

**CITY OF MAROA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:31 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Alderson Jeremiah Grider	Present
Alderson Monty Greutman	Present
Alderson Toni Stoutenborough	Present
Alderson Blake West	Present
Alderson Matt Riley	Present
Alderson Angela Bogle	Present
Mayor Ryan Wilkey	Present
City Clerk Crystal Parrott	Present
City Administrator Ted Agee	Present
City Treasurer Randi Amettis	Present
Attorney Lindsey Wise	Present
Chief of Police Robert Fitzgerald	Present
Superintendent of Public Works Mike Hoffman	Present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Wilkey.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** No comments.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Clerk Parrott swore in the two new full time police officers - Officer Shaun Meredith and Officer Paul Cooper.
- Clerk Parrott swore in part-time police clerk Cassidy Lawson.
- Mayor Wilkey appointed Ted Agee as the new Zoning Administrator.
- RWE Renewables Introduction: Rod Flora and Jeff Jones came and spoke to the City Council about the Greenswitch Wind Farm and Radford's Run and discussed what is involved with the project. The reasons they are looking to do the project here are because of the local windspeeds, existing transmission lines and available land space. Farmers are still able to use 95% of their parcel. The Greenswitch Wind Farm project will cover 10,000 plus acres with several thousand still under negotiations. They anticipate construction to begin in 2024. Health, safety, and welfare of the community are their main concerns and if foresee a negative impact in those concerns, they would not begin a project. They are asking the City Council to grant the same setbacks to Greenswitch, as were granted to Radford's Run. The project is planned to be operational in December 2025.
- Discussion regarding overnight parking issues on Main Street. Ideas to improve conditions are asked to be presented at the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting.

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**2024 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES:**

Motion by Alderperson Grider to approve the 2024 Regular City Council meeting dates

Second by Alderperson Bogle.

- **MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2024 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

**ROLL CALL:**

Alderperson Blake West	Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Aye
Alderperson Matt Riley	Aye
Alderperson Toni Stoutenborough	Aye
Alderperson Monty Greutman	Aye

- **MOTION CARRIED.**

**2024 PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING DATES:**

Motion by Alderperson West to approve the 2024 Planning and Zoning Board meeting dates.

Second by Alderperson Grider.

- **MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2024 PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING DATES.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Alderperson Blake West	Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Aye
Alderperson Matt Riley	Aye
Alderperson Toni Stoutenborough	Aye
Alderperson Monty Greutman	Aye

- **MOTION CARRIED.**

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**2024 WATER SERVICE SHUT-OFF DATES:**

Motion by Alderperson Bogle to approve the 2024 water service shut-off dates.

Second by Alderperson Stoutenborough.

- **MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2024 WATER SERVICE SHUT-OFF DATES.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Alderperson Blake West	Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Aye
Alderperson Matt Riley	Aye
Alderperson Toni Stoutenborough	Aye
Alderperson Monty Greutman	Aye

- **MOTION CARRIED.**

**POLICE REPORT:**

- Chief Fitzgerald introduced the new officers and the clerk. Chief states Clerk Lawson is working on Friday's and observing/patrolling with Officer Meredith on Saturdays to get her acquainted with law enforcement which will be advantageous when she enrolls in the Law Enforcement Training Academy. Chief Fitzgerald is hopeful a spot in the academy will become available in January.
- The Axon body camera/Taser system contract expired on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Chief Fitzgerald has been working with them to ensure the best pricing for a new contract. A ten-year contract with them would be \$134,604.00.
- Chief Fitzgerald is handling a dog bite/attack case. The victim has undergone several surgeries as a result of the incident. Chief Fitzgerald recommends reviewing the existing ordinances regarding dogs and updating/adding language as necessary to the City Code of Ordinances. The council also discussed getting a chip reader to identify dogs in town when they get loose.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

- Attorney Wise is waiting to see if Omar Sosa does anything by December at 310 N. Pine. Chief Fitzgerald stated the grass has been mowed and the place has been cleaned up. Administrator Agee stated he spoke with Mr. Sosa last month and reached out to Chris Doak to get some quotes. Mr. Sosa had mentioned putting a tarp on the roof to cover the hole. Administrator Agee reiterated to Mr. Doak the roof needs to be repaired, not covered with a tarp. Administrator Agee noted it appears Mr. Sosa is more concerned with getting the pressure washing done than anything else and has explained to Mr. Sosa on several occasions what specifically needs to be done for compliance.
- Attorney Wise is working with Cody Parrott on the deteriorating building on Hickory St.



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**ENGINEER REPORT:** No report.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

- We have submitted a bill to the insurance carrier of Sysco following the damage that occurred to the water system on 10/27/2023. The grand total for all associated labor, material, equipment, and sub-contracted work is \$36,656.54. Chief Fitzgerald stated he is holding his report for seven to ten days to make sure nothing else pops up.
- Administrator Agee is currently updating and standardizing all City permit forms. Once completed, the forms will allow the City to maintain better records of all permits issued.
- Administrator Agee is searching for a licensed building inspector the city can use moving forward. Ideally, the inspector would be on a per call basis and would charge the permit holder directly for each inspection. The individual will only perform necessary building inspections to ensure construction is up to code. Administrator Agee will update Council as more information develops.
- An Ordinance Authorizing an ITEP Grant Enhancement Agreement Between the City of Maroa, Illinois and Chastain and Associates will be presented to Council at the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, regular council meeting.
- An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the City of Maroa for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and ending April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, will be presented to council December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, regular council meeting. Administrator Agee has been receiving assessment updates from Macon County. The City-Wide EAV numbers change weekly so the final ordinance will be based on the last available figures he receives. Administrator Agee will send Council projected figures in the coming weeks.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

- On Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Superintendent Hoffman was sitting at his desk in the water plant office when the water tower pressure and level suddenly dropped. At the same time, his MCFPD pager went off for an accident call. A semi hit a fire hydrant at the corner of Walnut Street and Main Street which caused a chain reaction and ruptured the Main Street water main in two locations. Later, a third leak was discovered on Walnut Street. The water leak threatened the integrity of a power pole on Main Street. The fire department assisted and stayed by the pole while Superintendent Hoffman notified Ameren, JULIE and Burdick plumbing. Calls were made to the media, Macon County Health Department, IEPA as required. The City crew shut down the water tower and began the process of closing main valves to isolate the problem and return water service to as much of the City as possible. As a result, a boil order was issued and remained in effect until Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, when the IEPA cleared the water samples.
- The leaf vac has broken down and we are waiting on parts.
- Veteran's Day banners will be put up on Main Street the week of November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- We will begin putting up Christmas decorations as well.

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**HARVEST FESTIVAL COMMITTEE:**

- Alderperson Bogle thanked Superintendent Hoffman for bringing tables and helping out.
- Alderperson Bogle reported the Laser Tag went over well at the Harvest Festival, but the weather was cold, and we did not have as many cars show up this year.
- Alderperson Bogle stated the Halloween event went well, although we did not get to have the hay rides due to the weather. There were twelve candy tables this year. The first hour and a half was non-stop. The library did a craft project as well at their table this year and had a great turn out. Alderperson Bogle thanked the City Council members who helped pass out candy and thanked Administrator Agee and Clerk Parrott for helping with the set up.

**WINTER COMMITTEE:**

- Alderperson Grider stated that he has ten vendors lined up for the Christmas event this year and he will be contacting the businesses to see about decorating the Christmas trees in City Hall.
- All ordered Christmas decorations have been received and unpacked.

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

**OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Alderperson West to approve the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, open meeting minutes.

Second by Alderperson Bogle.

- **MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, OPEN MEETING MINUTES.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Alderperson Blake West	Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Abstain
Alderperson Matt Riley	Abstain
Alderperson Toni Stoutenborough	Aye
Alderperson Monty Greutman	Aye

- **MOTION CARRIED.**

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**OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, CLOSED MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Alderperson West to approve the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, closed meeting minutes.

Second by Alderperson Greutman.

- **MOTION TO APPROVE THE October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, CLOSED MEETING MINUTES.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Alderperson Blake West	Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Abstain
Alderperson Matt Riley	Abstain
Alderperson Toni Stoutenborough	Aye
Alderperson Monty Greutman	Aye

- **MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVE BILLS:**

**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2023 BILLS**

Motion by Alderperson Grider to approve the October/November 2023 bills.

Second by Alderperson Riley.

- **MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2023 BILLS.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Alderperson Blake West	Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Aye
Alderperson Matt Riley	Aye
Alderperson Toni Stoutenborough	Abstain
Alderperson Monty Greutman	Aye

- **MOTION CARRIED.**

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**CLOSED SESSION:**

Motion by Alderperson Grider to enter closed session.

Second by Alderperson Riley.

- **MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION UNDER 5 ILCS 120/2 C (1-40).**

**ROLL CALL:**

Alderperson Blake West	Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Aye
Alderperson Matt Riley	Aye
Alderperson Toni Stoutenborough	Aye
Alderperson Monty Greutman	Aye

- **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CLOSED SESSION CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:05 p.m.**

**OPEN SESSION RESUMES ORDER AT 8:22 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Present
Alderperson Monty Greutman	Present
Alderperson Toni Stoutenborough	Present
Alderperson Blake West	Present
Alderperson Matt Riley	Present
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Present
Mayor Ryan Wilkey	Present
City Clerk Crystal Parrott	Present
City Administrator Ted Agee	Present
City Treasurer Randi Amettis	Not Present
Attorney Lindsey Wise	Present
Chief of Police Robert Fitzgerald	Present
Superintendent of Public Works Mike Hoffman	Not Present

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**ADJOURN:**

Motion by Alderperson West to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Alderperson Stoutenborough.

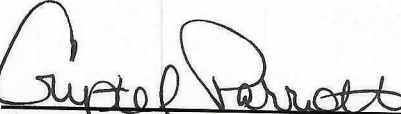
- **MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Alderperson Blake West	Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Aye
Alderperson Matt Riley	Aye
Alderperson Toni Stoutenborough	Aye
Alderperson Monty Greutman	Aye

- **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:22 p.m.**

  
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Crystal Parrott, City Clerk

12-4-2023  
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Date Approved



# CITY OF MAROA POLICE DEPARTMENT

October 2023

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

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

Radio Calls/ Calls to Service		Total
Calls for Service		31
Alarms		1
Written Reports		8
Information Reports		1
Handled By Officer		14
Follow Ups/ Supplemental Reports		2
Criminal Arrests		1
Warrant Arrests		0
Check the Welfare		1
Assist Another Agency		4
Assist Motorists		2

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

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

**Officer Mahan:** Court Smart, IL Mun. League

**Ofc. Cooper -** Court Smart, IL Mun. League

**Ofc. Meredith -** Court Smart, IL Mun. League

**Recruitment:** Working 2 background Boehm, Cole (FT) and Garcia, Krissie (PT)

Traffic Enforcement		Total
Traffic Stops		55
Crash Reports		1
State Tickets		21
Written Warnings		2
Verbal Warnings		32
Suspicious Vehicles		2

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