



MINUTES

City Council Work Session

4:00 PM - Tuesday, May 4, 2021
City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 4:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue, with the following members present:

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

ABSENT: Colette Atkins and Rene Gadelha

Based on COVID-19 guidance from Linn County Public Health and the State of Iowa to limit the size of groups gathering, this meeting was held electronically. The agenda and City's website provided instructions on how others could participate in the meeting.

Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS/OATHS

Proclamation - Economic Development Week (May 10-14, 2021)

Mayor AbouAssaly read and presented the proclamation to MEDCO. Nick Glew with MEDCO stated that this is a team effort and thanked the City of Marion for their support.

Proclamation - Kids to Parks Day (May 15, 2021)

Council Member Harper read and presented the proclamation to Parks Director Seth Staashelm. Staashelm stated the importance of parks and encouraged everyone to visit one of the many parks in the City on May 15.

Proclamation - National Home Remodeling Month (May 2021)

Council Member Jensen read and presented the proclamation to Dean Spina and Jamie Hoth with the Greater Cedar Rapids Housing and Building Association Remodelers Council. Dean Spina spoke about the Remodelers Night Out for Charity event coming up as well as the Spring Parade of Homes which starts on May 15.

AGENDA

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

Council Member Brandt left the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

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Council Member Brandt returned at 4:39 p.m.

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OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

Update Regarding the Marion Fire Department Headquarters

Fire Chief Deb Krebill stated there was a change in the construction management team which caused some delays in the project. The materials that are needed to finish construction had to be reordered and they will not be shipped until June. Krebill stated the property was purchased in June 2018 so this has been a long process and everyone is looking forward to moving in.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Moved by Jensen, seconded by Harper, to adjourn to closed session as stated 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. A roll call vote was taken.

Approved unanimously

Moved by Jensen, seconded by Harper, to reconvene to regular session.

Approved unanimously

ADJOURN

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Nicolas AbouAssaly, Mayor

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