

MARION CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall – Council Chambers on July 23, 2018 7:30 PM

ROLL CALL: 9 members answered – Mr. Landon, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Huddle, Mr. Norris, Mr. Daniels, Mrs. Gustin, Mr. Schneider. 1 member absent – Mrs. Gustin

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

Prayer led by Jason Kwast . Pledge of Allegiance completed.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS:

Mr. Schaber made a motion to accept the 07/09/2018 minutes; Mr. Landon 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Landon, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mrs. Blevins, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Huddle, Mr. Norris, Mr. Daniels. Nays -- none

MINUTES OF July 9, 2018 COUNCIL MEETINGS APPROVED (8-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 1. ORDINANCE 2018-52: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER CONTRACT WITH PENN CARE, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2018 FORD F-550 BRAUN CHIEF XL TYPE ONE EMERGENCY MEDICAL VEHICLE UNDER THE STATE PURCHASE FOR THE MARION FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (FINANCE COMMITTEE 3-0 RECOMMENDATION)

Mr. Huddle stated that the emergency clause is to allow for lower purchase price of \$257,000 (rather than \$287,900) to be held until 07/26/2018. Money is already held in funds.

Mr. Huddle made a motion to suspend three readings, Mr. Norris 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Mrs. Blevins, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Daniels; Nays – Mr. Landon, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Huddle, Mr. Norris, Mr. Daniels. Nays -- none

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

ORDINANCE 2018-52 WAS APPROVED (8-0)

Item 2. ORDINANCE 2018-53: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE FARMING STREET SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT 18-1S, IN THE CITY OF MARION, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (STREETS AND SEWERS COMMITTEE 3-0 RECOMMENDATION)

Mr. Schaber made a motion to suspend three readings, Mr. Landon 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Mrs. Blevins, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Daniels; Nays – Mr. Landon, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Huddle, Mr. Norris, Mr. Daniels. Nays -- none

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

ORDINANCE 2018-53 WAS APPROVED (8-0)

Item 3. ORDINANCE 2018-54: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE SHARPLESS COURT SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT 18-2S, IN THE CITY OF MARION, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (STREETS AND SEWERS COMMITTEE 3-0 RECOMMENDATION)

Mr. Schaber made a motion to suspend three readings, Mr. Landon 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Mrs. Blevins, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Daniels; Nays – Mr. Landon, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Huddle, Mr. Norris, Mr. Daniels. Nays -- none

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

ORDINANCE 2018-54 WAS APPROVED (8-0)

Item 4. ORDINANCE 2018-55: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 2018 STREET RESURFACING, PROJECT 18-1R, IN THE CITY OF MARION, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (STREETS AND SEWERS COMMITTEE 3-0 RECOMMENDATION)

Mr. Bischoff reviewed the streets that would have portions included in the resurfacing, including Bermuda, Ashley, Colonial Ave, Davids St, Heritage Lane, Rodney Whittier Breen Canby Court Courtland Terrace Cambridge, Chateau, Clover, Marseille, and Villandry.

Mr. Schaber made a motion to suspend three readings, Mr. Landon 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Mrs. Blevins, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Daniels; Nays – Mr. Landon, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Huddle, Mr. Norris, Mr. Daniels. Nays -- none

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

ORDINANCE 2018-55 WAS APPROVED (8-0)

OTHER BUSINESS:

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Item 1. ORDINANCE 2018-56: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO REPLACE COMPONENTS OF THE ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION AT THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTER, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS, AND INCLUDING COUNCIL DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO UTILIZE, PURSUANT TO ORC 735.051, A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Bischoff stated that there is an electrical substation at the waste water plant that is in poor condition. We have got one transformer that has essentially failed. Once is working fine. They are the same age, about 35 years old. We do have some other components that are not working properly. We have tried to get this to the point to include it in the waste water plant enhancement project which will be bid late this fall/early winter for spring construction. On Wednesday, we were notified by Ohio Edison that they will be doing some work along Marion Williamsport road along our transmission lines. One of the requirements that we have on us for being connected to the transmission lines is that we have a backup generation source. What we are running into with that issue is that one of the components with our substation that is not working properly is essentially an air brake switch between Ohio Edison's transmission lines and our plant. So, if we go in and hook up a back up power source to our plant, it could energize through the switch and become a major safety concern for Ohio Edison working on the transmission lines.

Mr. Bischoff continued. We have investigated different options, including generators and temporary power sources. Either way we go, it still must be stepped down through our substations. Even a temporary source connected closer to the plant away from the substation still must be stepped down for our plant to utilize the power. What this ordinance does is allow us to go forward with replacing some of those components of the station. One of those is the switch, the metering platform. When we replace the switch, the metering platform is in the way. We need to relocate both. Regarding the transformers, we have one that has been burning oil on the inside. There is still a large disposal cost when we take it out. We will have associated costs with setting new poles and running power to do the switch. We know that Ohio Edison has a work schedule for the week of September 5-11/12. That is the reason that we need to get rolling on this to get the switch ordered and installed in time. The transformers have a 12-week lead time on them. This money has been set aside in anticipation of doing this work with our enhancement project. Questions include: Do we do two separate projects with this? Do some transformer work and reinstate secondary power and a switch or do we move forward on getting quotes on the total project and as pieces and parts come in we can install them throughout? Rather than do a true spec and bid, we can obtain quotes from companies that supply the equipment and install it.

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Mr. Bischoff stated that the cost is already predicted as part of the sanitary sewer fund improvements. We know with the age of that substation and the transformer that this has been going bad for a little while. It is very delicate work and very specialized work to do that. Several months ago, Ohio Edison gave us a proposal to replace that substation at our cost. That was approximately \$750,000 for a new substation.

Mr. Bischoff further clarified that we planned to do the project when we do the enhancement at the plant. We knew that we had critical items in the substation. We were going to do substation work when we did construction. We have financially planned for this.

Mayor Schertzer stated that this would not be our first way of dealing with this issue. As Mr. Bischoff mentioned, we were aware that we would need to do significant work on substation and we planned for that. With Ohio Edison working on the main line out on the road, it has kind of brought it to the forefront and we just found about that on 07/18. This is not the way we would normally do it. Yes, we do plan for it. This is how we must deal with things. So that it why it is before council tonight.

Mr. Bischoff stated that we have essentially another proposal for the complete replacement of those components. We have got two quotes for the complete substation one is \$750,000 from Ohio Edison and another one just over/ right at \$600,000. Daniels so that is sperate from what we spoke of. Mr. Bischoff stated that the \$67,000 is just for the switch itself. Additionally, there are costs for temporary power and to set poles about \$5,000 a piece, with set riggings, set 3-4 poles that's another \$15,000-\$20,000 to run a temporary line. They have a quote on background generator \$60,000 per month (flat fee, minimum per month).

Mr. Bischoff stated that we will not be renting a generator. We will be installing temporary power with the poles. The switch work is about \$67-68,000. Mr. Bischoff stated that looking at the quotes, the \$600,000 is a pretty good number. We do have numbers from supplies of transformers and this includes full installation.

Mr. Daniels clarified that there would be no bid process. Mr. Bischoff responded that they would get quotes instead of a bid.

Mr. Bischoff requested approval tonight. This allows them time with Ohio Edison's date of 09/05/2018. That gives us 7 weeks, with order time and delivery and installation. The quote that he has says they can meet the timeline. That is an expenditure of \$90,000 that includes temporary power.

Mr. Daniels stated that the ordinance is somewhat vague are we rebuilding the substation or looking for temporary power and air brake switch tonight or both?

Mr. Bischoff stated that the switch is an immediate need. The transformers are 12-14-week lead time, so would like to start on that by getting quotes rather than designing a new substation and bidding it out.

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Mr. Daniels stated that he did not believe that there were any alternatives. Mr. Bischoff stated that he was open to other ideas.

Mr. Blevins (220 Blaine Avenue) confirmed that lead time and finding qualified contractors can be a problem in this type of work. He also indicated that emergencies or disasters in other communities could also pose a problem for availability. He encouraged the city to not delay in responding to these types of problems and he encouraged council to act on this quickly. He stated that the city cannot afford to not do this at this time.

In response to questions from Mr. Blevins, Mr. Bischoff clarified that the city would supply the poles. Typically, they would have a contractor set the poles. The temporary power is going to be 34.5 kw.

Mr. Huddle asked for clarification that the expenditure would be around \$667,000. Mr. Bischoff confirmed.

In response to Mr. Blevins, Mr. Bischoff stated that they had received a quote from New River Electric. They have done a lot of substation work around Ohio and he considers them the front runner in cost and comfort. He would have to look to see other parties were. They had a site visit for people to look at it.

Mr. Schaber asked if this reengineered substation be able to handle the new power load or if there would be an increase?

Mr. Bischoff indicated that there would be a minor increase in load out of the plant. We run off one transformer at a time to a 127 is what we feed the plant with. We come in with 345 and we have two legs at 127. It is not ideal. There is enough through the substation to handle the upgrade without any issues

Mr. Schaber made a motion to add ORD 2018-56 to the agenda, Mr. Landon 2nd, Mr. Ratliff 3rd.

Mr. Norris made a motion to suspend rule 56, Mrs. Cunningham 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Mrs. Blevins, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Daniels; Nays – Mr. Landon, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Huddle, Mr. Norris, Mr. Daniels. Nays -- none

Mr. Norris made a motion to suspend three readings, Mrs. Cunningham 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Landon, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mrs. Blevins, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Huddle, Mr. Norris, Mr. Daniels. Nays -- none

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

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Item 2:

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Charlie Blevins (220 Blain Ave) asked about situation with floor in firehouse.

Safety Directory Robbins responded that he, the engineer, and the fire chief met with Mr. Smithberger today. They clarified some of the work and he expects it to move forward this week. There is no equipment setting on the floor.

Mr. Blevins thinks that firefighters and police are overworked, and we need to cut back on the overtime for their safety and the safety of the community. We need to hire more.

Mr. Huddle stated that we did address that at one time several months ago. Most of the chiefs have done a lot of work to control the overtime. It is a work in progress.

Mr. Blevins stated that he would like to see more police and fire officers on the street.

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 08/06/2018:

Committee meetings were announced as follows:

1. Finance Committee 6:30PM on 08/06/2018– Mr. Huddle, chair –
2. Legislation and Codes Committee 6:40PM on 08/06/2018 – Mr. Landon, chair – regarding animals in the city limits
3. Regional Planning 7:00PM on August 22, 2018 – Mr. Norris
4. All other chairs declined to set meeting dates.

With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Schneider adjourned the meeting at 8:03PM.

Todd Schneider
President of Council

Tarina R. Rose
Clerk of Council