



MINUTES

City Council Regular Session

5:30 PM - Thursday, December 17, 2020
City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in regular session, on Thursday, December 17, 2020, at 5:30 PM, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Grant Harper, Colette Atkins, Steve Jensen, Nicolas AbouAssaly, Will Brandt, and Randy Strnad

ABSENT: Rene Gadelha

Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and Council observed a moment of silence.

PRESENTATIONS

Karol Shephard and Steve James, members of the Marion Leadership in Action (MLIA), presented information regarding the Winter Lights Fundraising Effort. They shared information regarding the 2020 fundraising efforts and displays. The MLIA group is requesting the City match funds in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.

Jill Ackerman, President of Marion Chamber of Commerce, provided information regarding the Marion Disaster Recovery Grant. The Marion Disaster Recovery Fund was created a day or two after the derecho hit as a lot of people wanted to make monetary donations. Funds under the grant program will be used for Derecho related expenses, tree and debris removal and tree replacement. Jill stated the during the first round of the grant process, they received 24 applications, five of which were businesses. Council Member Harper asked how much funding is still available. Jill stated \$55,000 was allocated for the grant program and there is about \$35,000 left. Mayor AbouAssaly thanked Jill and her team at the Chamber of Commerce for everything they do for Marion.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one came forward to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

Administrative Services

Minutes of the December 1 and 3, 2020 City Council meetings.

Liquor licenses including the following:

- Renewal - Wal-Mart Supercenter #3630 - 752 10th Street
- Renewal - HyVee - 3600 Business Highway 151 E
- New - Hawk Smoke Shop - 1394 7th Avenue

Motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Cigarette License for the following:

- Hawks Smoke Shop - 1394 7th Avenue

Mayoral appointments to Marion YMCA Advisory Committee:

- City Council Representative: Steve Jensen for calendar year 2021; Will Brandt for calendar year 2022
- Marion Park Board Representative: Bryan Fiscus

Mayoral appointment to Civil Rights Commission:

- Angelica Vannatta, term expires 12/31/2023

Receive and file November 2020 Department Monthly Reports

Resolution No. 29069 approving amendment to annual budget work session meeting dates.

Payments as presented in the amount of \$2,421,482.51.

Public Services

Resolution No. 29070 approving contract with Legacy Building Solutions for temporary repairs to the Public Services Facility in the amount of \$39,342.80.

Resolution No. 29071 approving contract with Legacy Building Solutions for temporary repairs to the salt storage facility in the amount of \$38,948.12.

Resolution No. 29072 approving the Snow and Ice Maintenance Program for fiscal year 2021.

Parks

Resolution No. 29073 approving Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Marion and Monarch Research related to the 1,000 Acre Pollinator Initiative.

Engineering

Resolution No. 29074 approving Partial Payment No. 14 to Christner Contracting Inc. regarding the 2019 Fire Station Project in the amount of \$274,966.59. (FACS-18-062)

Resolution No. 29075 approving Partial Payment No. 3 to Linn County for services provided by Snyder and Associates regarding the Tower Terrace Rd Design Study Report and NEPA in the amount of \$4,379.57. (TRANS-18-095)

Resolution No. 29076 approving Partial Payment No. 6 to HDR, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Capacity Study in the amount of \$13,025.66. (SWR-18-021)

Resolution No. 29077 approving Partial Payment No. 2 to Fritz Development, LLC for costs associated with Hunters Field 11th Addition to the City of Marion in the amount of \$23,028.40.

Resolution No. 29078 approving Change Order #7 with Christner Contracting Inc. regarding the 2019 Fire Station Project regarding Exit Door and Utility Enclosure Height in an amount of \$14,069.47. (FACS-18-062)

Resolution No. 29079 accepting the 2020 Sidewalk Ramp Project. (ANN-18-106)

Community Development

Resolution No. 29080 approving payment no. 7 to HDR Engineering, Inc for engineering services associated with the 10th Avenue Sidepaths project (Iowa DOT Project Number: TAP-U-4775(635)—8I-57) in the amount of \$44,089.84. (TRL-18-110)

Resolution No. 29081 approving payment no. 30 to Shoemaker Haaland per the contract for the CeMar Trail (Iowa DOT Project Number: TAP-U-4475(630)-8I-57) in the amount of \$11,828.60. (TRL-17-055)

Resolution No. 29082 approving payment no. 6 to RDG Planning & Design, Inc. for professional services regarding the 7th Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project in the amount of \$3,274.65. (TRANS-18-098)

Resolution No. 29083 setting a public hearing for January 21, 2021 regarding annexation request from Fernow Farms, LLC for property east of Highway 13 and south of Fernow Road, Marion, Iowa.

Resolution No. 29084 setting a public hearing for January 7, 2021 regarding an alley vacation for property located east of 22nd Street between 4th and 5th Avenues. (Kramer)

Motion to receive and file a request for master planning services to assist with development of property proposed to be annexed east of Marion north of 151. (Rookwood Estates, LLC)

Moved by Harper, seconded by Brandt, to approve the Consent Agenda as shown above.

Approved unanimously

Mayor AbouAssaly relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Jensen at 5:56 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presided over the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA WITH MAYOR ABOUASSALY'S ABSTENTION

Parks

Resolution No. 29085 approving a one year renewal of a Lease Agreement with Sejkora Farms Inc., for Certain Lowe Park Property.

Engineering

Resolution No. 29086 accepting Bowman Meadows 6th Addition to the City of Marion.

Community Development

Resolution No. 29087 approving payment no. 13 to Anderson-Bogert Engineers for general airport consulting for engineering and/or land surveying services per the contract for the Marion Airport in the amount of \$2,250.00. (ANN-18-082)

Resolution No. 29088 setting a public hearing for January 7, 2021 regarding an amendment to the Marion Future Land Use Plan of the Marion Comprehensive Plan, rezoning request and a preliminary site development plan for property located at 3100 10th Avenue. (Green Park Apartment Living LLC)

Resolution No. 29089 rescinding of City Council Resolution No. 29060 regarding a future land use map amendment and Resolution No. 29061 regarding the Green Park Apartment Living, LLC Preliminary Site Development Plan for property located at 3100 31st Street.

Moved by Atkins, seconded by Brandt, to approve Consent Agenda with Mayor AbouAssaly's abstention as shown above.

Approved by the following votes:

Ayes: Harper, Atkins, Jensen, Brandt, and Strnad

Abstained: AbouAssaly

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly 5:57 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

Administrative Services

Resolution No. 29090 approving a contract with Darktrace Ltd.

Moved by Jensen, seconded by Atkins, to approve Resolution No. 29090.

Approved unanimously

Motion to receive and file an application for tax increment financing (TIF) assistance from Green Park Apartment Living, LLC.

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Jensen, to approve item as shown above.

Approved unanimously

Mayor AbouAssaly relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Jensen at 5:58 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presided over the meeting.

Motion to direct staff to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Green Park Apartment Living, LLC regarding tax increment financing (TIF) incentives

Moved by Atkins, seconded by Brandt, to approve item as shown above. City Manager Lon Pluckhahn stated this project is to redevelop the existing YMCA

site.

Approved by the following votes:

Ayes: Harper, Atkins, Jensen, Brandt, and Strnad

Abstained: AbouAssaly

Public Services

Resolution No. 29091 approving partial payment no. 4 to Wendling Quarries, Inc. for final disposition of storm debris in the amount of \$105,188.34.

Moved by Strnad, seconded by Harper, to approve Resolution No. 29091.

Approved by the following votes:

Ayes: Harper, Atkins, Jensen, Brandt, and Strnad

Abstained: AbouAssaly

Resolution No. 29092 approving partial payment no. 5 to Wendling Quarries, Inc. for final disposition of storm debris in the amount of \$147,947.26.

Moved by Harper, seconded by Strnad, to approve Resolution No. 29092.

Approved by the following votes:

Ayes: Harper, Atkins, Jensen, Brandt, and Strnad

Abstained: AbouAssaly

Resolution No. 29093 approving descoping agreement between the City of Marion and Thompson Consulting Services.

Moved by Atkins, seconded by Brandt, to approve Resolution No. 29093.

Approved by the following votes:

Ayes: Harper, Atkins, Jensen, Brandt, and Strnad

Abstained: AbouAssaly

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 6:02 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

Resolution No. 29094 approving partial payment no. 5 to Southern Disaster Recovery LLC. for emergency debris removal services in the amount of \$1,578,220.23.

Moved by Jensen, seconded by Harper, to approve Resolution No. 29094.

Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29095 approving addendum no. 2 to the contract with Southern Disaster Recovery LLC for storm debris removal services.

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Strnad, to approve Resolution No. 29095.

Approved unanimously

Motion directing staff to solicit bids for debris collection and vegetative reduction operations associated with the Emergency Waterway Debris Removal Project.

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Atkins, to approve item as shown above.

Approved unanimously

Public Safety

Resolution No. 29096 approving the purchase of furnishings for the new Fire Station #1/Headquarters in the amount of \$139,737.69.

Moved by Strnad, seconded by Harper, to approve Resolution No. 29096. Chief Krebill provided an update on the construction of the new station. She stated there were delays due to COVID and damage caused by the derecho. The final completion date is now planned for April 28, 2021. Council Member Jensen asked if there would be a cost impact because of these delays. Chief Krebill stated they have not indicated any cost impacts.

Approved unanimously

Parks

Resolution No. 29097 approving agreement with Heartland Roofing, Siding and Windows, LLC for McGowan House roof repair in the amount of \$11,600.

Moved by Harper, seconded by Brandt, to approve Resolution No. 29097.

Approved unanimously

Engineering

Public Hearing regarding the Marion Public Library New Building Project for the following items (FACS-17-034) (continued from the December 3, 2020 meeting):

- Marion Public Library New Building Project BP 05B Decorative Metal
- Marion Public Library New Building Project BP 06A General Trades
- Marion Public Library New Building Project BP 08A Glass & Glazing
- Marion Public Library New Building Project BP 09B Flooring
- Marion Public Library New Building Project BP 11A Food Service Equipment
- Marion Public Library New Building Project BP 14A Conveying Systems
- Marion Public Library New Building Project BP 21A Fire Suppression
- Marion Public Library New Building Project BP 26A Electrical
- Marion Public Library New Building Project BP 23A HVAC
- Marion Public Library New Building Project BP 09C Painting
- Marion Public Library New Building Project BP 22A Plumbing
- Marion Public Library New Building Project BP 07A Roofing & Architectural Sheet Metal
- Marion Public Library New Building Project BP 04B Unit Masonry
- Marion Public Library New Building Project BP 09A Gypsum Board & Acoustic Ceilings

Mayor AbouAssaly opened the public hearing shown above. Ryan Dean with

Bush Construction provided an overview of bids received. No other comments, written or verbal, were received. Mayor AbouAssaly declared the public hearing closed.

Resolution No. 29098 accepting bids and awarding contract to Seedorf Masonry regarding the Marion Library Building Project BP 04B Unit Masonry in the amount of \$657,733.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Atkins, seconded by Jensen, to approve Resolution No. 29098.
Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29099 accepting bids and awarding contract to Peak Construction regarding the Marion Library Building Project BP 05B Decorative Metal & BP 06A General Trades in the amount of \$1,321,520.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Jensen, seconded by Harper, to approve Resolution No. 29099.
Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29100 accepting bids and awarding contract to Black Hawk Roofing regarding the Marion Library Building Project BP 07A Roofing and Architectural Sheet Metal in the amount of \$373,200.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Atkins, to approve Resolution No. 29100.
Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29101 accepting bids and awarding contract to Zephyr Aluminum regarding the Marion Library Building Project BP 08A Glass and Glazing in the amount of \$580,574.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Atkins, seconded by Brandt, to approve Resolution No. 29101.
Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29102 accepting bids and awarding contract to Pearson Wall Systems regarding the Marion Library Building Project BP 09A Gypsum Board & Acoustic Ceilings in the amount of \$1,117,106.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Strnad, seconded by Jensen, to approve Resolution No. 29102.
Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29103 accepting bids and awarding contract to Commercial Flooring regarding the Marion Library Building Project BP 09B Flooring in the amount of \$381,220.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Harper, seconded by Strnad, to approve Resolution No. 29103.
Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29104 accepting bids and awarding contract to Corridor Paint & Drywall regarding the Marion Library Building Project BP 09C Painting in the amount of \$94,191.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Atkins, seconded by Harper, to approve Resolution No. 29104.
Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29105 accepting bids and awarding contract to Rapids Food Service regarding the Marion Library Building Project BP 11A Food Service Equipment in the amount of \$54,135.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Jensen, seconded by Atkins, to approve Resolution No. 29105.

Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29106 accepting bids and awarding contract to KONE Inc. regarding the Marion Library Building Project BP 14A Conveying Systems in the amount of \$236,600.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Atkins, to approve Resolution No. 29106. City Attorney Kara Bullerman stated the contractor submitted a rider to be signed and staff would like more time to review the document and talk with the contractor. Moved by Jensen, seconded by Brandt to table Resolution No. 29106.

Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29107 accepting bids and awarding contract to Ahern Fire Protection regarding the Marion Library Building Project BP 21A Fire Suppression in the amount of \$101,330.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Harper, to approve Resolution No. 29107.

Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29108 accepting bids and awarding contract to PipePro regarding the Marion Library Building Project BP 22A Plumbing & 23A HVAC in the amount of \$2,332,875.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Strnad, seconded by Jensen, to approve Resolution No. 29108.

Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29109 accepting bids and awarding contract to Acme Electric regarding the Marion Library Building Project BP 26A Electrical in the amount of \$1,636,372.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Harper, seconded by Brandt, to approve Resolution No. 29109.

Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29110 approving contract and bond with Seedorf Masonry for the Unit Masonry associated with the Marion Library Building Project BP 04B in the amount of \$675,733.00 (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Atkins, seconded by Harper, to approve Resolution No. 29110.

Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29111 approving contract and bond with Peak Construction for the General Trades and Misc. Steel associated with the Marion Library Building Project BP 06A and BP 05A in the amount of \$1,321,520.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Jensen, seconded by Strnad, to approve Resolution No. 29111.

Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29112 approving contract and bond with Black Hawk Roofing for the Roofing & Architectural Sheet Metal associated with the Marion Library Building Project BP 07A in the amount of \$373,200.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Atkins, to approve Resolution No. 29112.

Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29113 approving contract and bond with Zephyr Aluminum for the Glass & Glazing associated with the Marion Library Building Project BP 08A in the amount of \$580,574.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Atkins, seconded by Brandt, to approve Resolution No. 29113.
Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29114 approving contract and bond with KONE Inc. for the Conveying Systems associated with the Marion Library Building Project BP 14A in the amount of \$236,600.00. (FACS-17-034)

This item was removed from the agenda.

Resolution No. 29115 approving contract and bond with Ahern Fire Protection for the Fire Suppression associated with the Marion Library Building Project BP 21A in the amount of \$101,330.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Harper, seconded by Brandt, to approve Resolution No. 29115.
Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29116 approving contract and bond with PipePro for the Plumbing and HVAC associated with the Marion Library Building Project BP 22A & 23A in the amount of \$2,332,875.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Atkins, seconded by Harper, to approve Resolution No. 29116.
Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29117 approving contract and bond with Acme Electric for the Electrical associated with the Marion Library Building Project BP 26A Electrical in the amount of \$1,636,372.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Jensen, seconded by Brandt, to approve Resolution No. 29117.
Approved unanimously

Motion to approve Project Calendar for the Formed Metal Wall Panels associated with the Marion Library Building Project (FACS-17-034), as follows:

- Resolution No. 29118 approving Resolution of Necessity regarding the Formed Metal Wall Panels associated with the Marion Library Building Project. (FACS-17-034)
- Resolution No. 29119 ordering preparation of detailed plans, specifications, notice of hearing and letting, notice to bidders, form of contract, and estimate of cost regarding the Formed Metal Wall Panels associated with the Marion Library Building Project. (FACS-17-034)
- Resolution No. 29120 approving and adopting final plans, specifications, notice of hearing and letting, notice to bidders, form of contract, and estimate of cost regarding the Formed Metal Wall Panels associated with the Marion Library Building Project. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Harper, to approve project calendar as shown above.

Approved unanimously

Public Hearing Regarding Library New Building Project BP 07B Formed Metal Wall Panels (FACS-17-034)

Mayor AbouAssaly opened the public hearing as shown above. Ryan Dean with Bush Construction reviewed the bids received. No other comments, written or verbal, were received. Mayor AbouAssaly declared the public hearing closed.

Resolution No. 29121 accepting bids and awarding contract to East Moline Sheet Metal regarding the Marion Library Building Project BP 07B Formed Metal Wall Panels in the amount of \$257,700.00. (FACS-17-034)

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Atkins, to approve Resolution No. 29121.
Approved unanimously

Resolution No. 29122 approving Agreement with Don and Cathy Kensinger regarding the sanitary sewer connection fee for 4355 29th Avenue.

Moved by Strnad, seconded by Jensen, to approve Resolution No. 29122.
Approved unanimously

Mayor AbouAssaly relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Jensen at 6:46 p.m.
Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presided over the meeting.

Resolution No. 29123 approving Change Order No. 6 with Peterson Contractors, Inc. regarding the CEMAR Phase III Project in the City of Marion, from Marion Boulevard bridge over Indian Creek north to preservation of trail bridge over Indian Creek Bridge New, Steel Girder in the amount of \$126,119.78. [TAP-U-4775(637)—8I-57] (TRL-17-055)

Moved by Harper, seconded by Brandt, to approve Resolution No. 29123.
Approved by the following votes:

Ayes: Harper, Brandt, Atkins, Jensen, and Strnad

Abstained: AbouAssaly

Community Development

Public hearing regarding an amendment to the Marion Future Land Use Map of the Marion Comprehensive Plan from Single Family Detached Residential to Multi-Family Residential for property located east of Alburnett Road extended (Midwest Development Company)

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen opened the public hearing regarding item above. Community Development Director Tom Treharne provided staff report. Jason Stone (Hall & Hall Engineers, 1860 Boyson Road) provided comments in favor of this item as well as changes made since the last time this development was brought forward. Loren Hoffman (Hall & Hall Engineers, 1860 Boyson Road) spoke in favor of the measure and provided more information regarding the development. Hunter Skogman (Midwest Development) spoke in favor of the measure and provided information regarding the development. Terri Shifflett (823 Bowhunter Drive) spoke against the measure and shared issues regarding the traffic, parking and density of project. Loren Hoffman (Hall & Hall Engineering, 1860 Boyson Road) addressed the parking issue brought forward by Terri Shifflett. Jason Stone (Hall & Hall Engineering, 1860 Boyson Road) also spoke regarding the parking issue. Terri Shifflett (823 Bowhunter Drive) shared additional concerns regarding parking. No other comments, written or verbal, were received. Mayor Pro Tem Jensen declared the public hearing closed.

Resolution No. 29124 approving an amendment to the Marion Future Land Use Map of the Marion Comprehensive Plan from Single Family Detached Residential to Multi-Family Residential for property located east of Alburnett Road extended. (Midwest Development Company)

Moved by Atkins, seconded by Harper, to approve Resolution No. 29124.

Approved by the following votes:

Ayes: Harper, Atkins, Jensen, Brandt, and Strnad

Abstained: AbouAssaly

Resolution No. 29125 approving the Bowman Meadows 7th Addition Preliminary Plat for property located east of Alburnett Road extended. (Midwest Development Company)

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Harper, to approve Resolution No. 29125. Council Member Harper asked if there is opportunity for additional residential discussion with Midwest Development regarding the number of buildings on the project. Mayor Pro Tem Jensen stated the question should be if the development went from seven to six buildings, would any buildings be in the flood plain. Jason Stone stated no buildings will be located in the flood plain. The 20'x10' drive aisle on the east side of the property is the only item within the flood plain. Council Member Harper asked if there is an opportunity to have additional parking and if the number of buildings decreased to six buildings, could that space be used for parking. Jason Stone stated they had 10 stalls shown to be built with the development and an additional 15 future stalls shown if needed. Areas with future parking are out of the flood plain. Council Member Atkins asked how many parking spaces are available now? Jason stated each unit would have garages and driveways which would hold 4 vehicles. Then 10 additional stalls would be paved throughout the development. Council Member Strnad asked how wide the proposed street is. Jason stated the drive aisles on the development are 20 foot wide. Council Member Strnad asked if this would be a homeowners association development. Hunter Skogman stated it likely would be but that hasn't been finalized. Mayor Pro Tem Jensen stated the list of concerns from earlier this year seem to be addressed in this new proposal.

Approved by the following votes:

Ayes: Harper, Brandt, Atkins, Jensen, and Strnad

Abstained: AbouAssaly

Resolution No. 29126 approving the Bowman Meadows 7th Addition Preliminary Site Development Plan for property located east of Alburnett Road extended (Midwest Development Company)

Moved by Atkins, seconded by Brandt, to approve Resolution No. 29126.

Approved by the following votes:

Ayes: Harper, Atkins, Jensen, Brandt, and Strnad

Abstained: AbouAssaly

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 7:33 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

Resolution No. 29127 approving a Final Site Development Plan for Electric Specialty Manufacturing located at 6451 Partners Avenue, Marion, Iowa.

Moved by Strnad, seconded by Atkins, to approve Resolution No. 29127.

Approved unanimously

Ordinance No. 20-13 approving an amendment to Section 176.51-Table 6 and 176.51-Table 7 regarding permitted uses within the BR, Business Regional and OS, Office Services zoning districts. (Second Consideration)

Moved by Harper, seconded by Jensen, to approve the second consideration of Ordinance No. 20-13.

Approved unanimously

Ordinance No. 20-15 approving an update to the Marion Zoning Map for property located within City Council Ward 2 which includes precincts 05, 06 and 07 (Second Consideration)

Moved by Atkins, seconded by Brandt, to approve the second consideration of Ordinance No. 20-15.

Approved unanimously

Library

Resolution No. 29128 approving contract with Bradbury Miller Associates regarding search for Library Director in the amount of \$24,000.00.

Moved by Jensen, seconded by Brandt, to approve Resolution No. 29128. Sally Reck with the Library Board stated the Board reviewed two proposals for recruitment of Library Director and approved moving forward with Bradbury Miller Associates.

Approved unanimously

OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

City Manager Lon Pluckhahn provided an update regarding the 2020 Storm Response. He stated contractors are working south of Highway 100 regarding the waterway cleanup. The City's website will continue to be updated with the progress. Council Member Jensen asked how the crew is handling working in the winter. Public Services Director Ryan Miller stated that Southern Disaster Recovery will be doubling the workforce due to the amount of debris and the different environment they are working in. Council Member Jensen asked if there are efficiency delays. Ryan Miller stated only if there is mud or a heavy snow. Right now there has been no issues.

PUBLIC FORUM

Bryan Griswold (550 Lindale Drive, Marion) spoke regarding Ordinance 20-15 and asked if there has been consideration to delay the remaining rezoning matters. Mayor

AbouAssaly stated he would be reaching out to address the issue.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Jensen stated he has received a number of positive comments regarding the winter lights. He stated there needs to be a plan when working with the Chamber and is in favor of making a continual annual investment.

Council Member Brandt wished everyone happy holidays.

Council Member Harper wished everyone happy holidays. He stated he is extremely proud of the efforts made this year to get Marion back on track.

Mayor AbouAssaly stated 2020 has been a trying year. He stated in this midst of all the tragedies and heartbreak we have also seen a lot of positives. He stated he has never been more proud to be on this team. He thanked all of City Council, City leadership, the City Manager, and every member of the City team. He thanked everyone for there sacrifices and perseverance. He wished everyone great health and happy holidays.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor AbouAssaly relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Jensen at 7:53 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presided over the meeting.

Motion to adjourn to closed session regarding litigation as permitted under Section 21.5(1)(c) of the Code of Iowa.

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Harper, to adjourn to closed session as referenced above. 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.

Approved unanimously

Mayor AbouAssaly left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Moved by Strnad, seconded by Brandt, to reconvene to regular session.

Approved unanimously

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Steve Jensen, Mayor Pro Tem

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