



**MINUTES**  
**City Council Work Session**  
4:00 PM - Tuesday, October 19, 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, October 19, 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, Rene Gadelha, and Randy Strnad

ABSENT: Colette Atkins

Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

#### **PROCLAMATIONS/OATHS**

##### **Proclamation - Employee Ownership Month (October 2021)**

Council Member Jensen read and presented the above referenced proclamation to Stacy Cannoy with The ESCO Group. Cannoy spoke regarding the benefit of Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs).

##### **Proclamation - Gentleman Day (October 19, 2021)**

Mayor AbouAssaly read and presented the above referenced proclamation to Nelly Hill with Waypoint Services. Hill thanked the City of Marion and community members for supporting Waypoint Services.

#### **AGENDA**

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

Mayor AbouAssaly relinquished the gavel to Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jensen at 4:19 p.m. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presided over the meeting.

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Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jensen relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 4:22 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

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Mayor AbouAssaly relinquished the gavel to Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jensen at 5:05 p.m. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presided over the meeting.

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Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jensen relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 5:33 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

## **OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION**

### **Discussion regarding the Uptown Plaza Scope of Work for Final Design**

Acting City Manager Tom Treharne provided an overview of the Uptown Plaza Scope of Work including Historic Depot Renovations, Event Stage, Ice Rink, Water Spray Pad, Water Stream and Summer Plaza/Dining, Play Area, Gardens, North/South Corridor and Caboose Relocation. Council Member Harper asked about the sizing of the event stage. Treharne stated that will be a part of future conversations as final design is completed.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

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

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Gadelha, 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 Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jensen at 5:45 p.m. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presided over the meeting.

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

Approved unanimously

## **ADJOURN**

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jensen adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

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Steve Jensen, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

The undersigned City Clerk of Marion, Iowa certifies that the minutes shown immediately above were published in the Gazette on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk