

CITY OF MAROA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

ROLL CALL AT 6:30 P.M.:

Aldersperson Grider	Present	Aldersperson Greutman	Present
Aldersperson Stoutenborough	Present	Aldersperson West	Present
Aldersperson Riley	Absent	Aldersperson Bogle	Present
Mayor Wilkey	Present	City Clerk Parrott	Present
Administrator Agee	Present	City Treasurer Amettis	Present
Attorney Lindsey Wise	Present	Chief Fitzgerald	Present
Superintendent of Public Works Hoffman	Present		

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Wilkey led.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mayor Wilkey asked everyone in remembrance of 9/11 for a moment of silence for those who lost their lives 22 years ago.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Roy Groves asked Council what the City's stance on the proposed CO2 pipeline was regarding potential hazards and proximity to City limits. Mr. Groves expressed concerns regarding the dangers CO2 could pose to the community in the event of a rupture. The mayor advised we have only begun to receive information in the matter and are looking into the issue currently. It is the understanding of the City, the ICC (Illinois Commerce Commission) is reviewing the application for the project and has sole authority in accepting or rejecting the pipeline. City Clerk stated an environmental group has reserved the gym for an outreach meeting regarding the pipeline on August 15, 2023.

THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS TOOK PLACE LATER IN THE MEETING Angela Sarver expressed how she feels more detailed information about her July meeting comments, as well as citizen comments in general, should be included in the approved minutes. Mrs. Sarver explained she believes additional information on the official record would benefit the city when researching meetings of the past. Mrs. Sarver reiterated how she feels the minutes for the July meeting did not clearly convey her disagreement with the timing and enactment of the water and sewer rate increases, as well as her questions on the publication requirements in regard to the appointment of the City Treasurer. The mayor stated he has directed the City Administrator to assist the City Clerk with all future minutes. They will work together in drafting the record before it is presented to the Council for approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023/09/11-1: An Ordinance modifying Article VIII Low-speed vehicles of the City of Maroa code of Ordinances, specifically amending § 250-28 Operating Restrictions and § 250-33 Specific Non-Conforming Vehicles Allowed.

Administrator Agee stated that are two sections being amended. The first section standardizes the permit requirements and the second adds UTV's with the primary intent of performing work-related tasks to the list. It also rewrites the language for determining when side-by-sides can have permits for car wash permits.

Aldersperson Bogle made a motion to approve Ordinance NO. 2023/09/11-1: An Ordinance modifying Article VIII Low-speed vehicles of the City of Maroa code of Ordinances, specifically amending § 250-28 Operating Restrictions and § 250-33 Specific Non-Conforming Vehicles Allowed and Aldersperson Grider seconded the motion.

Aldersperson West	AYE	Aldersperson Bogle	AYE
Aldersperson Grider	AYE	Aldersperson Riley	ABSENT
Aldersperson Stoutenborough	AYE	Aldersperson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried.

To approve Ordinance NO. 2023/09/11-1: An Ordinance modifying Article VIII Low-speed vehicles of the City of Maroa code of Ordinances, specifically amending § 250-28 Operating Restrictions and § 250-33 Specific Non-Conforming Vehicles Allowed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023/09/11-R1: A Resolution to authorize the addition of a NPPFA deferred compensation plan as a police employee benefit.

The Chief stated this is like a 401 K but the only money that can go into it derives from police work. After four or five years of an employee putting money into it if they need a loan, they can pull from it and pay back three percent rather than paying back a traditional loan at a higher interest rate. The city does not put anything into it.

Aldersperson Grider made a motion to approve Resolution 2023/09/11-R1: Resolution to Authorize the addition of an NPPFA deferred compensation plan as a police employee benefit and Aldersperson Stoutenborough seconded the motion.

Aldersperson West	AYE	Aldersperson Bogle	AYE
Aldersperson Grider	AYE	Aldersperson Riley	ABSENT
Aldersperson Stoutenborough	AYE	Aldersperson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried.

To approve Resolution 2023/09/11-R1: Resolution to Authorize the addition of an NPPFA deferred compensation plan as a police employee benefit.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023/09/11-R2: A Resolution authorizing the use of special allocation funds for the redeveloping of certain property by Maroa Lumber Company. The amount is \$40,000.00.

Aldersperson Bogle made a motion to approve Resolution 2023/09/11-R2: Resolution to Authorize the use of special allocation funds for the redeveloping of certain property by Maroa Lumber Company and Aldersperson Greutman seconded the motion.

Alderson West
Alderson Grider
Alderson Stoutenborough

AYE
AYE
AYE

Alderson Bogle
Alderson Riley
Alderson Greutman

AYE
ABSENT
AYE

Motion carried.

**To approve Resolution 2023/09/11-
R2: Resolution to Authorize the
use of special allocation funds
for the redeveloping of certain
property by Maroa Lumber
Company.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Driveway repair reimbursement-228 W. Main-

In 2021 when the Main Street sidewalk was replaced, this driveway got cracked. They tried a temporary crack repair. The homeowner agreed to a reimbursement for the damaged portion totaling \$1200.00.

The mayor asked if council agreed on the \$1200.00 for the reimbursement for David Lane. All council was in agreement to reimburse David Lane the \$1200.00 for the driveway repair.

GFL customer inquiry-

Clerk Parrott stated that GFL reached out to her and let her know there were about thirty residents who did not have service and that they would be tagging and taking the bins at some point. They wanted to know if we wanted to reach out to the residents first. Clerk had let GFL know that a few of the residents on the list had passed away and the mayor stated that he believed that if the residents had a way to get rid of their trash, they did not have to have the service, but we would into the ordinances and get back with them.

Dates/Fees for Gym (Bags)-

Clerk Parrott asked about charging the baggers for using the gym and what should they be charged. The council decided to charge \$25.00 each time they used the gym to cover power, paper supplies and cleaning.

Electronic Pick-up-

Clerk Parrott stated that she checked into a second electronic pick-up due to some people asking. At the last meeting she was asked to check on it. We could get one for the end of October. There was a little discussion on whether we needed a second one or not. The council decided that we only needed one and to keep just the one in Spring.

POLICE REPORT:

- (1.) Chief stated there have been several complaints about razors (scooters).
- (2.) We are waiting on information for the new police officers to come through from the State.
- (3.) Chris Wear is here and is helping with a public safety unit. Chris discussed a little about the program and that need to get an ordinance going to get it started. Blake West invited Chris Wear to come to the Police committee meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

310 N. Pine- Omar Sosa-

Lindsey Wise sent Omar Sosa a letter In Florida but it came back undeliverable. She did receive the correct address and resent the letter. She gave him a time frame of which will be Monday now to call and talk to Ted about what the plan will be to fix up the house.

ENGINEER REPORT:

No Report

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- (1.) We are considering reapplying for the ITEP grant and the mayor and Ted have a meeting with the engineer.
- (2.) The Oak street sidewalk is done.
- (3.) We discovered where Ameren had torn up a sidewalk in 2021 on Cedar Street and tried to fix it. It eventually settled and cracked and collapsed. Ameren stated they would reimburse us for fixing this area.
- (4.) Cedar Street is a two way again per request from the school.
- (5.) Ted received the executed Lead Service Line Grant agreement. The first quarter report is due this Friday. This grant gives us \$30,000.00 towards inventorying service line materials.
- (6.) The carpets were cleaned last Friday. Ted recommends having this done twice per year.
- (7.) The South drainage project will possibly be beginning in the next few weeks once the crops are out of the fields.
- (8.) Ted has been working on minimizing our software program. We now have a Microsoft 365 business subscription which allows us to purchase multiple licenses and eliminate individual accounts. Adobe still does not offer this option, so we will have some individual accounts on terminals where PDF editing is necessary. The computers have a 1TB cloud drive.
- (9.) Ted had someone approach him about a handrail at the post office. He is currently looking into the issue to see if there is even a way to legally install a rail in a location like this.

ZONING/PUBLIC WORKS:

There are stop signs added at Maple Street and Lincoln Street due to the people speeding down that road.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Harvest Festival-

The event is on October 14th. So far, they have 31 vendors.

Trick or Treat-

At City Hall on October 28th from 5pm to 8pm with hayrides and Regular Trick or Treat on October 31st from 5pm to 8pm.

Holiday Light Proposal-

Alderson Grider stated that last month he passed out the sheets with his proposal and he is proposing that we do not spend more than 10K for Christmas Festival. Grider stated we will not be adding the 12 Days of Christmas display at this time.

Alderson Bogle made a motion to approve not to exceed more than 10K for the Christmas Festival out of the Business District and Alderson Greutman seconded the motion.

Alderson West	AYE	Alderson Bogle	AYE
Alderson Grider	AYE	Alderson Riley	ABSENT
Alderson Stoutenborough	AYE	Alderson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried.

To approve not to exceed more than 10K for the Christmas

APPROVE MINUTES:

August 7, 2023, open meeting minutes

Aldersperson Bogle made a motion to approve the August 7, 2023, open meeting minutes and Aldersperson Stoutenborough seconded the motion.

Aldersperson West	AYE	Aldersperson Bogle	AYE
Aldersperson Grider	AYE	Aldersperson Riley	ABSENT
Aldersperson Stoutenborough	AYE	Aldersperson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried.

To approve the August 7, 2023, open meeting minutes.

August 7, 2023, closed meeting minutes

Aldersperson Bogle made a motion to approve the August 7, 2023, open meeting minutes and Aldersperson Greutman seconded the motion.

Aldersperson West	AYE	Aldersperson Bogle	AYE
Aldersperson Grider	AYE	Aldersperson Riley	ABSENT
Aldersperson Stoutenborough	AYE	Aldersperson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried.

To approve the August 7, 2023, closed meeting minutes.

APPROVE BILLS:

SEPT 2023

Aldersperson Bogle made a motion to approve September 2023 bills with the added additions of Dunn and Blueprint and Aldersperson Greutman seconded the motion.

Aldersperson West	AYE	Aldersperson Bogle	AYE
Aldersperson Grider	AYE	Aldersperson Riley	ABSENT
Aldersperson Stoutenborough	AYE	Aldersperson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried.

To approve September 2023 bills with the added additions of Dunn and Blueprint.

CLOSED SESSION:

Aldersperson Stoutenborough made a motion to go into closed session at 8:00 P.M. and Aldersperson Greutman seconded the motion.

Aldersperson West	AYE	Aldersperson Bogle	AYE
Aldersperson Grider	AYE	Aldersperson Riley	ABSENT
Aldersperson Stoutenborough	AYE	Aldersperson Greutman	AYE

Motion carried.

To go into closed session at 8:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL AT 8:10 P.M.:

Alderson Grider	Present	Alderson Greutman	Present
Alderson West	Present	Alderson Riley	Absent
Alderson Stoutenborough	Present	Alderson Bogle	Present
Mayor Wilkey	Present	City Clerk Parrott	Present
Administrator Agee	Present	City Treasurer Amettis	Absent
Attorney Lindsey Wise	Present	Chief Fitzgeral	Present
Superintendent of Public Works Hoffman	Absent		

Mayor announced the City Administrator is putting together a project for the local businesses where for thirty days a name would be drawn from the water accounts. The winners would receive a mum and a \$25.00 gift card for use at any local business. The Administrator was directed to order the mums and proceed with the project.

ADJOURN:

Alderson Stoutenborough made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. and Alderson Greutman seconded the motion.

Alderson Wes	AYE	Alderson Bogle	AYE
Alderson Grider	AYE	Alderson Riley	ABSENT
Alderson Stoutenborough	AYE	Alderson Greutman	AYE

**Motion carried.
P.M.**

To adjourn the meeting at 8:15

Done By:


Crystal Parrott, City Clerk

The following ordinances and resolutions are being presented to Council for consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023/09/11-1: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING ARTICLE VIII LOW-SPEED VEHICLES OF THE CITY OF MAROA CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING § 250-28 OPERATING RESTRICTIONS AND § 250-33 SPECIFIC NON-CONFORMING VEHICLES ALLOWED.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023/09/11-R1: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF A NPPFA DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN AS A POLICE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023/09/11-R2: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SPECIAL ALLOCATION-FUNDS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY BY MAROA LUMBER COMPANY.

The following items are currently in-process:

Oak Street Drainage and Sidewalk Projects: The sidewalk and ditch on the 100 block and the partial section of the 300 block of North Oak Street have been completed. We may need to perform additional shaping, backfilling and seeding once we receive some significant rainfall.

ILEPA Lead Service Line Grant: We received the executed agreement on August 3rd. I am completing our 1st quarter report and will submit it to the ILEPA by Friday, September 15th. This grant gives us \$30,000.00 towards inventorying service line materials.

City Hall Carpets: The carpet cleaning was completed on September 8th. I would recommend we consider having this done twice per year to prevent heavy soiling and staining. We have also purchased several entry rugs as well for this reason.

Cedar Street Sidewalk Damage: In November 2021, Ameren was replacing a gas Main on Cedar Street and damaged a 200 sq/ft section of our new sidewalk. Their crew attempted to repair it, but settling since then caused it to collapse and become unsafe for pedestrians. I reached out to Ameren and they agreed to reimburse us for repairing it. Doak has fixed the sidewalk and submitted a bill to us. There is a paperwork process I am going through with Ameren to get reimbursed, so I have submitted this bill for \$2,050.00 to Council for payment.

Main Street Driveway Damage: In 2020, when the sidewalk was being replaced in the 200 block of West Main, a portion of the old sidewalk was lodged underneath David Lane's driveway causing some cracking to occur during removal. We witnessed the crack and agreed at the time to let everything settle for a while before attempting to replace the broken section. After speaking with Mr. Lane and Chris Doak this month, we agreed it would be in the best interest of everyone to simply reimburse the value of the section, rather than disturb the area any further. The driveway is reinforced with rebar, and we fear attempting to replace the section would likely cause more cracking in other areas. The total value of the driveway repair is \$1,200.00 (City portion is \$400.00 for concrete and Doak portion is \$800.00 for removal, installation and disposal). Chris Doak has already submitted a \$800.00 credit to the City for ditch work along Lincon Street and Cedar Street. I am requesting the Council approve a payment of \$1,200.00 to David Lane to close out this issue.

South Drainage Project: I anticipate this project will be beginning in the coming weeks once crops are out of the fields.

City Administrator Report

Ted L. Agee

Computer System: While building the new computer system, I have been working on minimizing our software expenses. We now have a Microsoft 365 business subscription which allows us to purchase multiple licenses and eliminate individual accounts. This will save money and put an end to tracking multiple receipts. Adobe still does not offer this option, so we will have some individual accounts on terminals where PDF editing is necessary, but most of the computers will utilize the free software version. All users will be able to communicate via Microsoft Teams and each terminal will backup automatically to a 1TB cloud drive. Those with laptops will also be paired to their cloud account for mobile access

The following desktop computers are set up and functioning:

Police #1
 Police #2
 Police #3
 Police #4
 Administrator
 Treasurer

The following desktop computers are in-process and will be completed shortly:

Clerk (Will be installed once Crystal completes the LOCiS-7/LOCiS-8 crossover.)
 Public Works
 Conference Room
 Council Room

Post Office Sidewalk Handrail: I have been approached by a citizen about having a handrail installed on the sidewalk by the Post Office to assist people in getting up on the curb. I am currently looking into the issue to see if there is even a way to legally install a rail in a location like this. I will advise when I have more information.

CITY OF MAROA POLICE DEPARTMENT

August 2023

To: Mayor Wilkey
Cc: City Council
Cc: Admin. Agee

The following is a summary of activity for the Maroa Police Department for April 2023.

Radio Calls/ Calls to Service	Total
<i>Calls for Service</i>	37
<i>Alarms</i>	2
<i>Written Reports</i>	9
<i>Information Reports</i>	4
<i>Handled By Officer</i>	8
<i>Follow Ups/ Supplemental Reports</i>	5
<i>Criminal Arrests</i>	2
<i>Warrant Arrests</i>	0
<i>Check the Welfare</i>	4
<i>Assist Another Agency</i>	4

Ordinance Details	Total
<i>Animal Control</i>	1
<i>Ordinance Complaints</i>	5
<i>Notices Served</i>	0
<i>Ord. Tickets</i>	3
<i>Golf Cart Registrations</i>	2
<i>Curfew Violations</i>	0
<i>Noise Complaints</i>	1
<i>Assisting Citizens</i>	2

Training: Court Smart/ IML

Chief Fitzgerald: Court Smart, IL Mun. League, ,

Officer Mahan: Court Smart, IL Mun. League

Recruitment:

2 Interviews Cooper and Meredith

Policies:

Evidence:

Report System:

Traffic Enforcement	Total
<i>Traffic Stops</i>	37
<i>Assist Motorists</i>	2
<i>Crash Reports</i>	4
<i>State Tickets</i>	14
<i>Written Warnings</i>	13
<i>Verbal Warnings</i>	8
<i>Suspicious Vehicles</i>	2