

**Meeting of the Marion City Council
May 15, 2017**

A public hearing was held on May 15, 2017 at 5:45 p.m. City Administrator, Adam Ledford, announced the public hearing to receive input on the use of L.G.E.A.F/Municipal aid Funds in FY 2017-2018. No comments were received by members of the public. The hearing was closed at 6:00 pm.

The Marion City Council met in regular session May 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jared Byford presiding. Council members present were: Phyllis Sykes, Donnie Arflack, Dwight Sherer, D'Anna Sallin, and Mike Byford. Councilmember Darrin Tabor being absent. City employees in attendance were as follows: Adam Ledford, Melinda Gipson, Pam Enoch, Brian Thomas, Terri Hart, Ray O'Neal, and the city attorney. A public sign-in sheet is attached and made part of these minutes.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Motion by Phyllis Sykes, second by Dwight Sherer, to approve the April 17, 2017 minutes with one correction changing wording on Sykes stating Main Street looked nice to the Farmers Market looked nice. All voted yes.

The mayor requested the council to appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem to serve until next election in a year and half. Councilmember Mike Byford nominated D'Anna Sallin. All voted for councilmember D'Anna Sallin to serve as Mayor Pro-tem during the next year and half.

The city attorney gave the second reading of ordinance 17-02, an ordinance of the City of Marion, Kentucky amending chapter 92: by establishing subsection 92.09 junked, wrecked, or non operative mobile manufactured homes. Motion by Mike Byford, second by Phyllis Sykes to adopt said ordinance with the vote being as follows: Phyllis Sykes yes, Donnie Arflack yes, Dwight Sherer yes, D'Anna Sallin yes, and Mike Byford yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dwight Sherer, second by Mike Byford to release municipal lien (mowing) against 205 Maxwell Street. All voted yes. This property was previously sold on the courthouse steps to Jeff Ellis. The city administrator stated it could be viewed in two ways: (1) Releases encourage people to purchase properties limiting the possibility that City will need to continue to maintain said properties. (2) It is right for the City to be compensated for taking care of properties and the cost of the lien should simply be viewed by the purchaser as a cost of acquisition. A copy of said lien is attached and made part of minutes.

The council was provided in their packet a copy of the 2017-18 budget as proposed by the finance subcommittee. Councilmember Dwight Sherer introduced ordinance 17-05 entitled, "An Ordinance adopting the City of Marion, Kentucky annual budget for Fiscal Year 07/01/2017 through 06/30/2018 by estimating revenue and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of City Government. The city attorney gave the first reading of ordinance 17-05. The council had questions and concerns regarding this ordinance. The city administrator, Adam Ledford stated he, the subcommittee which was councilmember's Phyllis Sykes, Dwight Sherer, and all the department heads spent over three hours going over six different budgets for the City. The recommendation was to cut the following programs: Marion Main Street to \$3750 and the Critt. Co. Drug Coalition. Councilmember Phyllis Sykes stated she had concerns with the police department having to go without new uniforms and equipment upgrades, plus knowing the fire department can't afford inspections for their trucks, also going another year

without raises for the city employees. Councilmember Dwight Sherer was against cutting the food programs. He stated the delivery drivers are sometimes the only contact a senior citizen may have with anyone.

The city administrator, Adam Ledford stated State Representative Lynn Bechler announced the city was getting approved for a 80/20 safe routes to school sidewalk grant in the amount of \$193,200. The sidewalk will run along South Main Street from West Elm to West Carlisle, heading down West Carlisle from the Farmer's Bank & Trust Company corner past the library to the end of the one hundred block of West Carlisle at South Weldon Street. Councilmember D'Anna Sallin stated a need for replacement of sidewalks on the eastside of town, and asked about having sidewalks on Sturgis Road to the Dollar General Store. She felt a need, due to safety issues, for sidewalks on that section of town to accommodate mobilized wheelchairs.

Councilmember Phyllis Sykes thought the city should withhold the funding from the food bank and senior citizen programs. She said she cared about the needs for these programs, but felt like money should be focused more on city concerns.

Councilmember Dwight Sherer introduced ordinance 17-04, entitled, "An ordinance adopting the pay plan for classified City Employees and non-elected officials for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, and adopting the pay plan for elected and appointed officials for the same fiscal year. The city attorney gave the first reading of said ordinance.

The city attorney gave the second of ordinance 17-03, entitled, "An ordinance of the City of Marion, Kentucky amending chapter 74: Traffic and parking schedules, schedule V: Maximum weight for certain streets, subsection B". Councilmember Dwight Sherer, made a motion to table the ordinance until a decision is made on relocating the state highway maintenance facility from Old Salem Road to Industrial Park, followed by a second from councilmember D'Anna Sallin. Councilmember D'Anna Sallin stated she would still like to see potholes patched. The utility director, Brian Thomas stated without extensive costly work, the street department can only continue to patch the holes. Motion by Dwight Sherer, second by Donnie Arflack to table the ordinance indefinitely. All voted yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Phyllis Sykes said there were potholes that need patching on North College Street and Second Street.

Both councilmembers Donnie Arflack and Mike Byford had issues with several of the fire hydrants not working.

Councilmember D'Anna Sallin asked about non-residential business owners that pay city property taxes being able to vote. The city attorney said he would check into it.

Councilmember D'Anna Sallin asked about getting Text Alert Program. She had concerns on prom night when an inmate walked off. The city administrator said he would talk to Lyon County on this concern.

Councilmember Mike Byford inquired about hiring a laborer. The city administrator stated a freeze had been put on the position due to the budget.

Councilmember Mike Byford said he was a liaison member on the code enforcement board and thought the Code Enforcement Officer, Terri Hart, needed summer time assistance.

The city administrator said a public hearing was set for May 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. for the sewer plant extension.

The city administrator said all the easements were in for the sewer project on West Carlisle, and they would be breaking ground tomorrow.

The city administrator stated the Marion Country Club meter had been moved.

The council agreed to have a special called meeting on May 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the council, meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

JARED BYFORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAM ENOCH, CITY CLERK