



MINUTES

City Council Work Session

4:00 PM - Tuesday, April 4, 2023

City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 4:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Grant Harper, Steve Jensen, Nicolas AbouAssaly, Will Brandt, and Randy Strnad (*The Ward 1 seat is currently vacant*)

ABSENT: Sara Mentzer

Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting. Mayor AbouAssaly stated that normally we would post notice of any change in time, date, or location 24 hours in advance of the meeting. However, the severity of the forecasted storms made an in-person meeting impractical. Under these circumstances, there was good cause to move the meeting to a virtual only format. There was no other change to the posted agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

Update Regarding the Construction Schedule for the New Public Service Facility

Brandon Fairbanks with Conlon Construction reviewed the current status of the public services facility and steps yet to be completed. Councilmember Jensen asked if the precast panels were onsite. Fairbanks stated those are still being stored offsite at Mid-States.

OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

Budget Discussion Regarding the Emergency Levy

Finance Director Lianne Cairry provided a review of discussions regarding the emergency levy today and presented three options for Council regarding the Emergency Levy. Option A - No Emergency Levy, Option B - Add 0.135 Emergency Levy and Option C - add 0.27 Emergency Levy. She stated staff's recommendation is to proceed with no emergency levy. Councilmember Jensen would be in support of no emergency levy. Councilmember Harper and Brandt agreed.

Discussion and Direction Regarding a Real Property Sales, Leases, and Vacation Policy

City Attorney Kara Bullerman outlined the changes in the above referenced policy. Council was in support of adding to Thursday's agenda for approval.

UPCOMING AGENDA REVIEW

Discussion Regarding the April 6, 2023 Agenda

Council discussed Thursday's agenda with no action taken.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn to closed session regarding personnel matters and litigation as permitted under Section 21.5(1)(i) and Section 21.5(1)(c) of the Code of Iowa. (Two separate matters)

Moved by Strnad, seconded by Jensen, to adjourn to closed session as stated above. City Attorney Kara Bullerman stated that she has reviewed the subject matter to be discussed and found it to be an appropriate topic for closed session. A roll call vote was taken.

Approved unanimously

Moved by Jensen, seconded by Strnad, to reconvene to regular session.

Approved unanimously

ADJOURN

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Nicolas AbouAssaly, Mayor

Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

The undersigned City Clerk of Marion, Iowa certifies that the minutes shown immediately above were published in the Gazette on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Rachel Bolender, City Clerk