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Regular Council Meeting
Monday, November 28, 2022
4:30PM

The regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Marion, Kansas was held Monday, November 28, 2022 at 208 E Santa Fe, Marion KS in the lower level at 4:30pm with David Mayfield presiding as Mayor and Council Members Zach Collett, Ruth Herbel and Jerry Kline in attendance. Also, in attendance were: Mark Skiles, City Administrator; Clinton Jeffrey, Police Chief; Tiffany Jeffrey, City Clerk; Margo Yates, Community Enrichment Director; Steven Janzen, Assistant Chief of Police; Zach Hudlin, Police Officer; James Masters, Code Enforcement; Phyllis Zorn, Marion Record; Jeremiah Lange and Aaron Slater.

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

Approval of agenda: Herbel moved to approve the agenda; Collett seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda: Herbel moved to approve the consent agenda; Collett seconded; Kline asked about the KPP storm surcharge. Motion carried 4-0.

- Approval of the Minutes of the November 14, 2022 City Council Meeting.
- Approval of Warrants in the amount of \$194,067.19.
- Approval of payroll in the amount of \$32,900.80.

Sheriff Jeff Soye and Undersheriff Larry Starkey arrived at 4:32pm.

Consider and take action on Blighted Structures: James Masters reported he mailed out 5 notices for blighted structures. Since then, two structures have been demolished and removed. Masters gave report on 202 Miller Street, 129 W Santa Fe Street and 420 E Moore Street and asked for a resolution been passed to call for a public hearing for the purpose of the structures. Masters provided the prepared resolution to Council for their review. Discussion held. Mayfield moved to approve Resolution 22-15; Kline seconded; T. Jeffrey advised that Resolution 22-15 has previously been approved and this should be Resolution 22-25. Mayfield moved to amend the resolution to Resolution 22-25 instead of Resolution 22-15; Collett seconded; motion carried 4-0. Mayfield moved to approve Resolution 22-25; Kline seconded; motion carried 4-0.

K9 Program Discussion: Chief Jeffrey reported that our K9 Handler Aaron Slater has resigned his position with the City and has moved over to the Sheriff's Office who has expressed interest in purchasing the K9 dog. Chief Jeffrey advised that the K9 dog was purchased by the City through donations and has been maintained by donations but currently the police department does not have an officer to handle or maintain the dog. Sheriff Soye expressed interest in purchasing the dog from the City which will give him a second dog for his department and advised that the citizens will still benefit from the dog.

Discussion held. Skiles advised that he and Sheriff Soye will have discussions and be back a proposal for Council consideration in the form of an interlocal agreement.

Ranson Financial Grant Writing Proposal LMI Survey: Skiles presented the Ranson Financial proposal for conducting a LMI survey as our last survey information has expired. Discussion held. Collett moved to approve; Kline seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Approval of \$5 credit on Utility Bills for responding to LMI Survey: Skiles suggested a \$5.00 credit on utility bills for the citizens who respond to the LMI survey as an incentive to complete the survey. Discussion held. Mayfield moved to approve \$5.00 credit on utility bills for filling out a survey; Kline seconded; Herbel asked about water district no. 2 being include. T. Jeffrey advised that Rose Mary Saunders advised they have to be included in the LMI numbers because they purchase treated water from our water plant. Motion carried 4-0.

Budget Amendment Hearing Date & Publication: T. Jeffrey asked Council for permission to publish the 2022 budget amendment hearing notice included in the packets with a hearing date of December 12th at 4:30pm. Mayfield moved to approve the notice of hearing for amending the 2022 budget to be held on December 12, 2022 at 4:30pm; Collett seconded; Herbel asked about the utility increase and asked if it was because of the poles and materials we are buying. Skiles advised that is something that will be discussed at the budget amendment hearing. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 22-24 Name Change to the Kansas Power Pool: Skiles presented Resolution 22-24. Mayfield moved to approve Resolution 22-24; Kline seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Second Amendment to the Kansas Power Pool Agreement: Skiles presented the second amendment to the Kansas Power Pool agreement for KPP name change as well. Mayfield moved to approve Kansas Power Pool second amendment to Kansas Power Pool agreement; Collett seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Additional KPP Funding for Increase in Voltage Upgrade Scope of Work: Skiles reported that the Kansas Power Pool bond that we are apart of with our electrical upgrade, some of the other projects came in under budget. KPP Board has approved an additional up to \$400,000 for our upgrade project. Skiles advised that if we take on the additional debt it would increase our payment to roughly \$20,500 with the term of 19 years at 2.56% interest rate. Skiles asked for authority to proceed to present potential projects to Kansas Power Pool so that they can endorse the potential projects as it must be related to our voltage upgrade. Discussion held. Mayfield moved to allow our City Administrator to negotiate with Kansas Power Pool in regards to the 12.5 upgrade; Kline seconded; Collett asked for clarification on the authority given to Skiles and asked if he will come back to Council for final approval after approved by KPP. Skiles advised that he would rather have the right to authorize a projects up to. Collett advised that he would rather Skiles comes back to the Council for final approval with a specific project instead of blinding approving up to a certain dollar amount. Skiles advised that the project must be tied to the voltage upgrade

project. Herbel suggested to include up to \$400,000 limit. Discussion held. Mayfield withdrew his motion; Kline withdrew his second. Collett moved to allow Mark Skiles to present projects to Kansas Power Pool and bring back to Council for final approval the final proposed project after Kansas Power Pool has given approval; Mayfield seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Mayoral & Council Report: Collett thanked Yates for the Holly Jolly event this last weekend as he received great feedback from out of towners.

Administrator Report: Skiles reported the Library home tour is this weekend and tickets must be purchased to attend.

Community Enrichment Report: Nothing further to report.

City Clerk Report: Nothing further to report.

Police Chief Report: Nothing further to report.

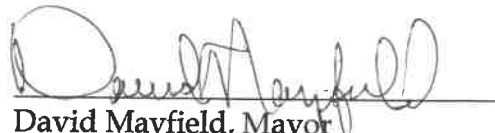
City Attorney Report: N/A

Public Works Report: N/A

Economic Development Report: N/A

Public Forum: No public wished to address Council at this time.

Adjournment: Kline moved to adjourn meeting at 5:29pm; Mayfield seconded; motion carried 4-0.


David Mayfield, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tiffany Jeffrey, CMC, City Clerk