

MARION COMMON COUNCIL MEETING – April 12, 2021

Mayor Schoen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Jill Grogan, Chris Goke, Wanda Tucker, Richard Workman Sr., Scott Hoffmann

Absent: Ken Williamson

Others Present: John Bork (MCO), Sara Tischauser (Marion Advertiser), David Mattes, Chief Kevin Schultz, Dan Herzberg (Graef), Le Ann Hopp, Dan and Joanne Markee, Todd Prellwitz, Attorney Mike Meyer

m/s/c Hoffmann/Workman to approve the agenda.

m/s/c Hoffmann/Grogan to deviate from the order of agenda if necessary.

m/s/c Hoffmann/Grogan to approve the open and closed session council meeting minutes from March 8th, 2021

m/s/c Hoffmann/Tucker to approve the Special Council joint w/Plan Commission from March 29th, 2021

m/s/c Hoffmann/Grogan to approve the open and closed session council meeting minutes from March 29th.

m/s/c Hoffmann/Workman to approve the open and closed session Committee of the Whole minutes from April 5th, 2021; no items were taken out for further discussion.

m/s/c Hoffmann/Grogan to approve the open and closed session Committee of the Whole minutes from April 7th, 2021; no items were taken out for further discussion.

Acknowledgement of Citizens/Open Forum: None.

Communications/Petitions/Correspondence: Emailed to members as received.

Standing Committee Reports:

Personnel:

Public Protection:

Community Properties:

City Finance: Goke reported on the March 8th meeting. They reviewed the monthly bills, bank statements and financial reports and found everything in order. The Committee of the Whole recommended refinancing the W. Garfield loan at 1.95% interest for 10 years, while keeping the 18 year amortization schedule; current rate is 3.68%; annual payment will drop from approx. \$44,000 to \$33,000; the annual savings will be used to pay down the “old” 2012 Premier Community Bank loan. Rogers is checking into refinancing that loan as well. Also checking with lenders to finance the new subdivision. They discussed an ordinance to rezone the Mavis Road development parcels. m/s/c Hoffmann/Tucker to approve the Finance meeting minutes from March 8th.

Water & Sewer:

Streets & Highways:

Board Reports:

ADA Compliance:

Ambulance:

Board of Health:

City Plan Commission:

Joint Review Board:

Library Board:

Marion Fire Department Town Advisory Committee:

Utility Board: Minutes from April 7th were on the table.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Department Reports:

Clerk-Treasurer: No written report provided. Rogers reported Bessette’s last day is tomorrow.

Fire: Reports from February & March were in the packets.

Library: Monthly report & calendar were in the packet. Hopp reported March was a busy month; circulation was up. They remain open for browsing. Working on in-person programs for the summer. They no longer need to quarantine returned items. Public computer use is by appointment; hoping to utilize the new laptops. Slowly returning seating spaces. Take & Make activities remain popular. Likely hiring soon to get back to full staff. Staying open until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday's. Will be setting up a used book sale during the citywide rummage sales.

Police: Written report was in the packets. Schultz reported drug-take back day is scheduled for April 24th; they also have drop boxes in the police department and city hall so anyone can drop off at any time.

Street: Written report was in the packets. Mattes reported they are a week or two ahead as far as getting everything into the pond and setting up the parks. Gravel to touch up the park roads is ordered. He will call Tigerton about getting wood chips. Grant application for the walking trails needs to be submitted by Thursday.

Water & Sewer: Written report was in the packets. 2.7 inches of rain in the last week.

Miscellaneous Reports:

Mayor's Report: Schoen provided a draft of the committee appointments. Bessette was thanked publicly for her years of service, which is just shy of 10 years.

Marion Pond Association: No report.

New Business:

- a. Recognition of Service – Scott “Choppy” Hoffmann- Council thanked Choppy for his 8 years of service as Alderperson for wards 1 and 4-6. Since 2018, he has also worked part-time for the street department.
- b. Ordinance 2021-001: Rezoning Mavis Road Development Area: Public hearing was held prior to this meeting. m/s/c uroll Hoffman/Grogan to approve Ordinance 2021-001 rezoning the Mavis Road development area and waive the reading.
- c. Resolution 2021-03: Support for a Strong State & Local Partnership: The League is asking cities, towns and villages to lend support to get more revenue to the local level by means of increasing state aids and shared revenues and by lifting levy limits. m/s/c uroll Hoffmann/Tucker to approve Resolution 2021-03 in support for a strong state & local partnership and waive the reading.
- d. Resolution 2021-04: No Mow May: m/s/c uroll Hoffmann/Goke to approve Resolution 2021-04 for a ‘no mow may’.
- e. Consider Commercial Driveway Exceeding 24 ft. Width – Todd Prellwitz: Ordinance does not allow a width greater than 24 feet for commercial and industrial driveways, but the ordinance does allow council to approve a permit for a great width at its discretion. A driveway permit will be needed. m/s/c uroll Hoffmann/Grogan to approve a greater width (for the Prellwitz driveway).
- f. Application for 6 month Class “B” License – Marion Athletic Club dba Marion Meisters, Jason Krueger, Agent: m/s/c Hoffmann/Grogan to approve the 6-month Class “B” License for the Marion Athletic Club dba Marion Meisters with Jason Krueger as agent.
- g. American Rescue Plan Act Stimulus: Informational handout provided. Marion may receive \$110,000 over a 2-year period. Limited areas where the money can be spent. More information pending.
- h. Raze Order 112 E. Garfield Avenue: Attorney Meyer sent another letter to the property owner. Meyer also reported he received a phone call from someone about purchasing it; this person has never viewed the property. The 30-day time limit is up. Next step is an environmental review.
- i. GRAF Agreement – Limited Asbestos, Lead and Hazardous Materials Inspection – 112 E. Garfield Avenue: Building is older; expect to take many samples. Cost of the agreement is \$6,695. Does not include the cost of the tests, which will bring the cost up to about \$7,400. Cost will be added to any eventual lien on the property. Demo was not part of the budget; it will have to come out of reserves or part of a loan. m/s/c uroll Hoffmann/Tucker to approve the GRAEF agreement for a limited asbestos, lead and hazardous materials inspection for 112 E. Garfield Avenue.

- j. Attorney Appointment: m/s/c uroll Hoffmann/Tucker to approve Attorney Aaron Damrau as the city attorney; abstaining was Goke.

Approval of Payments:

a. Clerk-Treasurer, Fire Department, Library, Police Department, Senior Center, Street Department, Payroll Vouchers and Utility Vouchers: Finance reviewed the bills prior to the meeting and found them to be in order. Copies of the check register were on the table; invoices total \$364,955.41. m/s/c uroll Hoffmann/Grogan to approve the payments as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

a. Approval of the Treasurer's Report and Money Transfers \$260,741 transferred from the city money market to pooled cash on March 9th to pay the monthly bills and the BCPL loan payment. m/s/c uroll Hoffmann/Goke to approve the treasurer's report and money transfers as presented.

Announcements: Meeting Dates:

Organizational	4/20	6:00 pm
Committee of the Whole	5/3	4:30 pm
Open Book (assessor)	5/4	11:00 am
Utility Board	5/5	4:00 pm
Finance	5/10	4:30 pm
Council	5/10	6:00 pm
Board of Review	5/11	4:30 pm

CLOSED SESSION: m/s/c uroll Hoffmann/Workman to move into closed session according to ss19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (land sale/acquisition). Time: 6:35 p.m.

OPEN SESSION: m/s/c Hoffmann/Goke to return to open session. Time 6:48 p.m.

m/s/c uroll Hoffmann/Goke to accept the offer-to-purchase from K & S Landscaping, with the correction in verbiage to read "City of Marion" and contingent upon a conditional use being approved.

m/s/c Hoffmann/Workman to adjourn. Time: 6:50 p.m.

Mary S. Rogers
Clerk-Treasurer