

**CITY OF MAROA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY JANUARY 12, 2023  
MAROA CITY HALL**

**ROLL CALL at 6:30 p.m.:**

Alderman Grider	Present	Alderman Brown	Present
Alderman Greutman	Present	Alderman Riley	Present
Alderman West	Present	Alderwoman Bogle	Present
City Clerk Parrott	Present	Administrator Agee	Present
Attorney Wise	Present	Mayor Wilkey	Present
Treasurer Bohlmann	Absent	Chief Siemsen	Present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was led by Mayor Wilkey.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Mayor Wilkey read a letter from Jason Bresford (Fire Department Trustee) thanking everyone regarding Larry Peasley on how the two unities worked together.

Alderman Brown asked about the athletic business that will be coming opening. Clerk Parrott discussed a little about what she knew about it. The business is called Ballers Performance Club and is located out where Kohels Bros. existing building was.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Speed Trailer** –Alderman West discussed the deal on the speed trailer. Hoffman asked about license cameras. West discussed doing a trial run on trying one out that will detect if someone comes through town that has warrants out it will notify the police.

Alderman West made a motion to approve the speed trailer for \$5000.00 to be budgeted in May 2023 and Alderwoman Bogle seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried.** **To approve the speed trailer for \$5000.00 to be budgeted for May 2023.**

- **City Entry Signs**–Alderman West got a proposal back and did not like what he got back so he would like to go back to the drawing board. So, he would like to table this for next month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Consolidating all funds to one**- Clerk Parrott stated that with our system we should only have one, maybe two bank accounts and that our system tracks everything with our different accounts. The way things are set up now it is having us do more work than what is needed. So, Parrott and Agee talked to the auditor to check to make sure what needed to be separate. If we consolidate the accounts, then Locis will come in and set the system up the way it should run correctly with the one or two accounts we will go down to.

Mayor asked Lindsey if she had any concerns with us doing it that way. Lindsey stated no.

Ted will talk to the auditor and figure out what to call the account and for sure which accounts we need to keep separate. Council gives their consent to move forward and will table it next month.

- **Personnel**- Multiple items to talk about so they are tabled to a closed session.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief stated the fire department helped the police department out about a week ago with an arson case. Continuing to work on the policies and everyone is current on training. They are maintaining and advancing on training. Some of the classes he is finding are free. The system he is looking into will help with audits, tracking, and record keeping. The applicants he has had have been dismissed due to being dishonest and not disclosing certain things about their backgrounds. After policies are done, they will move into evidence.

Mayor asked about a CPR class and talked about looking into it.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** The property on Washington is on hold right now. She does not feel that it needs to be handled in court yet. Also, the invitation for the middle school ribbon ceremony will be sent out for February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** None

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Ted stated that all four toilets were changed out in the City Hall bathroom due to the bad designs in the toilets. He did reach out to ABM that we were having problems with them, and she said to send them the bill. He is anticipating they will pay the bill for them.

Ted stated they went over to the school a few months ago and talked to Keith Garner. So, at the beginning of March, they have to get a crew together and we are getting all the stainless-steel kitchen equipment, the stage curtains, lighting, the fold-up tables that were in the cafeteria, and possibly some basketball hoops but they may be too heavy. We will have a week or two tops to take everything we can. A few half lockers also for the police department.

The garbage service utilizes the business funds and is strictly commercial. \$62.50 a month towards the garbage or internet a year to offset the cost. Mayor asked how much a year would that come out to. Ted stated it would be \$750.00 a year for a business to offset either garbage or internet cost from the business district fund.

There will be applications for this process so we have the information on file for all the businesses.

**ZONING/PUBLIC WORKS:** Mike Hoffman asked if someone could go through the old Christmas stuff in the shed before they put the tree up. Mike stated he would also like to have some planning on the community garden. Blake stated he contacted Matt on that and asked him to get with us on that.

The sewer line got plugged up at City Hall. They found a bunch of shop towels in the manhole. They dug it out and put a clean-out in it and flushed it out. They are going to have a camera run through it to make sure there are no breaks or separations and add more clean-outs to it and go from there. Hopefully not have to put a new sewer line in.

Mike stated with the tornado people were complaining that on the west end of town, they could not hear the siren and wanted to know if there was anything that we could do about that.

Alderman Grider stated that it depends on the way the wind blows it depends on who will hear it.

Chief Siemsen stated that Mike Hoffman and Jamie Zombro were a lot of help with the debris on the road. Mayor stated we were lucky as a community and all the help was very grateful.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Freedom Festival Date-** The date was set for June 24<sup>th</sup> but there was confusion and others thought it was July 1<sup>st</sup>. Alderman West is going to make phone calls to see what dates the vendors can make and will discuss next month. Right now, it is still set for June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Harvest Festival-** Will be on October 14, 2023
- **Business-** Blake wanted to ask about getting all the business's emblems and he reached out to the billboard to put up that these businesses are here, and it is \$250.00 a month or a 12-month agreement would be \$200.00 a month. Mayor asked Sara from Sarandipity if she got any traffic from that, and she stated yes, she did. Blake stated he would work with the design team to get a billboard. The council stated to do two billboards.
- **Veterans-** Wants to come up with landscaping for the memorial.

**APPROVE BILLS:**

- **DEC./JAN.**  
Alderman Bogle made a motion to approve bills for Dec 2022/Jan 2023 with additional add-ons for Locis for \$225.00 & \$427.50, Alpha Drains for \$600.00, Bill Baker for \$100.00, paying off W&S for \$1308.17

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

**Motion carried. Approve bills for Dec 2022/Jan 2023 with additional add-ons for Locis for \$225. & \$427.50 & Alpha Drains for \$600.00.**

**CLOSED SESSION:** Administrator Agee made a motion to go into closed session at 8:07 p.m. and Alderman Brown seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried.** **To go into closed session at 8:07 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL at 10:11 p.m.:**

Alderman Grider	Present	Alderman Brown	Present
Alderman Greutman	Present	Alderman Riley	Present
Alderman West	Present	Alderwoman Bogle	Present
City Clerk Parrott	Present	Administrator Agee	Present
Attorney Wise	Present	Mayor Wilkey	Present
Treasurer Bohlmann	Absent	Chief Siemsen	Absent

- **Compensation Raises-**

Alderman Grider made a motion to approve the 5 percent raises for all eligible employees and Alderman Brown Second the motion.

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

**Motion carried.** **To approve the 5% raise for all eligible employees.**

**ADJOURN:** Alderman Grider made a motion to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. and Alderman Riley seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried.** **Adjourned at 10:25 p.m.**

Done By:

  
Crystal Parrott, City Clerk