ENOCH, CITY CLERK