

## **CITY OF MAROA REMOTE MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 6:30 pm**

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Meeting called to order remotely by Clerk Edwards at 6:30 pm. Roll call taken by Clerk Edwards. Alderwoman Bogle, Estep, Alderman Jackson, West, Wilkey, Administrator Ted Agee and Mayor Meador are present. Clerk Edwards and Treasurer Modro-Peters are present. Alderman Grider is absent.

### **Citizens Comments**

Jerry Fyke addressed the council regarding the violation notice he received for the trailer court. He is making progress, but it is slow. He is asking for more time to get the park cleaned up before fines are enforced. He is working with his residents to help them get things done on their lot/home as well as they are not able to do it themselves. He has gotten rid of the biggest eyesore. He has removed trailers from lots 11, 12, 16, 54, 22 & 65. He has at least five more to remove from the East park and as least three more to remove from the West park. There is one that currently has a resident living in it, and he will leave that on in the West park. Council gives consent to more time to get cleaned up. Mr. Fyke will report to the council monthly, he may email Meador each month with the progress or he may address the council in person, via Zoom.

There were no other citizens comments.

### **Previous Meeting Minutes**

Clerk Edwards presents the meeting minutes to the council. Mayor Meador asks if everyone had a chance to look at the minutes. Bogle makes a motion to accept the November 17, 2020 remote meeting minutes, seconded by Jackson. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Wilkey makes a motion to accept the November 23, 2020 special meeting minutes, seconded by Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Bogle makes a motion to accept the November 23, 2020 closed special meeting minutes, seconded by Jackson. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

### **Police Report**

Chief Gaddy is present. Chief discusses his monthly report and the violation report. Edwards ask Gaddy to send her the violation report as well. Meador sent to her. Gaddy states that there is not much going on this month. Council does not have any questions for Gaddy.

### **Attorney Report**

Attorney Jankowicz is present. Jankowicz states that he spent some time on some personnel matters. He worked with Agee on some things that Agee will discuss in his report. He did a reviewed ABM's documents, worked with Agee, and made changes to the documents. ABM agreed to the suggestions and they were made to the documents.

### **Engineer's Report**

Not present

### **Administrator Report**

Ted Agee, Administrator is present.

Agee discusses his report.

Agee states that the \$74,297 from the Covid grant has come in and is in the general fund now. He is working to try and get more.

### **Zoning/Public Works**

Mike Hoffman, Superintendent, is present. Hoffman states that he has nothing to report.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Wilkey makes a recommendation for employee pay raises of 3%. Wilkey makes a motion for employee pay raise for all full and part time employees of 3%, effective January 1, 2021, seconded by West. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Review of closed meeting minutes and destroy closed minutes recording is postponed until meet in person, possibly the January 2021 meeting.

Discussion about the employee health insurance for 2021 was discussed. Bogle makes a motion to accept the BCBS plan for 2021 for employees, seconded by Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Agee discussed the ordinance for the General Bond Disclosure. Wilkey makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2020/12/15-1, seconded by West. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Agee discussed the Ordinance for the lease purchase agreement. Bogle makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2020/12/15-2, seconded by Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Agee discussed the Ordinance for the bundled energy solutions agreement. The cost of the project is a maximum of \$4,210,174. Wilkey makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2020/12/15-3, seconded by Jackson. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Agee discussed the Ordinance for annual energy cost avoidance agreement. Savings targets for year one is energy cost avoidance of about \$5,000 and operational cost avoidance of \$37,786. This is tabled out for a 3% increase annually. If savings targets are not met, ABM will reimburse the difference of this if there is a failure to meet the savings. The savings is monitored by the State and Federal Government and ABM must prove it to the City, Federal Government, and the State. There are many checks and balances that go into this. ABM is carefully monitored by the State. Bogle makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2020/12/15-4, seconded by West. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Agee discussed the Ordinance for Authorization for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds. West makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2020/12/15-5, seconded by Wilkey. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Agee discussed the Resolution for the Public Hearing Concerning the intent to sell general obligation bonds. Jankowicz is going to check to see if the Public Hearing may be held inside or if remote is okay. Would need to social distance as well. Jankowicz suggested to do both remote and in person. Bogle makes a motion to accept Resolution 2020/12/15-R1, seconded by Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

Agee asks if the reimbursement side of things, would council be willing to vote to put it in the hands of the finance committee or water and sewer committee to approve to move forward to save time and not have to wait for next meeting. Bogle asks if that is to use the monies from URF to put down payment on the lift station to proceed. Agee states yes since there is a small window of time to get it done. Bogle is okay to let committee decide. Agee states that he will just wait for a committee meeting to get approval when it is to that point.

Agee discussed the Ordinance for the tax levy. Council was presented with 3% and 5% levy amounts. West makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2020/12/15-6 at 5% with levy amount of \$304,351, seconded by Wilkey. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

#### **Committee reports**

Bogle discussed the Veterans Committee meeting. Bogle states that Rhonda Braden was able to get an estimate and design. It is \$60,000 less than the initial estimate. Grider likes the new design. Next meeting will be determined as Grider will be back in the US then and will be able to attend. Bogle will get the date to Edwards to post.

Edwards asked about purchase of module from LOCIS to email the water bills to those who would like it emailed. There are almost two pages now to email and it is time consuming to do right now. With the module, it would be included when water bills are done each month. It would be easier and more efficient to do. It is \$500 to add the module and \$30 per month. Council gives consent to add the module. Edwards will call them in the morning.

#### **Bills**

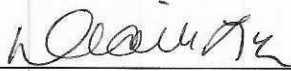
Edwards presents the partial December bills to the council. West asks about the payment to General Code. Edwards states that the new code book is complete. It is on the City website. All the code and zoning books that council has needs to be turned in as they will no longer be in effect. There is only one master copy of the code book and it is at City Hall. This helps keep the book up to date by only updating one instead of several books and the chance that books are not up to date. This was suggested by General Code as the best way to proceed. Jankowicz suggests putting a note on the website that this is the new code that will be voted on at the January 25, 2021 meeting and it is not adopted to date. Edwards made that note to the website. Edwards asks Agee to get the Zoning books from the Zoning Board. Edwards will present the rest of the bills to the finance committee at the end of the month. Bogle makes a motion to pay the current December bills, seconded by Estep. All council members present vote aye, motion passed.

#### **Closed Session**

Closed session postponed to January 25, 2021 meeting.

**Adjourn**

Meador asks if there is a motion to adjourn. Bogle makes a motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm, seconded by Jackson. All council members present vote aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm



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Diane L. Edwards, City Clerk