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Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, July 25, 2022  
4:30 PM

The regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Marion, Kansas was held Monday, July 25, 2022 at 203 N 3<sup>rd</sup>, Marion KS in the lower level at 4:30pm with David Mayfield presiding as Mayor and Council Members Zach Collett, Chris Costello, Ruth Herbel and Jerry Kline in attendance. Also, in attendance were: Roger Holter, Interim City Administrator; Mark Skiles, City Administrator; Clinton Jeffrey, Police Chief; Tiffany Jeffrey, City Clerk; Margo Yates, Parks & Recreation Director; Zach Strella, City Attorney; James Masters, Code Enforcement; Beth Warren, Ranson Financial; Darin Neufeld, EBH Engineering; Phyllis Zorn, Marion Record; Ron Herbel, Darvin Markley and Margaret Wilson.

Call to Order: Mayfield called the meeting to order at 4:30pm following the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of agenda: Herbel moved to approve agenda; Costello seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Public Forum – Limited to Agenda Items: Darvin Markley addressed Council regarding the street bond proposal.

Kari Newell arrived at 4:31pm.

Consent Agenda: Herbel moved to approve consent agenda; Kline seconded; Herbel asked about pre-employment drug tests. Motion carried 5-0.

- Approval of the Minutes of the July 11, 2022 City Council Meeting.
- Approval of Warrants in the amount of \$368,623.01.
- Approval of payroll in the amount of \$42,107.07.

Clarification on Street Replacement Bond Options: Beth Warren provided clarification on the Charter Ordinance. Herbel expressed concern. Discussion held regarding sales tax and economic development.

Eric Meyer arrived at 4:36pm. Johsie Reid & Nikki Reid arrived at 4:37pm.

Charter Ordinance #22 (22-02) Exempting CIP Projects from Debt Service Calculation: Holter presented Charter Ordinance 22 as staff was instructed to draft. Mayfield moved to approve Charter Ordinance 22-02; Costello seconded; motion carried 4-1 with Herbel opposed.

Council Review of proposed Capital Improvement Plan: Holter advised that part of the bond process Council will need to adopt a Capital Improvement Plan which has been provided in the packet to include all of the capital improvements listed within the city. Discussion held. Item tabled until August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Renewal of Maintenance Agreement with Hach for Water Plant Controls: Holter advised that Hach is the company that we have maintenance agreements with the water plant for chlorine and turbidity levels necessary to complete KDHE testing. Collett moved to approve; Herbel seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 22-18 Lease Purchase Agreement with Marion National Bank: T. Jeffrey presented Resolution 22-18 authorizing the execution of the lease purchase agreement for the City Administrator vehicle with MNB. Mayfield moved to approve Resolution 22-18; Costello seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Property Restoration & Maintenance Plan for 413 S 4th: James Masters provided updated pictures to Council and reported that City utilities are still off and the inside of the property is still considered a dangerous structure for habitation but there has been cleanup process on the property. Masters advised that he has not had any contact with J. Loomis since the last Council meeting. Discussion held. Zach Strella advised that it is sufficient to set out the property for another review or to continue with the condemnation process. Herbel moved to extend for 30 days; Costello seconded; motion carried 4-1 with Mayfield opposed.

Ruth Lange & Ken Riggs arrived at 5pm.

Street Dance & Beer Garden Request for an event on September 24, 2022: Johsie Reid asked for Council vote on proceeding with the Street Dance on Old Settler's Day. Discussion held. Kari Newell advised that as a transplant to the community it is a great idea for her to be able to participate in a community event not having a class reunion. Mayfield asked for clarification on location. J. Reid advised from Second Street to Fourth Street. Collett moved to authorize the street dance held on Main Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> on the evening of September 24<sup>th</sup>; Kline seconded; motion carried 4-1 with Costello opposed.

Introduction of Mark Skiles: Mark Skiles introduced himself to City Council and expressed excitement for his new endeavor as City Administrator.

Mayoral & Council Report: Collett gave shoutout to our crews for their work on South Roosevelt Street project as it is exciting for street improvement and they are doing a great job. Holter thanked Council on behalf of the Staff as the acquisition of the motor grader has been a huge help on the project.

Administrator Report: Nothing further to report.

Community Enrichment Report: Nothing further to report.

City Clerk Report: Nothing further to report.

Police Chief Report: 3<sup>rd</sup> annual K9 run fundraiser will be held September 24<sup>th</sup> at 8am.

City Attorney Report: Strella advised that Bina is on vacation this week so if there is an issue Bina will not see emails but he would be happy to answer any questions.

Public Works Report: Nothing further to report.

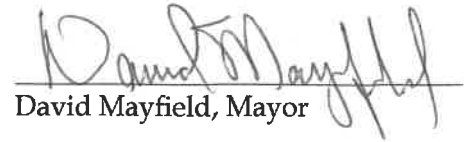
Economic Development Report: N/A

Public Forum: Darvin Markley addressed Council regarding the sales tax and property mill levy. Darin Neufeld reiterated what Holter said on the motor grade. It is a huge to have that piece of equipment utilized within the City.

Adjournment: Kline moved to adjourn meeting at 5:20pm; Mayfield seconded; motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST:

  
Tiffany Jeffrey, CMC, City Clerk

  
David Mayfield, Mayor