



# MINUTES

## City Council Work Session

4:00 PM - Tuesday, January 16, 2024  
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 16, 2024, 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

ABSENT: None

Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### Presentation Regarding Prospect Meadows

Jack Roeder, Angela Jordan and Tim Strellner with Prospect Meadows provided an update of the business, special leagues and fundraising events they host and economic impacts they've made to the region. Jordan provided an update on their fundraising efforts. Mayor AbouAssaly asked if there are plans to begin the next phase of the complex. Strellner stated another feasibility study will be completed prior to future growth. Councilmember Mentzer asked how many years are left with the partnership with Perfect Game. Strellner stated it was a 15 year agreement and ten years remain.

### OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

#### Update Regarding the Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) Program

Police Chief Mike Kitsmiller provided an update of the ATE Program since launching in September 2023. Councilmember Jensen stated he would like to see data from before the cameras were installed compared to statistics after the cameras were installed.

#### Update Regarding the FY 24 Adopted Capital Improvement Program

Deputy Finance Director Brian McKenzie provided a review of capital projects in the above referenced program.

### UPCOMING AGENDA REVIEW

City Council review of the January 18, 2024 agenda - Council discussed the agenda items with no action taken

### CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn to closed session regarding real estate transactions as permitted under

Section 21.5(1)(j) of the Code of Iowa.

Moved by Miskimen, seconded by Jensen, 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 at 4:56 p.m. and relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Mentzer. Mayor Pro Tem Mentzer presided over the meeting.

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

Approved unanimously

### **ADJOURN**

Mayor Pro Tem Mentzer adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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