

**CITY OF MAROA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

ROLL CALL AT 6:30 P.M.:

Alderman Grider	Present	Alderman Greutman	Absent
Alderman West	Present	Alderman Brown	Present
Alderman Riley	Present	Alderwoman Bogle	Absent
Mayor Wilkey	Present	City Clerk Parrott	Present
Administrator Agee	Present	Chief Siemsen	Present
Attorney Lindsey Wise	Present	Superintendent of Public Works	Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by Mayor Wilkey.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: No Comments

OLD BUSINESS:

- **City Entry Signs-** Alderman West discussed what he had looked into for the entry signs. Asked what the council might think they would want. Will continue to work on it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Consolidating all funds into one-** Ted will put this into the ordinance form for next month's meeting.
- **Ordinance 2023/02/06-1- An Ordinance Establishing a Business District Commercial Garbage Assistance Program.** Ted stated Business District funds will assist with garbage fees. It will only assist with environmental and fuel surcharges. We will do it twice a year. Once in July and once in January. The businesses will submit the six months of previous bills to the clerk, and we calculate it and present it to the council.

Alderman Grider made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023/02/06-1 An Ordinance Establishing a Business District Commercial Garbage Assistance Program, and Alderman West seconded the motion.

Alderman West	AYE	Alderwoman Bogle	ABSENT
Alderman Grider	AYE	Alderman Riley	AYE
Alderman Brown	AYE	Alderman Greutman	ABSENT

Motion carried.

To approve Ordinance 2023/02/06-1 Ordinance Establishing A Business District Commercial Assistance Program.

POLICE REPORT: Chief stated that they got some new forms and looking for some still. Got some new kits in as well. A new system and new numbers in the police department. It will help when the council asks next year how many calls they had. The Chief will be able to get a reading and let them know.

There was one resignation in personnel.

Chief is working on a community response team program. The community-response team would be all volunteer citizens. There will be some classes and they can get involved in as many things as they want. Anything from Life searches and recuse all the way down to traffic. The Chief is still looking into this and the home base for this would be at the Police Department which could work with the Fire Chief as well with it.

Alderman West asked to add vehicle information to the police report.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Lindsey is working on another property that believes needs to go due to its abandonment.

Discussed the Middle School on the ribbon cutting and when the first day the students will be going into the new building.

ENGINEER REPORT: Ted stated working on the seal coating and oiling on the streets. The estimates are coming in and they are a hundred thousand more than what they should be. So, plan A is to buy the rest of the rock with MFT and hold off on the application till next year and hopefully get a better price.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

OSHA inspection: The OSHA inspector came in and talked to Ted and Crystal. He wanted to look over the Water and Sewer facilities. Based on the inspection there is a short list of items needing to be addressed:

1. Fuel cans will need to be upgraded to DOT-approved spark-arresting containers.
2. PPE equipment for the chlorine room will need to be upgraded. Ted stated they are looking at an economic system that will not require annual physical and fit testing.
3. The sewer plant lift station is a confined space and will need a few upgrades including a 4-gas detector for Combustion level, hydrogen sulfide, O2, and CO, relocation of the blower vent switch, moving the hour meters, and possibly a camera system.

Mental Health/Teledoc Plan: Ted said the Teledoc plan that we had discussed is \$16.00 a month, per employee with dependents, are covered at no additional cost. They are going to be giving us more information but there are two papers in your packets with some information. That shows all the things that they do even outside of the mental health side of it. They are zero-dollar co-pays.

Council Chambers Plaque: Ted stated there is a template in packets that shows what the plaque will look like. He stated it is about the same size and needs the council's final blessing to get the order. The plaque is cast bronze with raised lettering and there is a 24-day turnaround for production.

City Hall Sewer and Roof Drain Systems: There was a recent sewer back-up at City Hall, and a clean-out has been installed outside on the sewer line. The rest of the line was inspected by the camera and there is evidence of collapsing sections. It is highly recommended the sewer line be replaced from the buildings to the manhole near the concession stand. I have been requesting quotes for this and anticipate the repair to be in the \$8,000.00-\$10,000.00 range. The roof drains were also inspected, and it is recommended this line be replaced as well since it runs semi-parallel to the sewer line for a considerable distance. This line does divert at some point to the storm sewer manhole west of the batting cages. Dye was added to the roof drain and was detected in small amounts in the sewer. It is likely the two lines cross, and deterioration has led to some infiltration. We are currently getting quotes for this as well. Both these repairs are TIF-eligible expenses.

Alderman Grider made a motion to approve the sewer project behind City Hall and to not exceed \$25,000.00 and to come out of the TIF fund, and Alderman Riley seconded the motion.

Alderman West	AYE	Alderman Riley	AYE
Alderman Grider	AYE	Alderman Greutman	ABSENT
Alderman Brown	AYE	Alderman Bogle	ABSENT

Motion carried.

To approve the sewer project behind the City Hall and to not exceed \$25,000.00 and to come out of the TIF fund.

ZONING/PUBLIC WORKS: Was done with Admin report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Freedom Festival Date:**

Alderman West made a motion to approve changing the Freedom Festival Date from June 24, 2023, to July 1, 2023, and Alderman Grider seconded the motion.

Alderman West	AYE	Alderman Riley	AYE
Alderman Grider	AYE	Alderman Greutman	ABSENT
Alderman Brown	AYE	Alderman Bogle	ABSENT

Motion carried.

To approve changing the Freedom Festival date from June 24, 2023, to July 1, 2023.

Billboards: Purchasing a year contract to help support businesses and come out of the business fund. It is \$200.00 per month and every time we change the print, it will be \$200.00 for the print, vinyl, artwork, and installation. If we decide to take the billboard down, they will not tear up the vinyl they will give it to the business so they can use it. Blake will get flyers ready for Crystal to send out to the businesses to see if they are interested in there's being on the billboard. Have a header on the billboard that stays the same and put all the businesses in categories.

Sesquicentennial- Our 175th celebration will be in 2029 and Grider suggested that we should start setting some money aside for that. The windmill money is \$17, 850 per year roughly something that could be used towards it.

APPROVE MINUTES:

- **December 5, 2022, open minutes.**

Alderman West made a motion to approve the December 5, 2022, open minutes, and Alderman Brown seconded the motion.

Alderman West	AYE	Alderwoman Bogle	ABSENT
Alderman Grider	ABSTAIN	Alderman Riley	AYE
Alderman Brown	AYE	Alderman Greutman	ABSENT

Motion carried.

To approve the December 5, 2022, open minutes.

- **December 5, 2022, closed minutes.**

Alderman West made a motion to approve December 5, 2022, closed minutes, and Alderman Riley seconded the motion.

Alderman West	AYE	Alderwoman Bogle	ABSENT
Alderman Grider	ABSTAIN	Alderman Riley	AYE
Alderman Brown	AYE	Alderman Greutman	ABSENT

Motion carried.

To approve December 5, 2022, closed minutes.

- **January 12, 2023, open minutes.**

Alderman Grider made a motion to approve January 12, 2023, open minutes, and Alderman Riley seconded the motion.

Alderman West	AYE	Alderwoman Bogle	ABSENT
Alderman Grider	AYE	Alderman Riley	AYE
Alderman Brown	AYE	Alderman Greutman	ABSENT

Motion carried.

To approve January 12, 2023, open minutes.

- **January 12, 2023, closed minutes.**

Alderman Grider made a motion to approve January 12, 2023, closed minutes, and Alderman Riley seconded the motion.

Alderman West	AYE	Alderwoman Bogle	ABSENT
Alderman Grider	AYE	Alderman Riley	AYE
Alderman Brown	AYE	Alderman Greutman	ABSENT

Motion carried.

To approve January 12, 2023, closed minutes.

APPROVE BILLS:

- **JAN./FEB.-**Ted stated that Ann said they will reimburse us for the bill for Thom's for the toilets.

Alderman Grider made a motion to approve bills for Jan/Feb 2023 with additional add-ons for Thoms, Inc. for \$2,035.00, and Alderman Riley seconded the motion.

Alderman West	AYE	Alderwoman Bogle	ABSENT
Alderman Grider	AYE	Alderman Riley	AYE
Alderman Brown	AYE	Alderman Greutman	ABSENT

Motion carried.

To approve bills for Jan/Feb 2023 with additional add-ons For Thoms, Inc. for \$2,035.00.

CLOSED SESSION:

Alderman Riley made a motion to go into a closed session at 7:22 p.m., and Alderman Grider seconded the motion.

Alderman West	AYE	Alderwoman Bogle	ABSENT
Alderman Grider	AYE	Alderman Riley	AYE
Alderman Brown	AYE	Alderman Greutman	ABSENT

Motion carried.

To go into a closed session at 7:22 p.m.

ROLL CALL AT 7:57 P.M.:

Alderman Grider	Present	Alderman Greutman	Absent
Alderman West	Present	Alderman Brown	Present
Alderman Riley	Present	Alderwoman Bogle	Absent
Mayor Wilkey	Present	City Clerk Parrott	Present
Administrator Agee	Present	Chief Siemsen	Present
Attorney Lindsey Wise	Present	Superintendent of Public Works	Absent

ADJOURN:

Alderman Grider made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 p.m., and Alderman West seconded the motion.

Alderman West	AYE	Alderwoman Bogle	ABSENT
Alderman Grider	AYE	Alderman Riley	AYE
Alderman Brown	AYE	Alderman Greutman	ABSENT
Motion carried.		To adjourn at 7:57 p.m.	

Done By:

Crystal Parrott, City Clerk