

**Meeting of the Marion City Council
Monday, October 16, at 5:00 P.M.**

The Marion City Council met in Regular Session on October 16, at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor D'Anna Browning presiding. Council members present were Randy Dunn, Wanda Olson, Tracy Cook, Bobby Belt, Dwight Sherer and Mike Byford. City Employees in attendance were as follows: Diane Ford-Benningfield, Layten Croft, Police Chief Ray O'Neal, Bobby West, Mikka Crabtree and Legal Service Officer, Bart Frazer. A public sign-in sheet is attached and made part of these minutes.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Motion by Councilman Dwight Sherer, seconded by Councilwoman Wanda Olson to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 18, 2023. All present council members voted yes; motion carried.

Public member, Peggy Waugh then prayed for the Mayor, Council, and community.

City Legal Officer Bart Frazer then gave the second reading of Ordinance #23-08 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 52.08 ABUTTING OWNERS TO CONNECT TO SEWER LINES". A motion was made by Bobby Belt, seconded by Wanda Olson. The ordinance was then open for discussion. Councilman Sherer then requested to know how many people this would affect. City Administrator Ford-Benningfield advised she would have to research and find out. Councilman Belt advised he did not think it was morally correct to make someone to pay for something they don't use. Councilman Sherer requests that this ordinance be tabled. Mayor Browning tabled said ordinance.

City Legal Officer Bart Frazer then gave the second reading of Ordinance #23-09 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ANNEXATION BY THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, A CITY OF HOME CLASS RULE, OF TWO PARCELS TOTALING 14.78 ACRES ALONG THE EAST AND WEST RIGHT OF WAY OF MCMICAN ROAD." A motion was made by Mike Byford, seconded by Randy Dunn. All present members voted yes; motion carried.

Councilman Mike Byford sponsored the first reading of Ordinance 23-10 entitled, "An ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PAY PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS.". The council all agreed it has been six months since Administrator Ford-Benningfield started.

The Council then made the consideration of accepting the bid for the trencher that was voted as surplus property. Motion made by Tracy Cook, seconded by Wanda Olson. All present members voted yes; motion carried.

The Council then made the consideration of accepting the bid of \$5,000 (cash) and \$45,000 in leak detection labor for the Hydrostop that was voted as surplus property. Motion by Wanda Olson, seconded by Randy Dunn. All present members voting yest, motion carried.

The Mayor then appointed Mindy Withrow, Andy Hunt, and Melissa Gilland to the Revolving Loan Community. A motion was made by Tracy Cook to accept the Mayor's appointment, Wanda Olson seconded the motion and all members voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Tim Thomas then gave a brief update on Lake George. He advised that the City had all of its required permits, and now we are awaiting MSI to bring their plan to the City of Marion. Mayor Browning emphasizes this stabilization project is the main priority currently. There was a slight discussion about the Crittenden-Livingston Water District expansion project.

The Mayor advised that leaf pickup will be starting soon, and the schedule would be in the paper and early bird.

A motion was made by Mike Byford, seconded by Wanda Olson to accept the resignation of Chief Ray O'Neal in the position of the Chief of Police and to accept him in the position of City Hall Security Officer. All present members voted yes; motion carried. The mayor and all the council thanked Ray for his service as our Chief of Police for the last 17 years. Former Mayor, Mickey Alexander, spoke about Ray O'Neal for several minutes. The Mayor then presented Ray O'Neal with a plaque of appreciation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Byford advised the painted water hydrants looked very good. He also advised there is a patch of weeds across from Siemen's that needed to be mowed.

Councilman Bobby Belt advised there is a large pothole at First Street and North Walker Street. Mr. Belt then had a few questions regarding the new position of City Hall Security.

Councilman Dwight Sherer advised he is very pleased with the flag mural on the side of Johnson's Furniture.

Councilman Dunn requested an update on the street paving.

The City Administrator advised Roger's Group accepted the contract for street paving. She also advised the city would be having a soft flush in the coming week and the Division of Water has requested a hard flush in the upcoming days as well.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03PM.


D'ANNA BROWNING, MAYOR


ATTEST: LAYTEN CROFT, CITY TREASURER, ASST. CITY CLERK