

September 23, 2020

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in special session, Wednesday, September 23, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. in the council chambers of City Hall with Mayor AbouAssaly presiding and the following council members present: Harper, Atkins, Jensen, Brandt, Gadelha and Strnad. Absent: None.

Mayor AbouAssaly relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Jensen at 8:31 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presided over the meeting.

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Gadelha to approve Resolution No. 28810 approving agreement between Wendling Quarries Inc. and the City of Marion for the disposal of vegetative debris. Public Services Director Ryan Miller stated this is for final disposal site for wood chips from the tree debris. It is the only Iowa Department of Natural Resources approved site in the area. Mayor Pro Tem Jensen asked if cost would be reimbursed by FEMA. Ryan confirmed that it would be eligible for FEMA reimbursement. Council Member Gadelha asked if this had gone out for bid. Ryan stated it was published on Friday and closed Monday at 5:00. Council Member Grant asked how far away this site was from the 44th Street location. Ryan stated 17 miles one way and would estimate it would be a 45 minute round trip. It is located outside of Central City. Vote: Yeas: Harper, Atkins, Jensen, Brandt, Gadelha and Strnad. Nays: None. Abstention: AbouAssaly. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 8:40 a.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

Moved by Harper, seconded by Atkins to approve Resolution No. 28811 accepting proposal from and approving payment to The Waldinger Corporation to repair damage to the Police Department building air conditioner from the 2020 Derecho Storm in the amount of \$19,659.42. All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Harper to approve Resolution No. 28812 approving the purchase of a 24-Hour Library Unit from Envisionware in the amount of \$85,270.00. Library Director Hollie Trenary stated this item is covered by insurance due to the displacement of the Library. This would be a unit accessible by the public that will hold materials that can be checked out and returned by the public. Can also serve as a Wi-Fi hotspot. Staff are currently evaluating where unit should be located. The location would need to have electricity and be covered. Council Member Jensen asked if it will be moved to various locations. Hollie stated it can be moved but they would look for a centralized semi-permanent location for the time being. Once new library is open, this unit could be moved to other areas of the City. Council Member Harper stated the Envisionware website lists two styles and asked which one Marion is getting. Hollie stated we are getting the smaller of the two. The large one is twice as expensive, holds double the items plus can be used for a holds service. Hollie stated the smaller unit will meet our needs. All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Jensen, seconded by Brandt to approve Resolution No. 28813 approving matching funds for the Marion Chamber of Commerce Winter Lights in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Budget Manager Zach Wolfe stated this item stems from discussion last week regarding the winter lights. A previous resolution was approved in 2019 for a match of \$10,000. This would be an additional \$10,000 to make Marion’s contribution \$20,000. Council Member Gadelha stated since she was absent at the Thursday’s council meeting and hasn’t had time to listen to the audio, she will be abstaining from this item. Council Member Atkins asked for clarification on where this money will be coming from. Zach stated this will come out of the Hotel/Motel fund. There is a larger balance than anticipated in this account due to more revenue received plus events that were cancelled due to COVID. Vote: Yeas: Harper, Atkins, Jensen, AbouAssaly, Brandt and Strnad. Nays: None. Abstention: Gadelha. Motion carried.

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Atkins to approve Resolution No. 28814 approving an Independent Contractor Agreement between the City of Marion and Dennis Cooper for community assistance associated with the Derecho Disaster. Library Director Hollie Trenary stated these two contracts are a result of the Derecho Disaster and the need for staffing of the technology center. If these contract are not eligible for FEMA reimbursement, there is budget available in the Library Department funds. All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Gadelha to approve Resolution No. 28815 approving an Independent Contractor Agreement between the City of Marion and Elaine Hayes for community assistance associated with the Derecho Disaster. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.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