



MINUTES

City Council Work Session

4:00 PM - Tuesday, May 16, 2023
City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, May 16, 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, Nicolas AbouAssaly, Will Brandt, Sara Mentzer, Randy Strnad, and Gage Miskimen

Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS/OATHS

Proclamation - Infrastructure Week (May 15-19, 2023)

Mayor Pro Tem Harper read and presented the proclamation referenced above to City Engineer Mike Barkalow.

Proclamation - Military Appreciation Month (May 19-20, 2023)

Mayor AbouAssaly read the proclamation referenced above.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation for the Lowe Park Master Plan

Colt McDermott and Michael Sharp with RDG presented the Lowe Park Master Plan.

Councilmember Jensen asked why the ballfields cost \$4.5 million. Sharp indicated the largest portions of the cost are lighting for the fields and larger concessions and restrooms for the fields. Councilmember Mentzer asked if there was only one additional road added to the park. Sharp clarified there is a roadway that would run behind the existing amphitheater but it would not be considered a public roadway and could be shutoff by gates. Sharp indicated there would be an additional public roadway off 10th Street that would lead to the north section of the park. Councilmember Harper asked what the drivers were for putting areas of improvement in the one through three year plan. Parks Director Seth Staashelm indicated there are some maintenance items that need to be addressed at the existing building but there would also be an addition of a saferoom and space for recreational programming. Councilmember Miskimen asked if educational components were part of the process. Sharp indicated educational opportunities were considered and documented and will be evaluated when phases come

to fruition.

OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

Discussion and direction regarding the purchasing policy

Purchasing Coordinator Rita Packingham provided an overview of recent updates to the purchasing policy.

Discussion and direction on proposed detention basin maintenance agreement

Stormwater Coordinator Steve Cooper provided an overview on the proposed maintenance agreement for detention basins.

UPCOMING AGENDA REVIEW

Discussion regarding the May 18, 2023 agenda - Council discussed the agenda items for Thursday night's meeting with no action action.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Moved by Miskimen, seconded by Jensen, to adjourn to closed session as stated above. City Attorney Kara Bullerman stated that she reviewed the subject matters to be discussed and found them to be appropriate topics 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 6:32 p.m.

Nicolas AbouAssaly, Mayor

Alicia Abernathey, Deputy 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____.

Alicia Abernathey, Deputy City Clerk