

## MARION CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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

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**

Minutes from the last meeting were not yet available.

#### **OLD 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.**

(Finance – Mr. Daniels, chair – 3-0) (Auditor) (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

Auditor Meginniss said that there have been no changes since the budget was presented to them on approximately the 15<sup>th</sup>. She stated that there are a few things that need to be adjusted. Mr. Watts is back on staff and is assisting in a review. The reports that included revenue lines do not include all of the expected income, i.e., Safer Grant, COPS Grant, ARPA, and others. Mayor said that administration is working closely with the Auditor to refine. They have things that have been incumbered, but the money has not yet been spent, specifically capital items that will not be deliver this year.

Mr. Feliciano asked if they do not pass the budget tonight, do they have enough money to keep going. Auditor Meginniss encouraged them to pass it as is and then allow them some time to continue to work on it for amendments. Mayor clarified that they are asking for a second reading only because this must be voted on by the new council. They are hopeful that this will be passed on 01/01/2022 and then amendments can be done. He is not concerned about enough money; however, they cannot spend without a budget. Auditor is just asking for a little more time as she has only been in the office a short period of time. Mr. Ratliff said they must pass something to keep operations going in the new year. He understands what they are requesting as far as future changes.

Mrs. Swanger asked about budgeted line item for police and fire pension. She is concerned by the \$0 line item.

Clerk Rose clarified that Auditor Meginniss had sent out updated items on or about the 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Ratliff believes that the ordinance has been amended and they need to go back to a first reading.

Mr. Ratliff made a motion to amend ORD 2022-001 to the current document, Mr. Feliciano 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Neff, Mr. Daniels. Nays – none  
**ORDINANCE 2022-001 AMENDED (8-0)**

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(Finance – Mr. Daniels, chair – 3-0) (Auditor) (1st Reading)

Mr. Ratliff reiterated to Mr. Feliciano that there is still enough money to fund this amended budget. Money that rolls over from 2021 to 2022 is the “carryover”. Mayor said they have enough expected revenue and carryover but would need a budget passed to continue to operate.

### **ORDINANCE 2022-001 HAD FIRST READING**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 1. Ordinance 2021- 89: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT AND EXECUTE A GRANT FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANT PROGRAM (ARPA), AT THE MARION MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.** (No committee consideration, added by Mayor due to time constraints)

Mayor explained that he added this to the agenda to meet 01/07 timeline imposed by federal government. This is a 100% grant.

Mr. Ratliff made a motion to waive rule 56, Mrs. Swanger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Neff, Mr. Daniels. Nays – none

### **RULE 56 WAIVER (8-0)**

Mr. Ratliff made a motion suspend, Mrs. Swanger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Neff, Mr. Daniels. Nays – none

### **RULES SUSPEND (8-0)**

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

### **ORDINANCE 2021-89 PASSED (8-0)**

### **OTHER MATTERS**

Mr. Feliciano asked for clarification on an announcement from OML (Ohio Municipal League) regarding a specific grant. Mayor explained that our city is too small to qualify for those grants that are targeted to cities with over 50,000 population.

Mr. Ratliff asked about the council making plans for options should COVID illness make it impossible to assemble a quorum. He wants to meet in person every time they can and for as long as they can. He would like council to be proactive in developing a plan if that would happen.

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Mr. Feliciano asked about correspondence from Terry Cline regarding pictures on the city/airport website that he claims are his. Service Director Chaffin said that the pictures in question were not his. This issue has been addressed multiple times and it has been referred to the Law Directors Office. There have been multiple contacts with Mr. Cline.

Mr. Ratliff made a motion to call a special meeting for 01/01/2022 at 12 Noon with agenda items as follows: swearing in, organizational issues (clerk and clerk/president protemp) and for consideration of the budget Ordinance 2022-001, Mr. Neff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call: Ayes -- Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Neff, Mr. Daniels. Nays – none **SPECIAL MEETING CALLED FOR 01/01/2022 AT 12 NOON (agenda specified above) (8-0)**

Mr. Pannett, Mr. Daniels, and Mrs. Swanger were thanked for their service to the city by their peers and administration. Clerk Rose explained that recognition plaques have been ordered but are on backordered.

### **COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE:**

No committees called due to the new term starting.

With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Schneider adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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Todd Schneider  
President of Council

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Tarina R. Rose  
Clerk of Council

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