

**Special Called Meeting of the Marion City Council
Thursday September 5, 2024, at 5:00 P.M.**

The Marion City Council met in a Special Session on September 5, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor D'Anna Browning presiding. The council members present were Randy Dunn, Taylor Davis, Bobby Belt, Dwight Sherer and Mike Byford. Councilmember Wanda Olson was absent. City Employees in attendance were as follows: Diane Ford-Benningfield, Layten Croft, Cortny Cosby Legal Service Officer, Bart Frazer. A public sign-in sheet is attached and made part of these minutes.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Legal Service Officer, Bart Frazer, read the summary for Ordinance #24-04 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR OF 2024, CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY". Diane Ford-Benningfield advised there was a calculation error in the last ordinance and the real property tax rate presented is a 2.5% increase instead of the previously mentioned 4% increase and an amendment would need to be made to the original ordinance if the council chose to keep the personal property at a 4% increase. A motion was made to amend the original personal property tax rate, due to the calculating error, from 0.2795 to 0.2710 by Dwight Sherer, seconded by Taylor Davis. All present members of the council voted yes; motion carried. Dwight Sherer requested to know how much more revenue would be generated from these increases. Diane Ford-Benningfield advised approximately \$8,402. A motion was made by Mike Byford to approve the ordinance as amended; Randy Dunn seconded the motion with a vote that followed: **Dunn-Yes, Davis-Yes, Sherer-Yes, Belt-No, Byford-Yes**; motion carried.

Mike Byford sponsored the first reading of ordinance #24-05 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 150 OF THE MARION CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADOPT THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND AMEND OTHER PROVISIONS TO CONFORM WITH THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES". Mayor Browning requested that copies of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code be made available for those in attendance during the regular scheduled meeting on September 16, 2024.

Legal Service Officer, Bart Frazer, advised copies were available for everyone to read Resolution #24-08 entitled, "AN ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARION AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION AND FILING OF A GOVERNMENT RESOURCES ACCELERATING NEEDED TRANSFORMATION (GRANT) PROGRAM OF 2024 PROJECT APPLICATION FOR UP TO \$300,000 IN GRANT PROGRAM OF 2024 FUNDS WITH THE CABINET FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ("CED"); AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARION TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE DEEMED NECESSARY BY CED TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT FOR THIS PROJECT; PERMITTING REVIEW AND EXECUTION OF ALL AGREEMENTS AND REQUEST OF ALL DISBURSEMENTS RELATED TO THE GRANT PROGRAM OF 2024". Bobby Belt requested to know what this money would be used for. Diane Ford-Benningfield advised it would be used for the water plant and distribution infrastructure and water meters. Bobby Belt requested for clarity on if this resolution gives the mayor power to accept and disburse the monies. Diane Ford-Benningfield advised, yes and the items for the money to be spent on are very specific. Dwight Sherer asked to know when the last time the city replaced the water meters. No one in attendance could recall. Bobby Belt requested to know what would happen if there was any money left over. Diane Ford-Benningfield advised that there would be no money left over, the items on the submitted list would exceed the \$300,000 amount. Dwight Sherer asked how long it would take to get the money if the grant was awarded to the city. Diane Ford-Benningfield advised 8-10 months, but the

city should know something within the next 45 days due to this being a very fast-moving grant process. Mayor Browning advised this same type of resolution was approved/passed when Layten Croft submitted and signed for the USDA grant. A motion was made by Taylor Davis, seconded by Bobby Belt to pass the resolution. All present members voted yes; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion was made by Bobby Belt, seconded by Randy Dunn; the meeting was adjourned at 5:14 PM.


D'ANNA BROWNING, MAYOR


ATTEST: LAYTEN CROFT, ASST. CLERK

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