CITY OF MAROA

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PHONE: (217) 794-2206 FAX: (217) 794-5125 RYAN WILKEY, MAYOR TED AGEE, CITY ADMINISTRATOR CRYSTAL PARROTT, CITY CLERK RANDI AMETTIS, TREASURER

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CITY COUNCIL OPEN SESSION MINUTES MONDAY, JULY 7TH, 2025

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 p.m.

• ROLL CALL:

Alderperson Monty Greutman
Alderperson Jereimah Grider
Alderperson Mark Hunter
Alderperson Blake West
Alderperson Matt Riley
Alderperson Angela Bogle
Mayor Ryan Wilkey
City Clerk Crystal Parrott
City Administrator Ted Agee
City Treasurer Randi Amettis
Attorney Lindsey Wise
Chief of Police Robert Fitzgerald
Superintendent of Public Works Mike Hoffman

Present
Not Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Mayor Wilkey.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

• Kathy Summer requested a status update regarding 310 N Pine. Mayor Wilkey deferred to Attorney Wise due to current litigation.

ATTORNEY LINDSEY WISE ENTERED THE MEETING @ 6:34 P.M.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

- Attorney Wise asked Kathy Summers if she had any particular complaints about 310 N
 Pine because, as of right now, the owner has done everything the City Code requires
 him to do. Lindsey stated there were no current code violations and taxes are paid.
 Lindsey has not dismissed the case yet.
- Attorney Wise informed the Council notice for 418 S Wood has been published in the newspaper. You have to do that every three weeks, three times, then you have to wait thirty days more before we can default and move forward with the foreclosure sale.
- The taxes were bought on the Miller property, but Attorney Wise thinks it would be in our best interest to go ahead and pay the taxes because we will end up getting our money back. She suggesting discussing the matter further in closed session.

JUNE 2, 2025, OPEN MEETING MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS:

- Motion by Alderperson Bogle to approve June 2, 2025, Open Meeting Minutes with the corrections.
- Second by Alderperson West.
- MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 2, 2025, OPEN MEETING MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS.
- ROLL CALL:

Alderperson Blake West
Alderperson Angela Bogle
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider
Alderperson Matt Riley
Alderperson Mark Hunter
Alderperson Monty Greutman

Aye
Aye

MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Fitzgerald is out tonight due to a death in the family. Officer Lawson his here in his place tonight.
- Officer Lawson stated there were multiple tickets written on Saturday and she thought the traffic control during the fireworks was great. Lawson also noted they stayed well dispersed during the festival.
- Alderman West stated Chief Fitzgerald told him one of the new squad cars should be coming any day.

ENGINEER REPORT:

No Report.

ADMINISTRATOR/ZONING REPORT:

- Administrator Agee stated he sent final drafts for the ordinance changes to the council
 and would like the council to review them in the next week and see if there are any
 changes that need to be made so the ordinances can be ready for the August meeting.
- Administrator Agee stated he is also working on a return-to-work policy. Risk
 Management advises we have one. Clerk Parrot and Administrator Agee will sit down
 and look it over because there is some language about using certain doctors, which we
 don't have as a requirement.
- Mike Hoffman and Administrator Agee met with Tom Rogers regarding the section of the right-of-way that's adjacent to the sewer plant. He has agreed to sell it to the City and Lindsey is drafting the contract for that. It is slightly over three acres at \$5,000 per acre.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- Mike Hoffman and Administrator Agee took some notes while setting up the Freedom
 Festival this year and determined they need to add some electrical outlets for the future.
 They are also going to look for an enclosed trailer to store the event tent and equipment.
 It would make setting up much easier to have everything in a trailer and just bring the trailer to the location.
- Mayor Wilkey stated he had the pleasure of being around for the four days of festival preparations. The mayor stated it was unbelievable and commended the efforts of the City crew. He acknowledged the grounds looked better than they ever have.
- Mike Hoffman stated that the media in one softener had been replaced, and the other softener would be replaced tomorrow.

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 Mike Hoffman stated the trailer park on N. Wood Street, along with two other residences are under a boil order at this time. They have all been notified.

OLD BUSINESS:

BUSINESS DISTRICT BILLBOARD RENEWAL:

Alderperson West requested to table this to the August meeting.

HIGH SCHOOL TROJANETTE SPONSORSHIP:

 Chelebren Peters came in to speak on behalf of the MFHS Trojanettes. They are asking for sponsorships to go towards choreography, UDA camps for football and basketball competitions, uniforms and accessories.

MOTION TO APPROVE A DONATION OF \$500.00 TO M-F HIGH SCHOOL TROJANETTES.

- Motion by Alderperson Bogle to approve a donation of \$500.00 to M-F High School Trojanettes.
- Second by Alderperson West.
- MOTION TO APPROVE A DONATION OF \$500.00 TO M-F HIGH SCHOOL TROJANETTES.
- ROLL CALL:

Alderperson Blake West	Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Not Present
Alderperson Matt Riley	Aye
Alderperson Mark Hunter	Aye
Alderperson Monty Greutman	Aye

MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAROA-FORSYTH FFA INTERACTIVE PATHWAY FOR YOUNG COMMUNITY MEMBERS AT PARK ON THE ASPHALT WALKWAY:

- Lauren Trouchet and Hallie Wilson came explained the Interactive Pathway and asked for permission to install it in Spencer Park around the east side of the walkway. They will connect with Eliza Petry from WCIA in early August to help promote it. They are not asking for any funds, just permission to install in late July.
- There will be QR codes for the kids to scan to play games along the walkway.
- The Council asked if the artwork can be reinstalled if we replace the walkway in the future. Reinstallation was confirmed.
- The Council gave their approval to install the Interactive Pathway to Spencer Park.
- Administrator Agee reminded the Council we have applied for a grant in conjunction with the MFHS FFA for a Community Garden greenhouse and are awaiting results.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARK COMMITTEE:

 Alderperson West stated the park bench dedicated to Bill and Barb Holly has been delivered along with the permanent plaque. The bench will be installed facing the fireworks since they loved to watch the fireworks.

FREEDOM FESTIVAL COMMITTEE:

 Alderperson West stated he has a mechanical bull set up already for next, along with a kiddie demolition derby. He is having a toy tractor pull company come in for the kiddie tractor pulls next year as well.

HARVEST FESTIVAL COMMITTEE:

 Alderperson Bogle stated the flyer for the car show has already gone out and she is working on vendors now.

BILLS:

JUNE/JULY 2025 BILLS:

- Motion by Alderperson Bogle to approve the June/July 2025 bills.
- Second by Alderperson Greutman.
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING THE JUNE/JULY 2025 BILLS.
- ROLL CALL:

Alderperson Blake West
Alderperson Angela Bogle
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider
Alderperson Matt Riley
Alderperson Mark Hunter
Alderperson Monty Greutman
Aye
Aye

MOTION CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION AS ALLOWED UNDER 5 ILCS 120/2 C (1-40):

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, volunteers or legal counsel for the public body; The hearing of testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee; Deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; The selection of a person to fill a public office, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office; The discussion of pricing for sale, purchase or lease of real estate; The sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts; Discussion of current, pending or potential litigation; Discussion and semi-annual review of closed session minutes; The establishment of reserves or settlement of claims; Self-evaluation, practices and procedures or professional ethics; Audit related meetings involving internal control weaknesses, identification of potential fraud risk areas, known or suspected frauds, and fraud interviews; Informant sources, the hiring or assignment of undercover personnel or equipment, or ongoing, prior or future criminal investigations.

- Motion by Alderperson Bogle to enter closed session under 5 ILCS 120/2 C (1-40).
- Second by Alderperson Hunter.
- 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 Not Present

Alderperson Matt Riley Aye
Alderperson Mark Hunter Aye
Alderperson Monty Greutman Aye

- MOTION CARRIED.
- CLOSED SESSION CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:17 p.m.

OPEN SESSION RESUMES ORDER AT 7:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Not Present Alderperson Jeremiah Grider Alderperson Monty Greutman Present Alderperson Mark Hunter Present Alderperson Blake West Present Alderperson Matt Rilev 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 Not Present Superintendent of Public Works Mike Hoffman Present

PROPERTY TAXES AT 418 S WOOD STREET:

- Motion by Alderperson West to approve to pay and redeem the property taxes for 418
 South Wood for a total of \$5,014.79 plus any additional accrued interest.
- Second by Alderperson Bogle.
- MOTION TO APPROVE TO PAY AND REDEEM THE PROPERTY TAXES FOR 418 SOUTH WOOD FOR A TOTAL OF \$5,014.79 PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL ACCRUED INTEREST.

• ROLL CALL:

Alderperson Blake West Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider Not Present
Alderperson Matt Riley Aye

Alderperson Mark Hunter Aye
Alderperson Monty Greutman Aye

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURN:

- Motion by Alderperson West to adjourn the meeting.
- Second by Alderperson Bogle.
- MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
- ROLL CALL:

Alderperson Blake West
Alderperson Angela Bogle
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider
Alderperson Matt Riley
Alderperson Mark Hunter
Alderperson Monty Greutman
Aye
Aye

- MOTION CARRIED.
- MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 p.m.

APPROVAL RECORD:

City of Maroa, Illinois Meeting Minutes Monday, July 7th, 2025

Crystal Parrott, City Clerk

<u>D\$-04-2025</u> Date Approved