

August 21, 2018

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at 4:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor AbouAssaly presiding and the following council members present: Draper, Jensen, Gadelha and Strnad. Absent: Etzel and Brandt.

Council discussed the agenda items for Thursday night's meeting with no action taken.

Mayor AbouAssaly relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Gadelha at 4:35 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gadelha presided over the meeting.

Council discussed the agenda items for Thursday night's meeting with no action taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Gadelha relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 4:47 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

Council discussed the agenda items for Thursday night's meeting with no action taken.

Council Member Brandt arrived at 4:52 p.m.

Council discussed the agenda items for Thursday night's meeting with no action taken.

Other Department Discussion:

Olivia Stoner and Madeline Jarvis with the Marion Public Library presented the Library's Strategic Plan. Stoner and Jarvis then outlined new programs already implemented. Council Member Gadelha stated she loved all the positive programs available. Mayor AbouAssaly stated Stoner and Jarvis were both enthusiastic about the Library events and programs which shows why the Library is so successful.

Police Chief Joe McHale presented Goal 1 of the Marion Police Department's Strategic Plan. He reviewed the strategies the department will implement to reach goal. Council Member Draper asked McHale to explain civil service testing. McHale stated lists are limited. He would like to get more proactive and get people inspired to apply. Council Member Gadelha asked if animal control would be kept in the department or outsourced. McHale stated he was not sure what the future looked like. Council Member Gadelha stated she has received positive feedback regarding the strategic plan. She is glad the department is putting more positive role models out in the community. Council Member Strnad thanked the police department.

Council Discussion:

Council Member Strnad and Brandt brought forward questions regarding the new agenda layout. Would like to see council documentation in the same order as they are on the agenda.

Council Member Gadelha looks forward to having the consent agenda public comment section at Thursday meetings. She also wanted to thank Mike Barkalow and Darin Andresen for communications regarding Lucore Road.

Council Member Jensen stated they received June 2018 financials and would like to know what made up the differences between the budgeted amounts and the actuals for anything over a \$500,000 difference. Deputy City Manager Kaufman stated they will look into it and email it out to Council.

Mayor AbouAssaly brought forward questions regarding the Budget Manager position. Council Member Jensen asked about CPAs on staff. Deputy City Manager Kaufman stated both Lianne Cairy and Beth Little are CPAs.

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

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Nicolas AbouAssaly, Mayor

Attest:

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Rachel Bolender, Assistant City Clerk

The undersigned Assistant City Clerk of Marion, Iowa certifies that the minutes shown immediately above were published in the Marion Times on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Rachel Bolender, Assistant City Clerk