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Public Hearing - Floodplain Management
Monday, April 1st, 2024
Monday, 5:00 p.m.

The public hearing of the City Council for the City of Marion, Kansas was held Monday, April 1st, 2024, at 203 N. 3rd, Marion, KS in the lower level at 5:00 p.m. with Michael Powers presiding as Mayor and Council members, Zach Collett, Amy Smith, Kevin Burkholder 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, Clayton Garnica, Brent Cleeton, Darvin Markley, Steven Hart, Landon Pederson, Bradley Bartel, Ruth Lange, Kristen Wewe, David Pyle, and Marion County Record reporters, Phyllis Zorn and Eric Meyer.

Call to Order: Called the public hearing to order at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of the Floodplain Management Ordinance

Public Comments: No public comments

Adjournment: T. Baxa motioned to adjourn the public hearing; 2nd by A. Smith; Motion carried 5-0.

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City Council Meeting
April 1st, 2024
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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Marion, Kansas was held Monday, April 1st, 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, Clayton Garnica, Brent Cleeton, Darvin Markley, Steven Hart, Landon Pederson, Bradley Bartel, Ruth Lange, Kristen Wewe, David Pyle, 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: Mayor Powers asked that Item 14, Executive Session be tabled until the April 15th, 2024 meeting. T. Baxa motioned to approve the agenda, excluding Item 14; T. Baxa 2nd; motion carried 5-0.

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

- Approval of the Minutes of the March 18th, 2024 Council Meeting
- Approval of warrants in the amount of \$47,187.14
- Approval of payroll in the amount of \$35,569.28

Public Comment on Matter Included in this Meetings Agenda: No public comments.

Project Proposal: M. Yates introduced David Pyle of Pyle Construction to council members. D. Pyle stated he was interested in building 4 duplex housing units on 3rd Street East of Sunshine Country Daycare starting this year. Pyle asked council members to consider approving the extension of the water from 3rd Street back to the East one block on Forest connecting with Commercial Street for potential development in the area. After discussion, A. Smith made a motion to approve the extension of the water line; K. Burkholder 2nd; motion carried 5-0. Mayor Powers and Council members thanked Pyle.

Follow Up Meeting on Coble Street Housing: Kristen Wewe with Lange Real Estate told council members that the floor plans are being finalized which would include an unfinished basement in each one, with the cost of each house to be between \$260,000.00 and \$265,000.00. K. Wewe stated that KHITC has a program that offer's financial assistance that they would like to apply for, however a housing needs assessment needed to be done as one of the requirements. Wewe explained that doing the housing assessment would be beneficial to the city for future housing development, and offered two options to the city to get it done. One, she would take lead and proceed with the assessment, or the city could move forward with getting it done, either way the deadline was April 19th, 2024. Z. Collett stated that a housing assessment was started with the previous developer and he would do some research to locate the correspondence between the City and KHITC. After discussion, Mayor Powers moved to approve Interim City Administrator Mark McAnarney taking the lead on the housing assessment, and working with Lange Real Estate to have it completed by the deadline; T. Baxa 2nd; motion carried 5-0.

City Municipal Judge Vacancy: Mayor Powers motioned Randy Pankratz be appointed as the City Judge; Z. Collett 2nd; motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 1509 Floodplain Management Ordinance: After discussion and recommendations by Darwin Markley with the Planning and Zoning Committee regarding the protecting the pondage areas, Z. Collett made a motion to approve Ordinance 1509 as presented; D. Markley asked that the motion be amended to include a recommendation for the protection of the pondage areas in the valley in the near future; Z. Collett amended his motion to approve Ordinance 1509, including D. Markley's recommendation for of the protection of the pondage areas in the valley in the future; Mayor Powers 2nd; motion carried 5-0.

Equipment Lease Resolution 2024-02: Z. Collett made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02; T. Baxa 2nd; motion carried 5-0.

Request for Side Street Closure for Event April 20th, 2024: M. Yates told council members that the Jetset Boutique would like to hold a Spring Fest on April 20th, 2024 at 4th & Main, and has asked that 4th Street be closed from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. where there will be vendors, music and kids' games set up. After discussion, Z. Collett made a motion to approve the street closure on 4th Street, April 20th, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. pending the approval from the Sheriff's Department and other business along 4th Street. A. Smith 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.

Proposal from Marion Merchants and MEDI: B. Bartel told council members that he was representing MEDI, and asking on their behalf, for approval of a proposal to hire a part time contractor to direct tourism related promotion, activities projects and events, being paid out of the transient guest funds. Bartel stated that the contractor would work 8 hours a week at \$15.00 to \$20.00 per hour for one year, and at that time decide if they wanted to continue with the part time contractor position. T. Baxa made a motion to approve the proposal with funds being used out of the transient guest tax funds for one year; K. Burkholder 2nd; motion carried 5-0.

Chingawassa Days: C. Garnica presented council members the 2024 Beer Garden Proposal for the 2024 Event, extending the beer garden area to the entire south half, starting from the bathrooms back to the basketball court, with a fence dividing the park in two halves with a walk-thru gate. Garnica advised that all other rules and regulations will be the same as previous years with the beer garden being open May 31st, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. or end of the concert, whichever is earliest, and Saturday, June 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. or end of the concert, whichever is earliest. T. Baxa made a motion to approve the Chingawassa Beer Garden event; A. Smith 2nd; motion carried 5-0.

Staff Reports: Z. Hudlin stated that Dustin Woodford was on his 2nd week at academy, and he had one potential applicant. S. Hart nothing further to report. L. Pederson nothing further to report. M. Yates nothing further to report. M. McAnarney nothing further to report.

Councilor Reports: T. Baxa questioned the purchasing policy. K. Burkholder asked about the Miller Street property. Donald Wilson told council members that he would be finishing up the final issues with his property on Tuesday, and was ready for James Masters to do the final inspection.

Z. Collett nothing further to report.

Smith asked about answering questions from community members that can not attend a meeting, and if there was a place on the website for such.

Mayor Powers told council member's that staff raises would be on the next meeting agenda, and that the 2024 Budget had 5% budgeted for such raises. Mayor Powers asked that research be done on Food Truck permits and also asked council members to think about the recycling program, and whether it was feasible to continue the program every week.

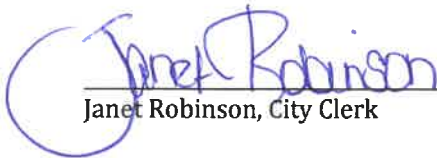
Public Forum: Ruth Herbel asked that the purchasing policy be reviewed, because in her opinion the \$89,000.00 skid loader was purchased without city council approval, and in her opinion the limit on non-approved purchases is \$10,000. Herbel reminded council members that just because funds are allotted in the budget for raises, they still require council approval.

Darvin Markley asked that signage of "no unauthorized vehicles allowed" be placed on the levee to keep people from driving on it.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: At 6:40, A. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting; T. Baxa 2nd; meeting adjourned.



Michael Powers, Mayor



Janet Robinson, City Clerk