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City Council Meeting
October 2nd, 21023
Monday, 4:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Marion, Kansas was held Monday, October 2nd, 2023 at 203 N. 3rd, Marion, Kansas in the lower level at 4:30 p.m. with David Mayfield presiding as Mayor and Council Members Zach Collett, Ruth Herbel, Kevin Burkholder and Jerry Kline in attendance. Also in attendance, Brogan Jones, City Administrator, Janet Robinson, City Clerk, Zach Hudlin, Margo Yates, Community Enrichment Director, Ryan Newell, Pam Maag, Roger Maag, Mike Powers, Ruth Lange, Tim Baxa, Amy Smith, Pam Byer, Dianne Stubblefield, Kris Burkholder, and Marion County Record reporters, Eric Meyer and Phyllis Zorn.

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

Consent Agenda: Herbel made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Burkholder 2nd; motion carried 5-0.

- a. Approval of the Minutes
- b. Approval of warrants in the amount of \$42,913.49
- c. Approval of payroll in the amount of \$34,531.97

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Mayfield asked the agenda be amended adding 4a. discussion with the council about city email. Herbel made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 4a.; Collett 2nd; motion carried 5-0.

Discussion – City Email: Mayor Mayfield stated that Herbel had issues regarding an email that was sent out to council members, and her not receiving the information. Mayfield asked that the city email address assigned to each council member be the only email used for all emails sent or received pertaining to city business. Jones stated that personnel emails are not secure, and there is no way the IT department can keep the server protected. After discussion, Mayor Mayfield made a motion that Herbel will be issued a city phone to be used to send and receive emails and all city emails come through the city email address; Burkholder 2nd; motion carried 5-0.

Temporary CMB License for “Falloween”: Megan Jones told council members a beer garden would be set up on Main Street in front of “Bill & Essies BBQ” building for the Falloween event on October 21st from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Jones stated that the area would be roped off and monitored so no one leaves the roped off area. Mayor Mayfield suggested wrist bands be used also.

MAC Wine Auction Temporary Permit: Mike Powers stated a Wine Auction would be held in the Community Building on November 4th, 2023, and a temporary permit was being applied for to hold the event.

Proclamation Public Power Week: Mayor Mayfield read the proclamation for Public Power Week, October 2nd through October 6th, 2023.

Airport Grass Runway Repair: Jones told council members that Dalke Construction was going to repair the North/South grass runway at the Airport, hauling 5 loads of topsoil, 6 hours using the roller and 6 hours to level out/blade each half for a total cost of \$6,100.00 for the whole runway. Jones stated that some spots may have to be reseeded, and the repairs would be completed before it gets cold, the other 2 grass runways will remain open during the repairs.

Ordinance 1506 (Sign Regulations): Yates asked council members what changes they would like to make to the sign regulations presented. After discussion, Herbel made a motion to approve the sign regulations with the following changes, signs attached perpendiculars to the building are allowed, but cannot exceed a maximum of one sq. foot of sign area for the width of the footage of street front on building, Article 22.3.05 needs some clarification made to it, as several businesses in the downtown area using portable signs, but the wording should be clarified in the reg, Article 22-6.02 needs to be reviewed regarding the appeal process being uniform throughout the zoning book, and signs 16 square should be allowed and any sign over that size should have a design plan and should have a standard review by the planning board to be approved at no extra cost, Mayfield 2nd; motion carried 5-0.

Metal Billboard for south side of HWY 56: Yates presented council members with 2 options for the highway 8X16 billboard. A two sided sign using 8 total panels at \$3,400.00, or a vinyl applied sign for \$4,400. Collett made a motion to approve the \$3,400.00 sign; Herbel 2nd; motion carried 5-0.

Councilor Reports: Mayor Mayfield told council that he had received a text from Police Chief, Gideon Cody resigning from his employment with the City effective immediately. Collett made a motion to accept Cody's resignation, and appoint Zach Hudlin as acting Police Chief effective immediately; Kline 2nd; motion carried 5-0.

Kline stated that he appreciated the job James Masters is doing as Code Enforcement, council agreed.

Burkholder asked for an update on the airport blacktop runway. Jones stated that he was working with Darin Neufeld on applying for a KDOT aviation grant which would require a 10% match from the City.

Hudlin nothing further to report.

Yates nothing further to report.

Masters nothing further to report.

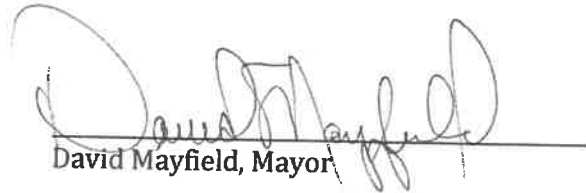
Robinson nothing further to report.

Jones told council members that the city codes were being reviewed, and that the City Council Meeting Minutes were now on the website.

Public Forum: Ryan Newell expressed his thoughts regarding how the police raid at the Marion County Record was handled.

Pam Maag expressed her thoughts regarding the time frame of when open records requests would be filled

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Mayor Mayfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Kline 2nd; motion carried 5-0, meeting adjourned.



David Mayfield, Mayor



Janet Robinson, City Clerk