

September 20, 2021

Members present: Daniels, Schaber, Meade

With a quorum present, Mr. Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Old Business

New Business

Item 1. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH FYDA FREIGHTLINER FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW FOR THE STREETS DEPARTMENT AND WITH FREIGHTLINER FOR THE CHASSIS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Kurz)

Mr. Kurz explained that this is budgeted for in the capital budget for the Street Department. This will bring them up to 6 trucks. Most of their trucks are 2004-2006, with 2 newer ones. They will get rid of the 2004 that cost \$75,000 and has had \$101,000 in labor and parts. Time to upgrade. This will be used for daily operations. They have a hold on the specific truck. If passed, they may be able to get by the end of the year.

Meade made a motion to recommend to Council; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Ordinance Recommended to Council (3-0)

Item 2. ORDINANCE MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN VARIOUS FUNDS (Meade)

Mr. Meade stated that this is an investment in the well-being and safety for the employees and the people in the city of Marion. Some spending is ARPA. Some is from the general fund as freed up because of ARPA funding.

Mr. Schaber asked about the Lincoln Park basketball court. Meade confirmed this would be a second court beside the first one being funded by CDBG. This will put us more in line with surrounding communities and provide outdoor things for people to do. Ideally, he would like to see both courts caged, depending on funding. There are additional dollars for Founder's Park, after Lincoln improvements are done.

In response to Schaber, Meade explained that the money for trees is directed at trees needing removal in the tree lawn. They are looking at the city paying to remove critical trees and then billing for reimbursement from the homeowner, at the discretion of the safety director. There is currently no funding for this. Daniels questioned billing residents for a grant funded program. Meade stated that it would be an option to not bill.

Mr. Neff (At Large) asked where Blum Ditch is. Meade responded that it is in the Fairpark area.

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Meade made a motion to recommend to Council; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Ordinance Recommended to Council (3-0)

Item 3. ORDINANCE MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FUNDS AS PROVIDED FOR BELOW FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Landon)

Deputy Auditor Watts explained the line items. There is a request for additional money for demolition of house that exploded. Mayor explained that there may be insurance on the house, and they may be able to recover it. It appears to be a natural gas explosion that required additional investigations by the State Fire Marshall. Caryer explained that the walls were blown out and up against neighboring homes, causing additional damage. It was also needed to allow the State Fire Marshall to do their investigation.

Meade made a motion to recommend to Council; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Ordinance Recommended to Council (3-0)

Item 4. DISCUSSION ONLY (no legislation provided): Thresholds for quarterly tax estimated payments. (Daniels/Ratliff)

Item will be discussed at next meeting as old business due to Mr. Ratliff's absence.

Other Matters

Item 1. Updates from Auditor's Office – 09/30 Deadline and State Audit

The 09/30 deadline is for the bonding required notification to investors. They are putting that information together right now.

They have put together the information that the State Auditors have requested and sent it to them. They are in a waiting pattern. Schaber asked if they had got through the 13,000 utility bills? Watts affirmed, then said he did not know. They had the liabilities to do. They got all the liability information to "them". The other ones they are discussing with New World. The state auditors called him and said that they are still talking about the easiest, best way to get through to that, so he did not know if that is completely done or not. They are working.

Adjourn

With no other business, Daniels adjourned the meeting at 6:49PM.

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Chairman Daniels

Clerk of Council

<<Financial reports from Auditor have been emailed directly to entire council and are not a separate agenda item.>>

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