



**Public Services Board Minutes
City of Marion
Tuesday, July 26th, 2022**

1. Call to Order.

The Public Service Board of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met on Tuesday, July 26th, 2022, at 12:14pm, in the City of Marion Public Service Boardroom located at 195 35th St, Marion IA with Chairman Craig Adamson presiding.

2. Roll Call.

Board members present – Craig Adamson, Mark Morgan, and Joe Spinks.

Board members absent: Tom Padley, and Colleen Prokop

3. Motion to approve minutes of the June 2022 Public Service meeting.

Moved by Mark Morgan, second by Joe Spinks. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Motion to approve acceptance of detention basin for Bedford Heights 1st addition.

Ryan updated the PS Board how we accept new detention basins for the city to maintain. John will go out and check to make sure the detention basin is clean, seeded and maintained before we accept it. The city will do ROW moving along the detention basin. Ryan Waller would like the HOA to own and maintain, this is something that will be investigated and discussed. Moved by Mark Morgan, second by Joe Spinks. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Motion to approve to approve house pick-up request.

a. Murphy – 3305 Willowridge Rd. Unit C

Ryan talked to the PS Board about the house request made by Mrs. Murphy, and we have the signed request form and staff is approving the request. Moved by Mark Morgan, second by Joe Spinks. All in favor, motion carried.

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6. Discussion regarding fleet replacement for Public Service.

Ryan updated the PS Board on the current PS fleet, there are 40 pieces of roadway equipment and 16 pieces of off-road equipment, and the average age is 16.25 years old. Normal life is about 10 years and trade in towards new equipment. Current diesel emission components require significant maintenance and most of the current roadway equipment have regen which can take 15 minutes to 1 hour to reset. Ryan and a team from PS will look at different fuel options for the new fleet. We will be working with area manufactures on the new equipment needed for the fleet. The manufactures are not giving out any lead times due to supply and delivery delays. Ryan is also looking at other cities in the state to look at their fleet and alternate fuels. Ryan is also helping the library with the purchase of a Book Mobile. Ryan and PS team is working on placing an order for 24 new trucks in August. PS Board is supportive of this timeline and would like to see things move forward since the City Council has approved the purchase.

7. Motion to increase Solid Waste fees to \$20.00 per month and associated increases to commercial collection fees.

Ryan updated the PS Board on the current fees and what the proposed fees will be:

Residential	20-21	21-22(current)	22-23 (projected)
	\$17.50	\$18.75	\$20.00
UpTown Commercial:			
Light	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$27.00
Medium	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$37.50
Heavy	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$59.00

This will be a discussion for the City Council to make including how to implement any future rate adjustments. The first reading will be July 21st, second reading August 4th and final reading will be August 18th. Moved by Mark Morgan, second by Joe Spinks. All in favor, motion carried.

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8. Update on Public Service Facility.

Ryan gave the PS Board an update on the PS Facility. The steel will be supplied by King Construction, and they are looking at the storm shelter rating for the building. The state legislation passed that government projects can have a project manager over the projects where you pay a guaranteed process price, and they will do the bidding for the project, and they will not have to take the lowest bid. This piece of legislation was passed in July 2022 at the state level. The foundation work will start in September 2023 and the new plans for the infrastructure inside the building is being worked on now.

9. Other Business.

Craig updated the PS Board on the Solid Waste Agency's strategic plan: they will not open any more landfill sites in the county, there are only 2 sites that meet the criteria, and they must close the current site by 2044 or when the current cell is full. They are looking at other means of diversion and / or public / private partnerships.

PS Budget:

Sanitary sewer is tight.

Road use is okay.

Solid waste is okay.

Stormwater is ok and will relook at this fund.

Communication is okay.

Monarch project has a great website with a lot of information and free trees.

10. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 1:10PM by Craig Adamson. Motion approved by Joe Spinks. Second by Mark Morgan. All in favor, motion carried. Next meeting 4th Thursday in August. Joe Spinks will not be able to attend the September meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ryan Miller
Public Service Director

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