

**Meeting of the Marion City Council
November 20, 2017**

The Marion City Council met in regular session November 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jared Byford presiding. Council members present were: Phyllis Sykes, Darrin Tabor, Donnie Arflack, Dwight Sherer, D'Anna Sallin, and Mike Byford. City employees in attendance were as follows: Adam Ledford, Melinda Gipson, Brian Thomas, Ray O'Neal, and the city attorney Bart Frazer. A public sign-in sheet is attached and made part of these minutes.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Motion by Phyllis Sykes, second by Darrin Tabor to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2017 meeting. All voted yes.

The city administrator, Adam Ledford, gave the council an update of the community appropriation process. The city's website has an application for anyone requesting funds from the city in the upcoming budget year. The deadline for having them turned in will be December 31, 2017.

The council was asked to declare two ladders from the fire department as surplus because they were no longer suitable for use. Motion by Arflack, second by Sherer to sell these two 40' ladders. All voted yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council member Sykes asked about the status of the leaf vacuum truck. Brian Thomas had been informed the company was waiting on one important part to come in. When asked why the truck was not sent in for repair sooner, Thomas said he didn't dream the council would want to put money in the truck when the infrastructure is falling apart.

Council member Sykes spoke about the planning and zoning regulations that need to be updated after the Comprehensive Plan is finished. Council member Sallin wants more stringent guidelines for the updated regulations. She also asks for better definitions of setbacks. These will be brought back to the council for approval.

Council member Sykes reported the county has an 18-ton limit on county roads per KRS guidelines. She feels a load limit or speed limit should be placed on County Club Drive to help alleviate the problems with the failing road. Police Chief, Ray O'Neal said probably a tandem axle limit would be easier to enforce. The city administrator will write up an ordinance for the December meeting.

Council member Tabor asked for an update on the new sewer plant. Eclipse is working on the design stage at this point. Our purchase option is up sometime near the end of December for the 15 acres at the North Industrial Park. An easement with an adjoining property owner is needed to continue the project. Mayor, Jared Byford will ask about extending our option with the CCEDC.

Council member Tabor stated how unhappy he is with the payroll for the police department. He feels the city should work aggressively to find the money to allow the hiring of more officers.

Council member Arflack questioned the progress of the audit for 2016-2017. Jeff Walker is scheduled to present the audit at the December meeting.

Council member Sherer asked about the situation concerning Ceratech and the Revolving Loan Fund.

Council member Sallin said she felt we should cut appropriations even further for next year's budget. She commented on the poor conditions of the sidewalks especially on the east side of Main Street.

Adam Ledford, city administrator, said the opening is scheduled for November 30, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. for engineering on the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

JARED BYFORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELINDA GIPSON, ASST. CITY CLERK