



# MINUTES

## City Council Work Session

4:00 PM - Tuesday, July 20, 2021  
City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue

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The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 4:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue, with the following members present:

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

ABSENT: Grant Harper and Rene Gadelha.

Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### **Presentation Regarding the COVID-19 Community Recovery Task Force**

Communications Manager Amber Bisinger provided an update regarding the COVID-19 Community Recovery Task Force. Bisinger shared information regarding the members, initiatives and accomplishments of the group. Mayor AbouAssaly stated the group will be available to meet as needed going forward.

#### **Presentation Regarding the Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority**

Jennifer Fencil with the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) provided an update regarding the Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority and current projects.

Council Member Gadelha arrived at 4:16 p.m.

Fencil continued discussing the current projects of the Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority.

### AGENDA

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

Mayor AbouAssaly left the meeting and relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Atkins at 4:28 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Atkins presided over the meeting.

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Mayor Pro Tem Atkins relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 4:36 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

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## **OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION**

### **Public Safety Information Management System Update**

Police Chief Mike Kitsmiller provided information on why an upgrade of the public safety information management system is needed and overall project goals. Kitsmiller reviewed system enhancements including real-time and efficient access to information, integrated analytics, investigations management and training and support. Budget Manager Zach Wolfe provided information regarding the cost of the upgrade. Council Member Strnad asked if there were any savings with payroll with the new efficiencies gained. Wolfe stated there will be savings but staff is unsure how much. This new system will help staff answer that question. Council Member Jensen asked how this system will help us share information with Cedar Rapids. Chief Kitsmiller stated information is shared currently via email and that the new system will have more direct integrations. Fire Chief Deb Krebill provided information on how this system will greatly improve the Fire Department.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion to adjourn to closed session regarding land acquisition as permitted under Section 21.5(1)(j) of the Code of Iowa. (Two separate matters)

Moved by Gadelha, seconded by Brandt, 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

Mayor AbouAssaly left the meeting and relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Atkins at 5:20 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Atkins presided over the meeting.

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

Approved unanimously

## **ADJOURN**

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

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Colette Atkins, Mayor Pro Tem

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk