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Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 28, 2019
4:30 PM

The regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Marion, Kansas was held Monday, January 28, 2019 with Todd Heitschmidt presiding as Mayor; Council Members John Wheeler, Susan Gray and Chris Costello. Also, in attendance were: Roger Holter, City Administrator; Tiffany Jeffrey, City Clerk; Clinton Jeffrey, Police Chief; Clayton Garnica, Electrical Supervisor; Marty Fredrickson, Street Superintendent; Margo Yates, Parks & Rec Director; Randy Collett, Economic Developer and Phyllis Zorn, Marion Record.

Heitschmidt lead the pledge of allegiance.

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

Approval of Agenda: Heitschmidt moved to approve agenda presented; Gray seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Public Forum: No public wished to address Council.

Consent Agenda: Heitschmidt moved to approve consent agenda as presented; Costello seconded; motion carried 4-0.

- Approval of the Minutes of the January 14th regular City Council meeting
- Approval of Warrants in the amount of \$89,571.16
- Approval of payroll in the amount of \$30,921.01

Brenda Soyez, Girl Scout leader and 3 girl scout members arrived at 4:34pm.

Girl Scout's Presentation & Request: The girl scouts gave a presentation to Council regarding a project that they are working on to complete a badge. They asked Council if it would be feasible to put a dog park at Ann's Park and advised they would need financial support for fencing. Heitschmidt thanked the girl scouts for their presentation and referred them to Margo Yates and the Parks & Recreation Board as we have looked at creating a dog park in the past.

Consent for Annexation petition: Holter advised that the land that we purchased at the airport needs to be annexed into the City limits. Council has to approve the consent for annexation giving the Mayor authority to sign the consent and then pass the Ordinance to annex the lot. Holter advised once these are accomplished the Appraisers Office can accept our request of abating the property. Wheeler moved to allow the mayor to sign the consent of the annexation of the lot; Costello seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 1440 – Annexation of Airport Land: Heitschmidt moved to approve Ordinance 1440 as presented; Gray seconded; motion carried 4-0.

2019 CDBG Grant for Waterline Project: Heitschmidt reported that we did not receive the CDBG grant for our waterline project that we applied for. Holter advised there were over 50 applicants and only 29 of them were funded. This leaves us \$600,000 short on the preliminary design of the project. Holter also

advised that he is going to meet with USDA staff to explore possibilities for a grant or additional line of credit if necessary.

Final 2018 Mill Levy: Holter advised the final 2018 mill levy sheets are included in the packet. We adopted the 2019 budget without raising the mill but with the final evaluation that came from Appraisers office the mill levy went up due to the final evaluation decreasing.

Report on Partial Self-funded Health Insurance: Holter advised he appreciated Council granting us the ability to explore the self-funded health insurance. He advised that he looked at 2 different companies and their premiums for our group. To switch to a partially self-funded insurance our monthly premiums would be substantially higher. Holter recommended Council approve the BCBS renewal presented at the last meeting.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Renewal: Heitschmidt moved to approve the BCBS 2019 grandfathered health and dental insurance coverage beginning March 1, 2019 as presented by Kelly Leister at the last Council Meeting; Wheeler seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Mayoral & Council Report: Costello asked Collett the status of the old McGregor's building.

Administrator Report: Holter shared a great compliment from a citizen on the Police Chief and his officers on the great efforts within the last week of the loss of several community members.

Parks & Recreation Report: Yates reported she is continuing to look for volunteers for the post season basketball tournament.

City Clerk Report: Nothing more to report.

Police Chief Report: Nothing more to report.

City Attorney Report: Nothing more to report.

Public Works Report: Garnica reported schedule outage is postponed to March 5-6th due to the extreme weather conditions.

Economic Development Report: Nothing more to report.

Public Forum: No public wished to address Council.

Executive Session: Heitschmidt moved to enter into ten-minute executive session at 5:10pm to consult with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) to include Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, and City Administrator to return to regular session at 5:20pm; Gray seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Regular session resumed at 5:20pm.

Heitschmidt moved to enter into another ten-minutes executive session at 5:21pm to consult with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) to include Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, and City Administrator to return to regular session at 5:20pm; Gray seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Regular session resumed at 5:31pm. No action taken. Heitschmidt asked if there were any other comments or questions.

Adjournment: Heitschmidt moved to adjourn meeting at 5:33pm; Gray seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Todd Heitschmidt, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Tiffany Jeffrey, City Clerk