

January 14, 2019

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in a special work session, Monday, January 14, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 202 of City Hall with Mayor Pro Tem Strnad presiding and the following council members present: Draper, Atkins, Jensen, Gadelha and Brandt. Absent: AbouAssaly.

Library Board Present: Susan Kling, Sally Reck, Eileen Robinson, Ben High, John Clemens, Cara Briggs Farmer, Kimberly Rose, Sandy Rosenberger, Jack Zumwalt and Nancy Miller. Absent: None.

Joe Huberty with Engberg Anderson, Inc. presented the final needs assessment for the Marion Public Library. Previous assessment was completed eight years ago. Library Board approved the completion of a new assessment. Goal was to understand the next 20 years of Library service in Marion, understanding of current space and to talk about use of the Marion Mixed Use Facility. Eight categories of space were assessed and combined to define total space need: collections, reader seats, technology seats, activity seats, program seats, staff space, special/dedicated use and multipliers. It was determined 2040 space need is 63,000 square foot facility and 2020 space need is 52,000 square foot facility. Current planned space in mixed use facility is 46,000 square feet.

Council Member Gadelha asked what the square footage is of current library. Library Director Hollie Trenary stated 24,500 square feet.

Joe Huberty stated they looked at several scenarios to accommodate the space need including 1) one 63,000 sq. ft. library, 2) one 52,000 sq. ft. library with mobile library, 3) one 46,000 sq. ft. library with 20,000 sq. ft. library in north Marion, and 4) one 46,000 sq. ft. library with two 7,000 sq. ft. libraries (one in east and one in north Marion). Hollie stated it is recommendation to move forward with 52,000 sq. ft. library with a mobile library.

Hollie stated the needs assessment was presented to City Manager Lon Pluckhahn and building planning group. All feel positive that building could accommodate 52,000 sq. ft. Library Board member Jack Zumwalt asked if it would be on one level. Hollie stated it would be on two. Steve Jensen asked about staffing needs if on two levels. Hollie stated administration and meeting space would be located on the second level which would have minimal impact for staffing. Lon stated the group would entertain any of the options that are presented.

Library Board member Susan Kling stated she appreciated the presentation and is interested in what next steps are. Hollie stated they would need to get better idea of funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Strnad asked about proposed overhead and staffing for larger facility. Hollie stated a meeting will be scheduled with Lon to look over numbers

but addition cost is approximately \$100,000 over the current Fiscal Year 2020 request.

Council Member Gadelha asked about project manager for this project. Lon stated currently it was him. Once a construction date has been determined, someone else would be assigned.

Library Board Member Nancy Miller asked about timeline for parking structure. Lon stated the current RFP for the remaining houses is due February 5. Timeline for parking structure will be based on outcome of proposals received.

Hollie wanted to give everyone an opportunity to hear the assessment information at the same time. Staff is looking for feedback on assessment presented. Hollie stated from Council, staff would like to know what is being said from constituents and looking for direction on how to move forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Strnad adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Randy Strnad, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

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