



MINUTES

City Council Work Session

4:00 PM - Tuesday, November 16, 2021

City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, November 16, 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, Colette Atkins, Will Brandt, Rene Gadelha, and Randy Strnad

ABSENT: Nicolas AbouAssaly

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins presided over the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS/OATHS

Mayor AbouAssaly arrived at 4:01 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 4:01 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

Proclamation - Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day (November 18, 2021)

Council Member Harper read and presented the above referenced proclamation to Mary Ellen Oglesby with the Michael W. Oglesby Foundation. Mary Ellen Oglesby spoke regarding the foundation.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation from Acterra regarding Tax Increment Financing Request

Nick Glew with MEDCO introduced Tad Cooper with Acterra who provided information regarding the project and funding request. Acterra is located on 35th Street and has been in business since 1958. Construction for the addition is planned to start in January 2021.

Mayor AbouAssaly relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Atkins at 4:07 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Atkins presided over the meeting.

Council Member Harper asked about timeline of project. Cooper responded that the first phase would begin in January 2021 and second phase is planned to begin during the third quarter in 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 4:10 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

Presentation from Polymer Engineering regarding Tax Increment Financing

Request

Nick Glew with MEDCO introduced Rusty Peck with Polymer Engineering who provided information regarding the project and funding request. Peck reviewed the business operations and showed parts and products they create. Council Member Harper asked about target manufacturers. Peck stated the largest manufacturer he sells to is Kinze Manufacturing.

Update regarding Business Retention and Expansion and Community Promise (MEDCO)

Brady Quinn with MEDCO provided information regarding business retention and expansion. Focus areas discussed included community business climate, products, supply chain, management, market/facility, workforce and mental health. Emily Russ with MEDCO provided an update regarding the Community Promise program. Russ also provided information regarding the Pursuit Grant. Mayor AbouAssaly thanked MEDCO for all the work they do in Marion.

AGENDA

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

OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION**Discussion regarding the redistricting update to Marion Precincts and City Council Wards**

Principal Planner Dave Hockett provided an overview of the redistricting process and options for Marion precincts and wards. Hockett is recommending the first option as that allows for growth and will maintain a balance in population the longest. Council Member Strnad stated population will grow very fast to the north. Council Member Jensen agrees that option one makes the most sense for growth.

ADJOURN

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Nicolas AbouAssay, Mayor

Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk