



# MINUTES

## City Council Work Session

4:00 PM - Tuesday, January 3, 2023  
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, January 3, 2023, at 4:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue, with the following members present:

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

ABSENT: None

Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### **Presentation from students in the Venture Academics Learning Program**

Students from Venture Academics Learning Program spoke regarding ideas to support resident mental health and increase community engagement.

### OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

#### **Discussion and Direction Regarding the Former Marion Public Library**

City Manager Ryan Waller provided an update regarding the above referenced property located at 1095 6th Avenue. Staff would like to move forward toward demolition of the property as it may be awhile before staff have time to prepare a request for proposal for redevelopment. Waller stated there will be an item to proceed with the central corridor review process as well as an item to seek bids for demolition added for the Thursday agenda. Councilmember Harper asked if there is any reason to move faster versus slower. Building Official Gary Hansen stated the building is not at risk of collapse but in the right weather event items could fall off.

### UPCOMING AGENDA REVIEW

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

### CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn to closed session regarding a real estate transaction as permitted under Section 21.5(1)(j) 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 Strnad, to reconvene to regular session.

Approved unanimously

**ADJOURN**

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

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Nicolas AbouAssaly, Mayor

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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