



MINUTES

City Council Work Session

4:00 PM - Tuesday, August 17, 2021

City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 4:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Grant Harper, Steve Jensen, Will Brandt, Rene Gadelha, and Randy Strnad

ABSENT: Colette Atkins and Nicolas AbouAssaly

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presided over the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation regarding the Marion Outdoor Aquatic Center Feasibility Study Final Report

Parks Director Seth Staashelm introduced Lauren Ozburn and Jeff Bartley with Waters Edge Aquatic Design who presented an overview of the feasibility study. Ozburn provided information regarding public outreach. Council Member Gadelha asked how many people responded to the surveys. Ozburn stated there were approximately 1300 responses. Ozburn continued presenting an overview regarding the public outreach. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jensen asked about acreage needed for the aquatic center. Ozburn stated the original plan was 10 acres. Staashelm stated it has increased to 15-20 acres due to plan for growth and including a barrier to any surrounding property owners. Ozburn provided information regarding the final concept, business plan and locations. Council Member Harper asked what the design lifespan was on existing pool. Staashelm said the current pool has 4-5 years left. Council Member Harper asked for anticipated lifespan for the new design. Bartley stated it will be approximately 35-40 years. Council Member Strnad asked about plans for staffing. Ozburn stated the average day will have 27-29 staff members but will need an overall total of 98 lifeguards. Council Member Strnad asked about length of warranties. Staashelm stated each item will have a different warranty and life expectancy. Council Member Gadelha stated she was in favor of the recommended location to the south to help spread out the amenities in Marion. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jensen provided information regarding the tours taken at other aquatic facilities. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jensen asked why the splash pad is so large. Staashelm stated what was presented today won't necessarily be the final product.

AGENDA

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

ADJOURN

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jensen adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Steve Jensen, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk