

## MARION CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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**ROLL CALL:** 10 members answered – Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Fosnaugh, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Neff, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Schneider

With a quorum present via videoconferencing, Mr. Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Invocation given by Mr. Schneider.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Item 1. ORDINANCE 2021-01: ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MARION, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

(Mayor)

(Finance, 3-0 to send to Council, Mr. Daniels, chair)

(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

Mayor Schertzer stated that no changes have been made to budget since originally presented. He is requesting a second reading.

Mrs. Swanger asked about the increase in professional services. Service Director Chaffin indicated that it is related to court security. Supply increase is related to COVID.

Mr. Feliciano expressed concerns about health savings accounts. Are we paying for everyone or is HSA coming from employee pocket? Mayor Schertzer explained that these are negotiated terms of the contract and are dependent on whether employee is taking health care through the city. City does make a contribution to the HSA accounts. Employees can add to that as well.

Mrs. Fosnaugh asked about salaries/overtime that appear to be doubling under personal services for sanitation. Chaffin explained that it is additional funds for OT that may happen related to COVID. That money is part of an enterprise fund and cannot be moved into general fund departments for any reason.

Christian Dunston (211 E. Fairground Street) asked about the municipal court budget. He said that it says they are going to be short and they have been “short” since 2014. He got the budget for the court since 2010 and it shows them in the red every single year as far as the money the city gives them out of the general fund (he thinks). He thinks they then use court monies to make up the difference. For the upcoming year, they think they need \$1.4 million dollars. They’re projecting \$778,000 is total revenue. They have asked the city for around \$1.1 million. Watts explained that a portion of costs are covered by the county, including a portion of some specific employees (60/40). They had less activity than years past and they do expect less revenue due to COVID. Schertzer said that the court says they do not generate enough revenue to fund themselves. The court has done a good job getting grants, especially for the probation department. Chaffin explained that for 2021 the court is requesting \$850,000. There are some special revenue funds. Dunston explained that there will be money left over based on these numbers and asked what happens to these. Chaffin explained that general fund dollars not spent go back to the general fund carryover. Under a past judge, there were some general fund dollars returned to the general fund, because they were not spent. It has not happened for quite some

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time. Dunston questioned why that money is not returned, when they have a carryover that they are not returning. Chaffin explained that it is not a carry over that they are not returning. General fund dollars roll back over into the general fund. She stated Dunston's point is valid on the other.

Ratliff said he understood that the court had several funds that they do have carryover dollars. Those dollars are not returned to the general fund. Ratliff commended Chaffin for her assistance during the negotiation process with the court that resulted in a smaller ask related to particular employee salaries.

Watts explained that they do have a computer fund for a specific purpose and can only be spent on that. He believes that they do have a couple of specialty funds. Specialty funds exist in other departments as well.

Mrs. Fosnaugh made a motion to suspend rules; Mr. Meade 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mrs. Fosnaugh, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Daniels.

Nays – Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mr. Neff

**RULES NOT SUSPENDED (6-3)**

**ORDINANCE 2021-01 HAD SECOND READING ADOPTED (9-0)**

With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Schneider adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM.

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Todd Schneider  
President of Council

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Tarina R. Rose  
Clerk of Council