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Regular Council Meeting
Monday, September 25, 2017
4:30 PM

The regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Marion, Kansas was held Monday, September 25, 2017 with Todd Heitschmidt presiding as Mayor; and Council Members John Wheeler, Melissa Mermis, Chris Costello and Jerry Kline in attendance. Also in attendance were: Roger Holter, City Administrator; Tiffany Jeffrey, City Clerk; Margo Yates, Parks & Recreation Director; Marty Fredrickson, Street Superintendent; Randy Collett, Economic Director; Tyler Mermis, Chief of Police; Susan Robson, City Attorney; Clinton Jeffrey, Assistant Chief of Police; Jason Tidd, Marion Record; Patty Decker, Hillsboro Free Press; Dianne Novak, County Commissioner; Erin Good, Attorney; Jeremiah Lange and Mike Lange.

Invocation: Lange provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order: Heitschmidt called the regular meeting to order at 4:30pm.

Agenda: Heitschmidt moved to approve agenda as presented; Mermis seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Public Forum: No one wished to address council at this time

Consent Agenda: Heitschmidt moved to approve consent agenda; Costello seconded; motion carried 5-0.

- Approval of the Minutes of the September 11th Regular City Council Meeting
- Approval of Warrants in the amount of \$180,320.52
- Approval of Payroll in the amount of \$31,598.95
- Approval of August Treasurer's Report

Mayoral Appointment: Heitschmidt moved to appoint Eric Billings to the Library Board for the unexpired term ending April 20, 2019; Wheeler seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Police Department Staffing & Salary Administration: Mermis advised that he would like to try something different instead of hiring a 5th full time officer he would like to hire 3 or 4 part time employees to cover a shift. They would be working during the day shift and he would move back to working the salary schedule of Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. Mermis also asked Council to raise the part time hourly pay rate from \$10.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour. Reserve officers would be required to work with a full time officer with no compensation. Security officers working events would remain being paid \$10.00 per hour. Costello asked Mermis if the proposed pay increase compares to the other agencies in the County. Mermis also provided Council with a job description of Police Officer I which would be the same responsibilities/duties for any officer hired for part time. Mermis advised that he has 5 individuals interested in working part time some of which would have to attend the part time academy for 2 weeks. Heitschmidt moved to approve the creation of the part time police

officer I position and the pay increase for part time officers to \$15.00 per hour; Costello seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Social Media Policy Revisions: Holter advised that has been reviewing our social media policy and presented the requested modification/additions to Council. Mermis asked if the Police Department's facebook page falls under the same policy. Holter advised that all City entities social media accounts fall under this policy per Robson. Heitschmidt moved to approve the revisions of the social media policy as presented; Mermis seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Visioning Work Session Principles: Holter advised that a week from today is the scheduled visioning work session at 5:30pm. Holter provided Council with an outline of topics that will be discussed. Currently have 9 topics and asked for any additions be sent to Holter to be included in the packets for the meeting.

League of Kansas Municipalities Conference Reports: Heitschmidt, Mermis and Holter gave reports to Council regarding sessions they attended at the league conference over the weekend.

Mayoral Report: Nothing more to report.

Administrator Report: Nothing more to report.

Parks & Recreation Report: Nothing more to report.

City Clerk Report: Nothing more to report.

Police Chief Report: Mermis reported that he will be meeting with Robson & Fredrickson regarding property letters that he has sent out.

City Attorney Report: Nothing more to report.

Public Works Report: Nothing more to report.

Economic Development Report: Nothing more to report.

Public Forum: No public wished to address Council.

Executive Session: Heitschmidt moved to enter into a 20 minutes executive session for consultation with an attorney for the body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship; pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2) to include Council, Holter, Robson and Erin Good to resume to regular meeting at 5:33pm; Costello seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Regular meeting resumed at 5:33pm. No action taken.

Adjournment: Kline moved to adjourn meeting at 5:34pm; Heitschmidt seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Todd Heitschmidt, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Tiffany Jeffrey, City Clerk