



## MINUTES

### City Council Work Session

4:00 PM - Tuesday, May 2, 2023

City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue

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The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, May 2, 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, Sara Mentzer, Randy Strnad, and Gage Miskimen

ABSENT: Will Brandt

Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

#### PROCLAMATIONS/OATHS

##### **Proclamation - National Police Week (May 14-20, 2023)**

Mayor AbouAssaly read and presented the proclamation referenced above to Police Chief Mike Kitsmiller.

##### **Proclamation - Building Safety Month (May 2023)**

Councilmember Strnad read and presented the proclamation referenced above to Building Official Gary Hansen.

#### PRESENTATIONS

##### **Presentation regarding the Main Street Iowa Award Certificates**

Brooke Prouty with Uptown Marion presented the following award certificates:

- Main Street Iowa Housing Award - Broad & Main
- Main Street Comprehensive Placemaking - 7th Ave Streetscape & Plaza Project
- Marion Leadership Award - City of Marion Asst. Engineer, Jacob Hahn

#### OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

##### **Presentation and Discussion Regarding Fireworks**

Fire Chief Tom Fagan provided an overview of the state and local rules regarding fireworks use and provided information on if comparable communities allow use. Fagan stated it is staffs recommendation to not make any changes and to continue to provide annual updates to monitor activity. Councilmember Jensen stated he agrees with the staff recommendation. Councilmember Harper stated he would like to start tracking personal injury caused by use of fireworks and report that data during the annual updates. City Attorney Kara Bullerman stated that she encourages people to continue calling the police department when there are residents that are setting off fireworks outside of the allowed

times. Mayor stated he would like the use of fireworks not allowed as he does not believe there is any way to use fireworks in an urban setting without impacting neighbors.

### **UPCOMING AGENDA REVIEW**

Discussion Regarding the May 4, 2023 Agenda - Council discussed the agenda items for Thursday night's meeting with no action taken.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion to adjourn to closed session regarding personnel matters as permitted under Section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Harper, 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

Mayor AbouAssaly left the meeting and relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Harper at 4:46 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Harper presided over the meeting.

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

Approved unanimously

### **ADJOURN**

Mayor Pro Tem Harper adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

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Grant Harper, Mayor Pro Tem

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk