

November 5, 2019

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, November 5, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor AbouAssaly presiding and the following council members present: Draper, Atkins, Jensen, Strnad, Brandt and Gadelha. Absent: None.

MEDCO President Nick Glew introduced Dustin Kern who is joining MEDCO as Business Retention and Small Business Specialist.

Communications Manager Amber Bisinger presented results from the 2019 Citizen's Survey. This was mailed to 1700 households in July. 509 responses were received. Survey was then opened up to all Marion residents and received an additional 526 responses. Council Member Jensen suggested for those that showed a decrease in ratings, staff should provide a statement as to why they thought it decreased and any plan of action to remedy.

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

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

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Mayor Pro Tem Strnad relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 4:43 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

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Other Department Discussion:

Library Director Hollie Trenary provided an update regarding the library building project. A committee is currently meeting bi-weekly. The next step will be to formalize the building project funding which will come forward at the next Council meeting. Some final drafts will also be presented.

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Atkins to adjourn to closed session regarding land acquisition as permitted under Section 21.5(1)(j) of the Code of Iowa. City Attorney Kara Bullerman stated that she has reviewed the subject matter to be discussed and found it to be an appropriate topic for closed session. Roll Call: Yeas: Draper, Atkins, Jensen, AbouAssaly, Gadelha, Brandt, and Strnad. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Strnad, seconded by Jensen to reconvene to regular session. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Nicolas AbouAssaly, Mayor

Attest:

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____.

Rachel Bolender, City Clerk