

**Meeting of the Marion City Council
September 17, 2018**

The Marion City Council met in regular session September 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jared Byford presiding. Council members present were Phyllis Sykes, Darrin Tabor, Donnie Arflack, Dwight Sherer, D'Anna Browning, and Mike Byford. City employees in attendance were as follows: Adam Ledford, Melinda Gipson, Pam Enoch, Terri Hart, Brian Thomas, Ray O'Neal, and the city attorney. A public sign-in sheet is attached and made part of these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several residents from Oakhill Drive were back for the second straight month regarding repairs to their city street. Randy Dunn was the spokesman for the group. He stated the residents appreciated the repairs that the city has done, but wondered when rest of the repairs are going to be fixed. He also stated two more areas are falling in and needing repaired. The utility director, Brian Thomas, said the work would require costly new asphalt, not patches. The areas are so significant that rock or patching material would simply wash away after a few rains. The city administrator, Adam Ledford let the residents know that Oakhill Drive was not on his list of priority pavement repairs that would be presented to council next month. He stated there were too many areas in worse shape to address with limited funds. The city administrator stated the city council would have final say on how the funds would be utilized.

Amelia, representative from senate was present to listen in.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Motion by Dwight Sherer, second by D'Anna Browning to approve the minutes of August 20, 2018, and August 27, 2018 special called meeting minutes submitted to the council. All voted yes.

Alan Robinson, president of Eclipse Engineering, was present at the meeting to update the council about ongoing sewer projects. He said that plans for the first phase of the overall sewer system upgrade have been approved by the Kentucky Division of Water. He stated advertising for construction bids could be as early as next month, with construction on the almost \$2 million project beginning as early as January. Construction is to take about 24 months. The city is still hoping to take \$1 million off the cost of the upgrades through a federal community development block grant.

After several conversations between the city and Midwest, both parties have decided to terminate the lease as of September 1, 2018. Midwest was given additional time to remove a few final items.

Mayor Jared Byford explained arrangements between the city, county, and the jail on the leaf collection pick up. He stated beginning sometime in mid-October the jails supervised mowing crew will be assigned to leaf collection. The jail will be using the city's leaf vacuum. The mayor said this year would be used as a test run to see how the arrangement works out.

Pauline Scofield, a representative from the Senior Citizens, was present at the meeting to report on the status of the organization. Starting January 1, 2019, only three kitchens will be used for all nine county needs. In Crittenden County, the meals will be prepared in Lyon County. The meals will be transported from Eddyville to Marion to be served on dinner trays as normal and taken to home-delivered meals

subscribers. Margaret Gilland brief the council on how critical the organization position has become, including concerns about the transportation impact. She stated if anymore cuts come, there won't be anything else to cut.

Michele Edwards, Tourism Director, discussed with the council, plans for a Frisbee golf course, and asked the council to provide some form of commitment on the future use of the property, at the Victory Gardens. Kevin Maxfield, disc golf player, briefed the council on what disc golf was and the purpose of wanting it in Marion. He had any concerns and questions that the council had on disc golf. Council member Darrin Tabor had some concerns on this new recreation interfering with other activities already taking place at the City/County Park. Michele said this new recreation would cost nothing for City taxpayers; tourism has already put more than \$3000 dollars toward designing the course. The council had some concerns, wanting design reworked, fearing the planned hole would interfere with fishing at the lake on city property and warm-up areas for softball and baseball at the park. After discussion, motion by Phyllis Sykes, second by Dwight Sherer to authorize the mayor to sign a three year option lease for disc golf. All voted yes.

The council discussed the Marion Tourism's rental lease on the part of city's building they use. The lease started in 2005 on every ten year renewal with a 6 month given notice. August 2020 would be the next renewal date.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council member Phyllis Sykes said she is questioned why famers could use Country Club Drive.

Council member Darrin Tabor inquired about annexation for bringing more revenue into the city, specifically from residents on Airport Road. The city attorney said the first step, would be for the city to pass an ordinance of intent to annex. He said it would take a 55 percent supermajority of voters in the proposed annexation area to reject it. The council discussed annexing the airport itself, offering city and police protection while having the availability of taxing hangared aircraft for revenue.

Council member Darrin Tabor requested to get a surplus list ready from the utility director, on items their not using no more.

Council member Donnie Arflack stated stop light is still running slow on East Bellville side.

Council member D'Anna Browning wanted to recognize Chris Evans for fixing the walking trail bridge on his own time.

Council member Mike Byford asked about the crosswalk uptown. The city administrator said the staff would continue to work with the State to fix this issue.

Council member Mike Byford discussed a property on Adam's Street which needs mowing.

Council member Mike Byford said the city needs to coordinate use of the street sweeper after the annual homecoming parades.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the council, meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

JARED BYFORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAM ENOCH, CITY CLERK