

MARION COMMON COUNCIL MEETING – February 8, 2016

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

Present: Ken Williamson, Scott Hoffmann, Aaron Schoen, Tom Nolan, Scott Zillmer, Arlyn Fischer

Others present: Chief Kevin Schultz, Dave Mattes, Dan Brandenburg, John Bork, Attorney Michael Meyer, Trinitie Wilke

Arriving later: Fire Chief Joe Stuhr (6:01 p.m.)

m/s/c Schoen/Zillmer to approve the agenda.

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

m/s/c Fischer/Zillmer to approve the minutes from January 11th.

Acknowledgement of Citizens/Open Forum: None.

Communications/Petitions/Correspondence: Newsletters from Focus, the Waupaca County Economic Development Corp, and Wisconsin Taxpayer were in the packets. Also in the packets was a thank you card from Clintonville Police Chief Terry Lorge for the use of the old squad.

Standing Committee Reports:

Personnel:

Public Protection: Williamson reported on the meeting held February 1st. Both new part-time officers are working. Officer Wilson will resume full duties March 2nd. Schultz received a \$1,500 grant for an external defibrillator. The Crown Vic has been returned from Clintonville Police. There was a short chase on January 17th that resulted in the suspect being charged with felony eluding, obstruction, possession and possession with intent to distribute after being caught with over 800 grams of marijuana “dabs”. There was a vehicle theft complaint from the mobile home park on January 20th. The vehicle was recovered in Kaukauna where the suspect abandoned it after a chase with Kaukauna police. The suspect then stole another vehicle in Kaukauna and fled. The next morning, Chief Schultz responded to Marion Plaza for a report of a gas drive-off; it turned out it was the same suspect in the stolen vehicle from Kaukauna. The suspect was later arrested in Winnebago County. Our officers had no previous contact with the subject. For his Marion offenses, the suspect is being charged with theft of a vehicle and criminal theft for the gas drive-off. The vehicle was recovered undamaged but with a bunch of stolen stuff inside. Our officer tried to interview the suspect to see what ties he might have to Marion, but the suspect lawyered up. Prior to stealing the truck from the mobile home park, the suspect put his own truck, with a stolen trailer, in the ditch on Quarterline Road; he hitchhiked to town and was dropped off on S. Main. m/s/c Zillmer/Hoffmann to approve the Protection Committee meeting minutes from February 1st.

Community Properties: Zillmer reported on the meeting held February 1st. Graef will be updating our zoning map and adding it to our existing GIS mapping for \$1,500 which will be paid by another party, so the city won't bear the cost. We should hear if we get the grant for the street reconstruction project in March. Several items were noted for repair during the tour of the fire hall. A possible land sale may create a need for more storage at the city garage; the garage is already cramped for space so they are looking at adding-on to the existing garage and/or constructing a new building. The committee is not interested in purchasing the parking lot where the former “Nose” building was located. The exterior of the ambulance and police department will be painted in a fashion to make it more visible to the public. The Mayor asked if anyone had other thoughts about purchasing the vacant lot from Waupaca County; council was in agreement that they are not interested in owning the lot. m/s/c Schoen/Fischer to approve the Properties meeting minutes (from February 1st).

City Finance: Schoen reported on the meeting held January 11th. Bills were reviewed and found to be in order. There were some questions on the 2015 budget balances. Everything went okay with the background check on the new lessee for the cropland. The K9 revenue and expense sheet was requested; it was received earlier tonight. m/s/c Fischer/Hoffmann to approve the Finance meeting minutes from January 11th.

Water & Sewer:
Streets & Highways:

Board Reports:

Library Board:
Zoning Board of Appeals:
Board of Health:

Utility Board: Minutes were on the table.

City Plan Commission:

Department Reports:

Clerk-Treasurer: Tax collections are finished; we will be settling up with the counties and school districts before February 15th. The 2015 audit started today. The EMC insurance audit is next week. There is an election next Tuesday for Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice. A Plan Commission meeting needs to set for a rezoning.

Fire: Report was on the table. Stuhr reported they had two calls in January. One was a carbon monoxide call. The other call was for an electrical wire sparking/smoking on the roof at Bubba's; the power was disconnected and the owner advised to contact an electrician for repairs; Stuhr had to go back 2 nights later for the same problem. They toured the schools to get a better layout of all the mechanicals. Stuhr is working on updating the department by-laws. Jeff Haas and Stuhr will attend tactical training in Rib Mountain this weekend.

Library: Wilke reported the library has new hours; they will be open till 6 pm on 2 nights instead of staying until 7 pm on 1 night. The Veterans paid for the light to illuminate the flag in exchange for the library recording all the Veterans memorial block registrations electronically. The annual report was filed. They are rearranging and updating some areas of the library. The gardens will be planted this summer.

Police: Written report was in the packets. Shultz reported we received the okay to start purchasing items with the \$4000 equipment grant from the DOT; Schultz is using the grant money for body cameras and more lights for the rear of squad car.

Street: Mattes reported the big plow truck had engine problems today and is at Kohel's waiting to be repaired. We had 9 inches of snow with the last storm; everything went well with the new method of plowing and the new personnel.

Water & Sewer: Nothing new.

Miscellaneous Reports:

Mayor's Report: The Mayor handed out a debt review spreadsheet showing the General Fund and Utility debt from 2006 to 2015. Large expenses adding to the GF debt included the dam reconstruction and a fire truck. The Utility debt will drop below \$4 mil this year.

Marion Pond Association:

New Business:

- a. Agreement between Waupaca County Health & Human Services and the City of Marion for use of the Senior Center: This is the annual agreement for the use of the senior center. Waupaca County rents the center from 10 am – 2 pm Monday thru Friday. The 2016 rent amount is \$2,628. Mielke directed the staff to keep track of contacts involving the senior center; there have been problems working through some of the issues that arise at the center in the timeframe that is requested. Mielke passed out the phone log concerning the facility since an injury to one of the users. Our insurance company deemed the injury not to be the cities responsibility. m/s/c Nolan/Fischer to approve the agreement between Waupaca County Health and Human Services and the City of Marion for use of the Senior Center.
- b. Application for "Class B" License C &S of Marion, Inc. d/b/a Bubba's; Robert Sprenger Agent; 121 N. Main Street: The notice was read into record prior and was properly published and posted. Tami Miller surrendered her license on the day Sprenger applied. m/s/c Nolan/Schoen to approve the "Class B" license for C &S of Marion, Inc. d/b/a Bubba's; Robert Sprenger Agent.

- c. Application for Amusement/Coin Operated Machines Licenses C & S of Marion, Inc. d/b/a Bubba's; Robert Sprenger Agent; 121 N. Main Street; m/s/c Zillmer/Fischer to approve the amusement coin operated machine license for C& S of Marion, Inc. d/b/a Bubba's; Robert Sprenger Agent.
- d. Application for Temporary Class "B" License- Marion Lions Club Fish Derby- February 27, 2016: m/s/c Williamson/Schoen to approve the temporary Class "B" License for the Marion Lions Club Fish Derby on February 27th.
- e. Application for Temporary Class "B" License- Marion Lions Club Appreciation Party- April 9, 2016: m/s/c Schoen/Fischer to approve the application for a temporary Class "B" License for the Marion Lions Club appreciation party on April 9, 2016
- f. Applications for Operators Licenses: Presented for approval were Robert Sprenger, Victoria Sprenger, Brianna Gretzinger, and Keenan Hayes. All were approved by the police department. m/s/c Zillmer/Hoffmann to approve the four operator's licenses as presented.

Unfinished Business:

Approval of Payments:

a. Clerk-Treasurer, Fire Department, Library, Police Department, Senior Center, Street Department, Payroll Vouchers and Utility Vouchers: The Finance Committee reviewed and signed the bills prior to the meeting and found them to be in order. m/s/c uroll Schoen/Nolan to approve the payments as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

a. Approval of the Treasurer's Report and Money Transfers: Money transfers included \$256,041 transferred from the City Money Market to Pooled Cash on January 12th to pay monthly bills and the January tax settlements; \$100,000 transferred from Pooled Cash to the Water and Sewer Money Market Account on January 22nd to earn higher interest on 4th quarter collections; \$84,253 transferred from Pooled Cash to the City Money Market Account on January 22nd to earn higher interest on idle tax collections; \$196,501 transferred from Pooled Cash to the City Money Market Account on January 26th to earn higher interest on idle tax collections. m/s/c uroll Zillmer/Schoen to approve the treasurer's report and money transfers as presented.

Announcements: Meeting Dates:

Spring Primary	2/16	7am – 8pm	(Fire Hall)
Plan Commission	2/22	4:30 pm	
Utility Board	3/2	4:00 pm	
Joint Community Properties/Street	3/7	4:15 pm	(change in time)
Public Protection	3/7	5:15 pm	
Finance	3/14	5:00 pm	
Council	3/14	6:00 pm	

Closed Session: m/s/c uroll Zillmer/Schoen 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 (consider possible sale of property). Time: 6:32 pm.

Open Session: m/s/c Nolan/Hoffmann to move back into open session. Time: 7:01 p.m.

m/s/c Schoen/Fischer to adjourn. Time: 7:02 p.m.

Mary S. Rogers
Clerk-Treasurer