

**Meeting of the Marion City Council
Monday, August 19, 2024, at 5:00 P.M.**

The Marion City Council met in Regular Session on August 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor D'Anna Browning presiding. Council members present were Randy Dunn, Wanda Olson, Taylor Davis, Bobby Belt, Dwight Sherer and Mike Byford. City Employees in attendance were as follows: Diane Ford-Benningfield, Layten Croft, Pam Enoch, Chief Bobby West, Jeff Black, Ronald Howton and Legal Service Officer, Bart Frazer. A public sign-in sheet is attached and made part of these minutes.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mayor Browning paid condolences to the family of Lucy Nash. A child from Henderson County, KY that tragically lost her life this week.

Mayor Browning recognized Mike Byford and Randy Dunn, both having birthdays recently.

Ric Carder approached the council and Mayor complaining of people driving their lawn mowers through town in the middle of the night/early morning. He advised he has seen a mower with a cart hauling their family throughout town. Chief West advised a lawn mower is considered a farm vehicle which makes it exempt. Bobby Belt requested to know if the persons driving the lawn mowers could be given a citation for violating the noise ordinance. Chief West advised yes.

Faye Yates requested an update on the recycling center. Diane Ford-Benningfield advised that it is still a work in progress, but it is moving forward in a positive direction.

Sharon Bockman, a resident on Country Drive, requested to know the timeline on the new construction on McMican Rd. She advised the dump trucks are very noisy, and she wished that they would not work 12 hours a day.

Bernie Hunt, owner of 633 & 639 E. Bellville Street, asks the council to remove the ordinances in place for code enforcement. He advised both addresses above had been included in the condemning process that the city has started. Mayor Browning advised that the citizens of Marion should not have to live next to a condemned property, and she and the rest of the city government have a responsibility to uphold. She advised that Mr. Hunt has a right to a hearing, Mr. Frazer explained that process to Mr. Hunt.

Mike Harris requested an update on the drain project near his home. Diane Ford-Benningfield advised that we are still working with engineers but that the project would coincide with the line project in that area. Mr. Harris understood and thanked the council for fixing this issue.

A motion was made by Randy Dunn, seconded by Wanda Olson to approve the meeting minutes from July 15, 2024. All voting members voted yes; motion carried.

Legal Service Officer, Bart Frazer, read the introduction to Ordinance 24-04 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR OF 2024, CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY". Bobby Belt questioned the increase. Diane Ford-Benningfield explained the importance of generating revenue.

A motion was made by Bobby Belt, seconded by Dwight Sherer to accept and approve Resolution 24-06 entitled, "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARION ACCEPTING THE GRANT, APPROVING THE GRANT ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF MARION'S ANNUAL BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING A REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS". All members of the council voted yes; motion carried.

A motion was made by Wanda Olson, seconded by Taylor Davis to accept and approve Resolution 24-07 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARION FOR FILING OF FUNDING APPLICATION AND APPOINTING APPROPRIATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AND SUCCESSORS-IN-TITLE AS OFFICIAL PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE OF KENTUCKY WATER AND WASTEWATER ASSISTANCE FOR TROUBLED OR ECONOMICALLY RESTRAINED SYSTEMS (KY WWATERS) PROJECT PROGRAM". All members of the council voted yes; motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Byford, seconded by Taylor Davis to approve the purchase of four (4) sets of turnout gear, from Vogelpohl Fire Equipment, for the Marion City Fire Department. With the understanding that these purchases would be paid with ARPA funds. All members of the council voted yes; motion carried.

Mayor Browning advised that the 2011 Dodge Charger that was approved as surplus property has been sold.

Tim Thomas, consultant for the City of Marion, updated the council and mayor of the progress at Lake George Dam. He advised that the leaking pipe has been grouted with concrete. He advised the next step would be for the contractors to notch the dam to install the siphon system. Having the siphon system would eliminate the need for the diesel pump that is on site along with being an additional flood control system. He welcomed the council and public to look at the temporary plate that was installed that kept the city with water over the last several months that has now been removed and placed in the front lawn at City Hall. He advised that there would now be no need to drain the lake with the siphon approach MSI is taking and that this would save approximately 8,000,000 gallons of water.

OTHER BUSINESS

Randy Dunn asked when the additional paving would occur in city limits. Diane Ford-Benningfield advised possibly in the fall. Randy Dunn also advised that the electrical panel at the water towers is a safety hazard, and it is in very poor condition.

Wanda Olson advised there is a very large hole in the roadway at Moore Street and unknown name street. She advised that Ronnie Riley has many properties on the public pathway and would possibly be interested in purchasing it and maintaining it himself. Mr. Frazer advised that, that would be possible, the council would need to pass an ordinance to do such.

Dwight Sherer advised that the end of Tanglewood Drive is in poor condition. He requested that Garry Gerard and his team look at it and see what could be done. He also advised there is a sign in Briarwood that is spelled incorrectly.

Bobby Belt questioned the expenditure of \$113,956.00 to the Marion-Crittenden County Park Board. City Treasurer, Layten Croft, advised that the city was billed for half of the first invoice to the Park Board and the remaining amount due to the Park Board would be paid in their next invoice request. Chris

Evans added that when he invoiced the city, he figured the city's money would be in an interest-bearing account. Mr. Belt understood and had hoped the price had been reduced.

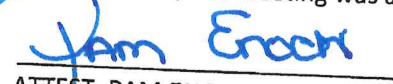
Mike Byford advised that there is very high grass on Adam Street that the State Highway Department needed to take care of. He also advised that the old sewer plant still had standing water in their holding tanks that will draw mosquitos if not drained out.

Mayor Browning advised she has received positive feedback on the painting of fire hydrants. She advised she has made a second round of properties to be inspected and that in September she is going to introduce a Universal Maintenance Code for the Council to read over and possibly approve to adopt. She advised she would also like to see a Rental Property Registration program implemented in Marion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.


D'ANNA BROWNING, MAYOR


ATTEST: PAM ENOCH, CITY CLERK