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City Council Meeting
March 18th, 2024
Monday, 4:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Marion, Kansas was held Monday, March 18th, 2024, at 203 N. 3rd, Marion, Kansas in the lower level at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor, Michael Powers presiding as Mayor and Council Members, Zach Collett, Kevin Burkholder, Amy Smith and Tim Baxa. Also in attendance, Interim City Administrator, Mark McAnarney, Janet Robinson, City Clerk, Interim Police Chief, Zach Hudlin, Margo Yates, Community Enrichment Director, Ruth Herbel, Ron Herbel, Gene Winkler, Donald Wilson, Steven Wilson, and Marion County Record reporters, Phyllis Zorn and Eric Meyer.

Call to Order: Mayor Powers called the regular meeting to order following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Z. Collett motioned to approve the agenda; T. Baxa 2nd; motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Consent Agenda: T. Baxa made a motion to approve the consent agenda; K. Burkholder 2nd; motion carried 5-0.

- Approval of the Minutes of the March 4th, 2024 Council Meeting
- Approval of warrants in the amount of \$301,257.23
- Approval of payroll in the amount of \$37,358.01
- February Monthly Financials

Public Comment of Matters Included in this Meeting's Agenda: R. Herbel asked about the purchase of the 2024 Skid Loader and questioned why it wasn't approved by the City Council. Mayor Powers stated that the purchase of a skid steer/mini ex was approved in the 2024 Budget as a line item for \$90,000, and explained that if there is an opportunity to purchase one, and it is a listed item on the budget, with the approval of the City Administrator, they could do so. Powers explained that more discussion on the purchase protocol would take place at an upcoming meeting. Herbel reminded council members that raises are also included on the budget, however, according to the employee handbook, raises have to be voted by council members for approval. Herbel asked that the following changes be made to the minutes:

Adding Ruth Herbel, Ron Herbel, Gene Winkler, Brian Bina, Donald Wilson, and Steven be added to the list attendees to the Public Hearing, and also B. Bina to the council meeting.

Adding a heading to the Executive Session portion.

Changing the "old" bucket truck to read the 2019 Bucket Truck, so in the future people will know exactly what kind of truck that was being talked about.

EMC Insurance Renewal: C. Case presented the 2024-2025 Insurance Renewal at a total premium cost of \$234,760.00. Z. Collett made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Insurance Renewal; A. Smith 2nd; motion carried 5-0. Council members thanked C. Case for what he does for the city.

Library Board Appointment: Mayor Powers made a motion to approve Mark Hall to the Library Board; T. Baxa 2nd; motion carried 5-0

City Municipal Judge Vacancy: Mayor Powers told council members that Brandy Roy-Bachman had resigned from the Municipal Judge position, as she had accepted a job with Topeka. Mayor Powers stated that Randy Pankratz was interested in fulfilling the vacancy, and would have more information for council members at the next council meeting.

Bucket Truck Lease Financing: M. McAnarney asked council members to approve the financing for the 2024 Ram Bucket truck with Central National Bank for \$130,222.00, with the city giving a \$30,000.00 down payment on a 3 year note. After discussion, Mayor Powers made a motion to approve the financing with Central National Bank; Z. Collett 2nd; motion carried 5-0. McAnarney stated that paperwork for the finance agreement would be included in the April 1st, 2024 meeting packet.

Discussion of Upcoming Work Session: Mayor Powers told council members that a work session meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 25th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. and asked council members to think about what topics they would like to be addressed at the meeting.

Department Reports: M. McAnarney thanked C. Case for his work on providing the city with the EMC Insurance Renewal, and also thanked D. Neufeld for doing his part on the grant award for the Municipal Airport.

M. Yates told council members she was doing what she could to contact the corporate offices of Family Dollar about the store closure, and was also busy with Art in the Park.

Z. Hudlin told council members that D. Woodford would be starting the academy on March 25th, and that he had employment interviews set up for the week of the 25th.

T. Makovec told council members the city crew was busy with street repairs, trimming trees at the cemetery, putting millings down, along with some minor water repairs. Makovec stated that the electrical department busy changing out poles. Mayor Powers asked which streets would be done during the summer month's. Makovec stated that he had a list of the heaviest traveled, and which ones needed the most work, and the 300 block of Roosevelt would be one that gets attention this year. D. Neufeld stated he had a CIP that he would update and provide a copy to council members. K. Burkholder asked about the millings being put on the road in and out of the City Shop to cut down on the dust at Robert Crawfords residence. T. Makovec reported that the North side was done, and the South side would be done this week.

J. Robinson nothing further to report.

Councilor Reports: Mayor Powers reported that Marion County Leadership was forming a youth version of the program, and was meeting with the Marion County Commissioners on Thursday, March 21st at 1:15 and invited council members to attend the meeting, along with T. Baxa whom M. Powers had already asked to attend. Mayor Powers asked if anyone knew who owned the property where the city sign sits along Highway 50, where a negative sign about Marion has been put up. J. Robinson stated they were still researching the owner of the property, Mayor Powers stated he would like to contact the property owner to have the negative sign removed.

A. Smith nothing further report.

Z. Collett told council members how he appreciates living in small town Marion after a coming back from visiting Denver, Colorado.

T. Baxa nothing further to report.

K. Burkholder nothing further report.

Mayor Powers noting further to report.

Public Forum: T. Chizek asked council members if dirt could be hauled to the airport to repair some dips in the runway. T. Makovec will coordinate with the airport board to schedule a time to get the dips in the

runway filled in with dirt. D. Neufeld stated he would be applying for grant funding in early fall, through KDOT, where a proposal was in place to up the grant award from 5 million per year to 15 million a year.

Adjourn Council Meeting: At 5:55 p.m., T. Baxa made a motion to adjourn the meeting; A. Smith 2nd; motion carried 5-0.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Powers", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Michael Powers

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Robinson", written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk, Janet Robinson