

March 5, 2019

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at 4:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor AbouAssaly presiding and the following council members present: Draper, Atkins, Jensen, Strnad, Brandt and Gadelha. Absent: None.

**Presentations:**

Joe Horaney with the Linn County Solid Waste Agency provided an annual update. He reviewed fees for dumping and recycling and types of items accepted.

Council discussed the agenda items for Thursday night's meeting with no action taken.

Mayor AbouAssaly relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Strnad at 5:41 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Strnad presided over the meeting.

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Mayor Pro Tem Strnad relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 5:47 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

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**Other Department Discussion:**

Library Director Hollie Trenary provided an update regarding the Homelessness Response Team. Hollie shared that the team has two priorities. First being to create a "Two Sleep Kit." The kit could contain vouchers for food, hotel stay, clothing from goodwill and an itinerary to get them connected with the organizations that can help them. Second priority of the group is prevention. This could be offering pop-up shops at the library to get more health and human service programs within Marion. A couple recent success stories were shared from staff with Marion Cares and Willis Dady Homeless Services.

Fire Chief Deb Krebill provided an update regarding the new Fire Station. Upon opening, the new fire station will be known as Fire Station No. 1. The current Fire Station No. 1 located at 600 8th Avenue will become Fire Station No. 3. It is a national standard that the headquarters is Station No. 1. Chief Krebill shared the goals in the planning and design of new station are to consider response time, efficiency and effectiveness, cancer preventative measures, physical and mental well-being, and set an example for city's developmental goals. Chief Krebill looks forward to sharing a design concept in a few weeks.

City Engineer Mike Barkalow stated that staff have been looking into how the signs in uptown were enacted by either motion, resolution or ordinance but some are not being found. Legal recommends an ordinance be approved that can include a provision that all previously enacted ordinances and resolutions in conflict are repealed.

Assistant City Engineer Jacob Hahn provided a review of the 2019 Sidewalk Assessment Project. The Sidewalk Advisory Committee takes a list of properties that are without a sidewalk and prioritizes them based on heavy pedestrian traffic, areas with gaps in existing sidewalk and sidewalk needs near school areas. Because the FY19 budget for this project is only \$58,918, it was recommended by the committee to include five smaller areas that meet the criteria.

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

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Nicolas AbouAssaly, Mayor

Attest:

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

The undersigned City Clerk of Marion, Iowa certifies that the minutes shown immediately above were published in the Marion Times on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk