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City Council Meeting
February 5th, 2024
Monday, 4:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Marion, Kansas was held Monday, February 5th, 2024 at 203 N. 3rd, Marion, Kansas in the lower level at 4:30 p.m. with Vice Mayor, Zach Collett presiding as Mayor and Council Members, Kevin Burkholder, Amy Smith and Tim Baxa, Mayor Powers absent. Also in attendance, Janet Robinson, City Clerk, Zach Hudlin, Margo Yates, Community Enrichment Director, Ruth Herbel, Ron Herbel, Janet Marler, Sharon Omstead, Tammy Ensey, Margaret Wilson, Megan Jones, Donald Wilson, Gene Winkler, Darin Neufeld, Tina Spenser, and Marion County Record reporters, Phyllis Zorn and Eric Meyer.

Call to Order: Vice Mayor Collett called the meeting to order following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Forum: R. Herbel approached council members with her concern about not having any police coverage on Saturday during a funeral procession, and also asked that dirt and seeding be spread out at the cemetery to cut down on the standing water.

Donald Wilson told council members that he had not received a punch list from James Masters for the remaining repairs that need to be done to his property to make it code compliant. M. Yates had talked to Masters, and he will be in contact with Wilson later in the week.

Megan Jones thanked the City of Marion for all the help they received for getting Bill & Essies BBQ up and running, and Jones was pleased to announce that carry out orders start on February 17th, 2024.

Approval of the Agenda: K. Burkholder made a motion to approve the agenda; Baxa 2nd; motion carried 4-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda: T. Baxa made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; A. Smith 2nd; motion carried 4-0.

Approval of the minutes of the January 22nd, 2024 Council Meeting
Approval of warrants in the amount of \$171,637.40
Approval of payroll in the amount of \$36,980.71

Executive Session: Z. Collett made a motion to enter into executive session at 4:45 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, specifically the Interim City Administrator candidate to protect the privacy interests of the individuals pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), returning to regular meeting at 4:55; A. Smith 2nd; motion carried 4-0. No action taken.

Interim City Administrator: Z. Collett made a motion to approve Mark McAnarney as the Interim City Administrator as of February 15th, 2024, at a rate of \$488.00 per day, or \$244.00 for

½ day, less than 5 hours; A. Smith 2nd; after discussion, Z. Collett amended his motion to approve hiring Mark McAnarney as the Interim City Administrator per the proposed agreement at a rate of \$488.00 per day to begin on February 15th, 2024; A. Smith 2nd; motion carried 4-0.

Conditional Use Permit for Marion County Health Department: M. Yates told council members that the Planning and Zoning Committee approved a CUP for the Marion County Health Department, that included an easement with USD #408 to be used for a drive through, out the backside of the garage. D. Neufeld stated that USD #408 would be approving the easement at the next School Board Meeting. M. Yates asked council members to approve, deny or make changes and send it back to the Planning and Zoning committee. After discussion T. Baxa made a motion to approve Ordinance 1507, authorizing the approval of a conditional use permit for 1220 East Main Street, Marion, Kansas. K. Burkholder 2nd; motion carried 4-0.

Marion Merchants Economic Development Plan: T. Ensey asked council members what plans they had for hiring a full time Economic Development coordinator to replace Randy Collett's place, and also what plans were being made to fill M. Yates, Community Enrichment position when she retires in May. T. Ensey stated that Art in the Park is coming up fast, and with Yates retiring, who was going to coordinate the event. After discussion, Interim City Administrator, M. McAnarney will be invited to attend the Merchants Meeting on February 27th, 2024.

KDOT Transportation Alternative Grant: Vice Mayor Z. Collet told council members of a grant opportunity with KDOT which is an 80%/20% grant, which could be used for a bike path between Marion and Marion County Lake. D. Neufeld stated that the first step that was needed was to submit a concept paper which needed to be submitted by March 1st, 2024. After discussion, T. Baxa made a motion to approve EBH submitting a concept paper for Marion to be considered for the grant; K. Burkholder 2nd; motion carried. D. Neufeld will present a draft of the concept paper at the March 20th, council meeting.

2025 Budget Engagement Letter with Loyd Group: Vice Mayor tabled the item until the next council meeting.

Lap Tops: T. Baxa made a motion to approve the purchase of lap top computers for each council members and the Mayor at a cost of \$934.67 each, totaling \$4,673.35; A. Smith 2nd; motion carried 4-0.

Councilor Reports: T. Baxa nothing further to report. K. Burkholder nothing further to report. A. Smith nothing further to report. Z. Collett stated that the deed transfers were being forwarded to Lange Real Estate on the MIH properties, and stated everything was moving forward. Z. Collett asked if council member had any concerns with the design plans, stating he would like to inquire about putting basements in the houses.

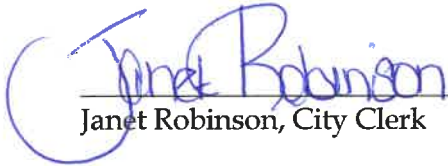
Staff Reports: Z. Huldin told council members that he was working on a grant for new body cams, which would be a 50/50 match, with the cities portion being \$2,500.00. M. Yates nothing further to report.

S. Hart nothing further to report.


L. Pederson nothing further to report.

J. Robinson nothing further to report.

Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting: T. Baxa made a motion to adjourn the meeting; A. Smith 2nd; motion carried 4-0.



Janet Robinson, City Clerk



Zach Collett, Vice Mayor