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ROLL CALL: 9 members answered – Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Fosnaugh, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Schneider
Absent: Mr. Neff and Mr. Daniels

With a quorum present, President Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Pledge of Allegiance recited. President Schneider led the Lord's Prayer.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS – 11/08/2021 and 11/22/2021

Mr. Meade made a motion to adopt, Mrs. Swanger 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas.
Nays – none

MINUTES FROM 11/08/2021 AND 11/22/2021 PASSED (9-0)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1. Ordinance 2022-01: 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, 2022.

(Auditor) (Finance – Mr. Daniels, chair – 3-0)

Mayor Schertzer explained that there has been no change from the last committee meeting, due to extenuating circumstances. The auditor is out sick today. Senior staff has met with auditor regarding issues that came up at committee the week prior. Specifically, this would include projected revenue from ARPA funding and another \$1.8 million in grants that are received and the police and fire pension fund. He believes that this will bring the expenses and revenue more in line. He requests a first reading. He would like them to allow the auditor to explain how some of these figures into the budget.

Service Director Chaffin explained that the transit department shows increased revenue from grants that allows them to not receive supplemental funds from the general fund.

Mrs. Swanger asked about budget for municipal court. Mayor deferred to auditor upon her return. There was a conference call, and they did speak to the judge about budget. Most of the conversation was regarding the two magistrates. Mayor also deferred to the auditor regarding questions regarding the police and fire pension fund.

Mrs. Fosnaugh asked if the departments were looking at cuts if they needed to make changes. Mayor explained that there really is no need to be concerned about budget cuts. The expected revenue is sufficient.

Mr. Ratliff thought that the budget looked fiscally sound. He said that during the Supreme Court mediation with municipal court, the judge had agreed to meet with two members of council and administration as they worked through the budgeting process. Mayor explained that it did not happen as it had in the past, however a conference call did take place.

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Mr. Schaber asked if this really is a first reading because of expected changes. Law Director Russell explained that the ordinance is good as to form, and just needs the revenue removed. The changes are related to revenue that does not need to be on the ordinance. He thinks they can refer to it as a first reading and by the second reading expect that the auditor will make updates. Mr. Ratliff thinks it needs to go back to a first reading because the changes are so big. After they see what changes happen prior to the first meeting, they can determine what reading they will be on. Ratliff emphasized the importance of being able to pass a budget on 01/01/2022. He is concerned that they may need to have some special meetings to avoid a crisis.

Miss Gingrich represented the auditor's office and said that they are working on implementing the changes and they will have them addressed by the end of the week. Ratliff would like 01/01 to be the third reading to assure that they do not have to shut down services. Miss Gingrich said that is their goal to make sure that does not happen. Gingrich then said that they would let council know where they are by the end of the week. If they have changes, she does not know that all of them will be made by the end of the week. They are still working on the budget.

ORDINANCE 2022-001 HAD A FIRST READING

Item 2. Resolution 2021-25: 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 (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
(Bischoff) (Streets and Sewers – Mr. Thomas – 3-0)

Public Works Director Bischoff said that the three of their projects met the funding threshold for approval. They will be awarded \$900,000 in grants and \$300,000 in interest free loans. This resolution is due to the district by 01/14/2022. These projects are part of the "complete streets" project. These directly effect Mt. Vernon CSO, George Street phases over the last couple of years. This section of George Street (State to Ballentine) has never been worked on. It is original sewer from approximately 1930. They are giving the option of check valves to residents.

Mr. Feliciano made a motion suspend, Mr. Meade 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Fosnaugh, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas. Nays – none
RULES SUSPEND (7-0)

Mr. Feliciano made a motion to adopt, Mr. Schaber 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Fosnaugh, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas, Nays – none
RESOLUTION 2021-25 PASSED (7-0)

Item 3. Resolution 2021-26: RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT, BY THE MAYOR, OF PHIL HARBOLT AS A MEMBER OF THE MARION CITY DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
(Mayor)

Mr. Thomas made a motion suspend, Mr. Meade 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Fosnaugh, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas. Nays – none
RULES SUSPEND (7-0)

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Mr. Thomas made a motion to adopt, Mrs. Swanger 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Fosnaugh, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas, Nays – none

RESOLUTION 2021-26 PASSED (7-0)

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Expected to be added:

Item 1. Resolution 2021-27: AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (Mayor/Russell)

Mayor Schertzer explained that this is like the One Ohio Settlement. A certain percentage of government units need to pass these types of resolutions to get the maximum amount from the settlement. He is unsure of what the formula will be to determine the allocation to different political subdivisions. This agreement only covers the city of Marion. He does not know what restrictions this award may have. Law Director Russell referred to the resolution and the website included. This was received this morning and is due 12/17/2021. The One Ohio settlement is an 18-year distribution.

Mr. Meade made a motion to waive rule 56, Mr. Ratliff 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Fosnaugh, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas. Nays – none

RULE 56 WAIVER (7-0)

Mrs. Swanger made a motion suspend, Mr. Meade 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Fosnaugh, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas. Nays – none

RULES SUSPEND (7-0)

Mr. Feliciano made a motion to adopt, Mr. Meade 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Fosnaugh, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas, Nays – none

RESOLUTION 2021-027 PASSED (7-0)

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Ratliff said that he and Mr. Schaber had a nice meeting with Auditor Meginness on her second day. They were informed of at least one personnel change. He asked if the IRS paperwork was filed timely. Miss Gingrich said that Auditor Meginness had said to really that she was working on those things, and she will answer those questions when she is not sick. As far as the IRS, she knows that it was being worked on, but was unsure if it had been submitted. She reported that Marden Watts was let go and is no longer with the city. Miss Gingrich has been appointed "internal auditor". Auditor Meginness is recruiting for other positions now. There have been no other appointments. She also reported that they rehired Chelsea Pryer as payroll specialist.

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE:

Finance Committee – Mr. Schaber, vice-chair – 6:30 PM on 12/20/2021 for end of year finance adjustments

No other committees were called.

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With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Schneider adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM.

Todd Schneider
President of Council

Tarina R. Rose
Clerk of Council