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City Council Meeting  
December 27th, 2023  
Monday, 4:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Marion, Kansas was held Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 203 N. 3rd, Marion, Kansas in the lower level at 4:30 p.m. with Ruth Herbel presiding as Vice Mayor and Council Members Zach Collett, Kevin Burkholder, and Jerry Kline, Mayor Mayfield absent. Also in attendance, Brogan Jones, City Administrator, Janet Robinson, City Clerk, Zach Hudlin, Margo Yates, Community Enrichment Director, Michael Powers, Amy Smith, Tim Smith, Ruth Lange, Steven Hart, Landon Pederson, Gene Winkler, Ryan Newell, Chloe Burkholder, Calli Burkholder, Donald Wilson, Marion County Record reporters, Phyllis Zorn and Eric Meyer.

Call to Order: Vice Mayor, Herbel called the meeting to order following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda: Collett made a motion to approve the agenda; Burkholder 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried 4-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Collett made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Burkholder 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried 4-0.

MEDI Recommendation for Payment to the Library: Yates told council members the Library was going to use the billboard located at Walton to display their award as the Best Library in Kansas for 2 months, MEDI was requesting that \$400.00 of the transient guest tax money be used to pay for one more month, so that the award could be displayed for 3 months. Yates stated that the Merchants and MEDI both voted yes on this because it was such a big award for the Marion Library. Yates told council members that the billboard is seen by approximately 4500 people a day, and the Library award billboard would be displayed starting in January, 2024. Collett made a motion to approve the \$400.00 out of the transient guest tax for the billboard; Kline 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried 4-0.

Councilor, Department, & Staff Reports: Kline asked for an update on the KPP Solar Panel project. Jones stated that KPP had done the survey, and would be sending a map on which streets and alleys would have to be vacated and on how the area would need to be rezoned.

Burkholder stated he had checked out pickleball courts in Clay Center and Wamago, and has some plans on how to convert one tennis court into pickleball courts by using the existing fencing already there and purchasing additional fencing for the middle. Burkholder will bring back more information to the next council meeting.

Collett nothing further to report.

Vice Mayor, Herbel suggested that in the future, the City consider investing a portion of the 2 million dollars currently in the checking account, into interest bearing CD's.

Councilor, Department & Staff Reports: Zach Hudlin nothing further to report

Steven Hart nothing further to report.

Margo Yates reported that a new clothing business was coming in to where the day spa was on Main Street. Yates also reported that the public hearing on the new Marion County Health Department's conditional use permit would be held on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

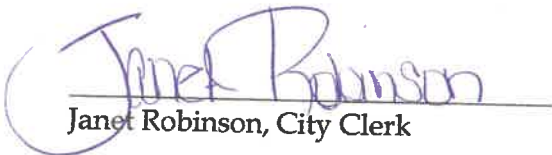
Janet Robinson nothing further to report.

Brogan Jones stated that the bids for the demolition for 202 Miller Street would be in the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 packets. Jones told council members that this would be the last council meeting he would be at, so if anyone needed to get ahold of him they would need to call him. Jones state that a spending freeze is in place for all departments until after the first of the year.

Public Forum: Donald Wilson who owns the property at 202 Miller Street told council members that the cistern had been filled in and the back staircase had been removed. Jones told Wilson to get ahold of James Masters to see what his next step is.

Ryan Newell asked if Jennifer Hill was representing Mayor David Mayfield personally. Council members were unaware of who represents Mayor Mayfield personally.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Kline made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Burkholder 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

  
Janet Robinson, City Clerk

  
Mayor Mayfield, Mayor