

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

MARION CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

Held

City Hall – Council Chambers on 11/25/2019 7:30 PM

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ROLL CALL: 8 members answered – Mr. Landon, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Huddle, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Schneider. Absent – Mrs. Blevins, Mr. Norris

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Prayer was led by Tom Toney, Family Life Church. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS – 10/28/2019:

Mr. Huddle made a motion to approve; Mr. Schaber 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Landon, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Huddle, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Daniels. Nays – none

MINUTES OF 10/28/2019 APPROVED (7-0)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 1. ORD 2019-63: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE LEASE OF CERTAIN FARM LANDS ADJACENT TO THE MARION MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Airport, Lands and Buildings, Mr. Huddle, 3-0 recommendation)

Matt Arnold, Director of Aviation, stated that 3 valid bids were received to farm 577 acres for the 2020 crop year. The best bid was from Todd Etgen (Ashley, Ohio), as selected by Airport Commission for a three-year lease at \$267 per acre, a \$33 increase over previous rate. Once approved, they will enter into contract within 10 days. Mayor Schertzer clarified that the high bid is the best bid as this is revenue, not an expense.

Mr. Huddle made a motion to suspend the rules; Mr. Schaber 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Landon, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Huddle, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Daniels. Nays – none

Mr. Huddle made a motion to approve; Mr. Schaber 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Landon, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Huddle, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Daniels. Nays – none

ORDINANCE 2019-63 APPROVED 7-0

Item 2. RES 2019-19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARION, OHIO TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Streets and Sewers, Mr. Schaber, 2-0 recommendation)

Mr. Schaber explained that the capital improvement projects are for Short Street, South Grand, and Colonial Acres sewer improvement. Mayor Schertzer explained that OPWC projects brought forth by the engineering department/public works department are grants or no/low interest loans.

Mr. Schaber made a motion to suspend the rules; Mr. Huddle 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Landon, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Huddle, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Daniels. Nays – none

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Mr. Schaber made a motion to approve; Mr. Huddle 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Landon, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Huddle, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Daniels. Nays – none

RESOLUTION 2019-19 APPROVED 7-0

Item 3. ORD 2019-64: ORDINANCE REESTABLISHING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR STATUTORY OFFICE HOLDERS WITHIN THE CITY, OTHER THAN CITY COUNCIL, TO BE EFFECTIVE THE FIRST DAY OF EACH RESPECTIVE OFFICE'S NEXT TERM, AMENDING THOSE RELEVANT SECTIONS OF EACH APPLICABLE PREVIOUS ORDINANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Added by Mr. Schaber – 1st, Mr. Ratliff – 2nd, Mrs. Cunningham – 3rd)

Mr. Schaber said that it is tough as an elected official to talk about raises, but compensation should be reviewed regularly.

Mr. Schaber made a motion to suspend Rule 56; Mr. Ratliff 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Huddle, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Daniels. Nays – none. Abstain – Mr. Landon (conflict as auditor-elect)

RULE 56 SUSPENDED (6-0-1)

ORDINANCE 2019-64 HAS FIRST READING

Item 4. ORD 2019-65: ORDINANCE REESTABLISHING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR STATUTORY OFFICE HOLDERS WITHIN THE CITY, TO BE EFFECTIVE THE FIRST DAY OF EACH RESPECTIVE OFFICE'S NEXT TERM, AMENDING THOSE RELEVANT SECTIONS OF EACH APPLICABLE PREVIOUS ORDINANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Added by Mr. Schaber – 1st, Mr. Ratliff – 2nd, Mrs. Cunningham – 3rd)

Mr. Ratliff said that once in office, official cannot receive raise until next term starts. He has been on council for 14 years and this is third raise, same for Mayor. These elected positions are not staying up with regular employees.

Mr. Ratliff made a motion to suspend Rule 56; Mr. Schaber 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Huddle, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Daniels. Nays – Mr. Landon

RULE 56 SUSPENDED (6-1-0)

ORDINANCE 2019-65 HAS FIRST READING

Item 5. ORD 2019-66: ORDINANCE REESTABLISHING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR STATUTORY OFFICE HOLDERS WITHIN THE CITY, OTHER THAN CITY COUNCIL, TO BE EFFECTIVE THE FIRST DAY OF EACH RESPECTIVE OFFICE'S NEXT TERM, AMENDING THOSE RELEVANT SECTIONS OF EACH APPLICABLE PREVIOUS ORDINANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Added by Mr. Schaber – 1st, Mr. Ratliff – 2nd, Mrs. Cunningham – 3rd)

Mr. Ratliff made a motion to suspend Rule 56; Mr. Schaber 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Huddle, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Daniels. Nays – Mr. Landon

RULE 56 SUSPENDED

ORDINANCE 2019-66 HAS FIRST READING

Item 6. ORD 2019-67: ORDINANCE REESTABLISHING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR STATUTORY OFFICE HOLDERS WITHIN THE CITY, OTHER THAN CITY COUNCIL, TO BE EFFECTIVE THE FIRST DAY OF

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Mr. Schaber made a motion to suspend Rule 56; Mr. Ratliff 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Huddle, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Daniels.
Nays – Mr. Landon

RULE 56 SUSPENDED

ORDINANCE 2019-67 HAS FIRST READING

OTHER MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Mayor Schertzer announced that the US Census Bureau is seeing Census workers. It is important to get an accurate count of all citizens. That count is tied to federal dollars received by the City. He also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. He is grateful for the commitment to community shown by elected officials.

Joe Jacubic from First Energy announced that citizens should beware of phone scammers. He advised citizens to always call back (do not rely on an incoming call even if the phone number appears accurate).

Dan Neidig (333 Forest Lawn Blvd.) extended an invitation to council and the public to attend the next Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on 12/10 at 6:30PM (Tuesday). He stated that there are a lot of things that happen at meetings and the more that council knows about the legislation and codes they write and more about whole process will be helpful. He explained that members receive a report on property and sometimes do a site visit. The "planning committee" has a chance to tell them their recommendation. Do you know what the planning committee is doing and how that is affecting the city? He is the "question person" and likes to ask questions at these meetings. If Council knows more, they will be asking questions and so will the people in your ward. They try to make a determination. Thing that gets him the most, they need to know how this is going to affect the people in your city and your ward. Are they representing you and what you think that they should be doing? The board is the last group that says yes or no, and Council does not know what is going on in your ward. He looks at it differently. He looks beyond how it will affect his ward, but how it will affect others. He wants to make sure it is not just short term. When they make these decisions, then people do not understand why they cannot do something because someone else did it. Why can't we? He thinks all should come to meeting and see how this thing works.

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE:

Committee meetings were announced as follows:

Finance – 6:30 PM 12/2/2019 – Mr. Huddle, Chair – auditor/budget

Jobs and Economic Development – 6:45 PM 12/09/2019 – Mr. Schaber – CanDo and Downtown Marion

Legislation, Codes, and Regulations – 6:35 PM 12/2/2019 – Mr. Landon, Chair – liquor permit

Municipal Services, Parks & Recreation – 6:40 PM 12/2/2019 – Mr. Schaber, chair – Law Director's Office

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Regional Planning – 7 PM on 9/25/2019 at the Marion County Building
– Mr. Norris, Chair

No other committee chairs called meetings.

With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Schneider adjourned the meeting at 8:33 PM.



Todd Schneider
President of Council



Tarina R. Rose
Clerk of Council