

CITY OF MAROA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JANUARY 10, 2022

ROLL CALL done by Clerk Walters at 6:32 p.m. Alderman West, Wilkey, Harper, Riley, Alderwoman Bogle, Mayor McCullough, Clerk Walters, Treasurer Modro-Peters, and Administrator Agee were all present. Alderman Grider was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: was led by Clerk Walters.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: There were no citizens comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **City Clerk (Payment arrangements how often)-** Council decided to keep payment arrangements how it has always been. If a payment arrangement is needed the person needs to call in a week ahead of shut-off to get the arrangement approved by the council members on the waterworks committee. They can not default on their payment arrangements, or they will not be able to have another payment arrangement.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business currently.

POLICE REPORT: Gaddy stated that he put the police report in everyone's mailboxes and that there will be a police committee meeting sometime next week to discuss about hiring and budget for sending candidates to the academy.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Regan Lewis stated that Joshua and Laura Miller still have not been served yet and will do a private processor and if that does not work then need to do a publication in the newspaper. But they need to be served in person to be able to be able to recoup for the demo.

Also, Richard Young let Lindsey Wise know that him and Barb Young are gifting two lots to the city for a pocket park and that Lindsey will further update at a later time. Ted Agee stated that these two parcels are in Montgomery Court.

Alderman Wilkey stated that as a council they were not going to recoup on the demo. Regan stated that once the publication is made and if the Miller's default, then it is up to Lakeview and if they do not do anything then we can move forward.

Regan stated she did not know if the council would want to do it during the wintertime and Ted stated considering the conditions of the building it needs to come down as soon as possible. Alderman Wilkey asked Administrator Agee what he thought of the publication, and he stated he spoke with Lindsey Wise the attorney and she stated that the processor was more effective, and Regan stated that right now they are running a skip trace and that will give us current addresses serving them personally later they can not come in later and challenge service in anyway. It probably will not happen since they abandoned the property.

ENGINEER REPORT: No reports currently.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Water/Energy Project Update-The water rate increase that the council approved last summer will go into effect this month. The water and sewer both become \$6.10 the first 1000 and then \$.61 per 100. The infrastructure fee goes from \$5.00 to \$10.00 and out of town rate goes to \$7.93 first 1000 then \$.793 per 100. Alderwoman Bogle wanted to know if things were going easier and Ted stated yes, we still had a few kinks that we are working on. We are not getting some alarms like we should be. John Matthews old house we had a high-pressure alarm on the meter Friday and Crystal tried getting a hold of him and no answer but apparently the

guy was around over the weekend so what we need to start doing is where there is an issue on were they are not answering give a note over to Gaddy and they can catch them. Also, a low temperature alarm and then 6am the temperature shifted, and the temperature dropped, and the pressure dropped and ended up with it going through at 1000 gallons an hour and no valid phone so no way to contact him and we put a letter on the door so had to shut the water off. Had to use backhoe to get to curb stop. But the system is doing what it is supposed to do. We caught a couple dozen toilet leaks this last week. We are having a full session training tomorrow afternoon. Crystal is not getting the alerts she is supposed to be getting so we will make sure we get this taken care of tomorrow during the training. There are still five of the old meters in town we go and physically read ourselves. Crystal stated they got the one on Wood Street taken care of. So now we are down to four. Alderman Harper asked why we were doing that. Agee stated there was plumbing issues that had to be done and had to be taken care of but they will eventually taken care of. Plumbers have been tied up right now with furnaces.

Alderman Wilkey stated he has heard a few people talk that with the accuracy of the new meters that their bills have been going down.

Ted turned it over to Tom for the energy side of it.

Tom stated that Dan was with him and was going to go over the Bundle Energy Service Agreement. Dan stated that included with the agreement that an energy base savings the first year would be \$5,200.00. Dan went through the report and would send the report to everyone on the council.

Tom stated that only thing that was not calculated was the lift station but if they would have dug deeper then he knows that it would show a lot of savings there as well. Also, we have soft cost savings as well. Like with Crystal catching toilet leaks. Dan stated that they have a 20-year guarantee on savings. Final vision of this report will be again at this time next year.

Alderman Wilkey wanted to know if we were still thinking about a phase two down the road and Administrator Agee stated yes.

COMMITTEE REPORT: No reports currently.

APPROVE MINUTES:

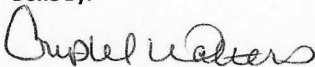
- **December Minutes-** Alderman Wilkey made a motion to approve the December Meeting Minutes and Alderwoman Bogle second the motion. Alderman West, Riley, Harper, Wilkey, and Alderwoman Bogle were all in favor. Alderman Grider was absent. The motion to approve the December Meeting Minutes was passed.

APPROVE BILLS: Alderman Wilkey made a motion to approve to pay the December/ January bills and Alderwoman Bogle second the motion. Alderman West, Riley, Harper, Wilkey, and Alderwoman Bogle were all in favor. Alderman Grider was absent. The motion to approve to pay the December/ January bills was passed.

CLOSED SESSION: No need for Closed Session tonight.

ADJOURN: Alderwoman Bogle made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. and Alderman Wilkey second the motion. Alderman West, Riley, Harper, Wilkey, and Alderwoman Bogle were all in favor. Alderman Grider was absent. The motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. was passed.

Done By:



Crystal Walters, City Clerk