

June 18, 2019

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Pro Tem Strnad presiding and the following council members present: Draper, Jensen, Brandt and Gadelha. Absent: Atkins and AbouAssaly.

Justin Jackson with Snyder and Associates provided a presentation regarding the 35th Street and 7th Avenue Traffic Study. Four alternatives were shown with final recommendation being Option B which would replace signal, add capacity, prohibit northbound left turns onto 10th Avenue, extend Linden Drive to 7th Avenue. Council Member Draper asked if we've talked to Hy-Vee. City Engineer Mike Barkalow stated the City has not talked to Hy-Vee. Council Member Gadelha asked how many cars can stack on the extension of Linden Drive. Justin Jackson stated three cars. It is proposed as a yield right turn only onto 7th Avenue. Council Member Jensen asked about possibility of state funding. Mike Barkalow stated because of low accident count, probability is low but doesn't hurt to ask.

Hanna Kustes with LuxAir Aviation provide presentation regarding the Marion Municipal Airport programs and activities. Some improvements that they have completed include new FBO building, fuel facilities, demo of older structures, extension of water service, lawn care and snow removal. Currently runway is 3,775 feet long and 23 feet wide with 50 aircraft based in Marion. Essential services located at the airport include Flight for Life, law enforcement/aerial firefighting support, air taxi operations/private charter, agricultural functions, flight and ground training and business flight and tourism. Mayor Pro Tem Strnad asked if any comparable airports charge landing and takeoff fees. Hanna Kustes stated Marion does not but can look at other airports.

Tim Shaffer, chair of the Marion Municipal Airport Committee spoke in regards to the purpose of the committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Strnad left the meeting and relinquished the gavel to Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gadelha at 4:57 p.m. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gadelha presided over the meeting.

Tim Shaffer continued presenting and stated the airport runway has not been updated since the 1980's and is a safety concern.

Mayor Pro Tem Strnad returned to the meeting at 4:58 p.m. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gadelha relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Strnad. Mayor Pro Tem Strnad presided over the meeting.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Strnad adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

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Randy Strnad, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

The undersigned 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, City Clerk