

September 4, 2018

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor AbouAssaly presiding and the following council members present: Draper, Jensen, Gadelha, Brandt and Strnad. Absent: Etzel.

A presentation was given by Scott Olson with the Senior Center Exploration Committee regarding the Linn County Senior Center. Mr. Olson stated all agencies that are currently providing services have a seat on the committee. They are currently looking into repurposing a County building for this center. Council Member Gadelha asked what he is requesting of Marion. Mr. Olson stated most funding will come from Linn County and Cedar Rapids. They have not determined final asks from other communities. Council Member Gadelha asked who will be overseeing the facility once operational. Mr. Olson stated Aging Services.

A presentation was given by Zach Bohannon with YMCA regarding the Marion YMCA project. An update to the project was given. Mr. Bohannon also asked Council for payout of previously allocated LOST funds.

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 4:29 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gadelha presided over the meeting.

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Mayor Pro Tem Gadelha relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 4:30 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

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

Other Department Discussion:

Police Chief Joe McHale introduced Sergeant Jeff Hartwig who presented goal 2 of the Marion Police Department's Strategic Plan - Personnel are highly trained, engaged and committed to ethical service. The strategies to achieve goal 2 are 1) develop an online training submittal process, 2) establish a career development plan for sworn staff, and 3) establish work groups to promote MPD and recruit regionally. Council Member Jensen commented that he sees recruiting as the most critical strategy. Chief McHale and Sergeant Hartwig agreed.

City Manager Lon Pluckhahn briefed the Council regarding recent lease purchase legislation changes. Council Member Gadelha asked if legislation could change again. Pluckhahn stated the State likes to see impact before making more changes.

Council Discussion: None.

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Nicolas AbouAssaly, Mayor

Attest:

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____.

Rachel Bolender, Assistant City Clerk