



# MINUTES

## City Council Work Session

4:00 PM - Tuesday, February 6, 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, February 6, 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, Randy Strnad, and Gage Miskimen

ABSENT: Sara Mentzer

Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### **Annual Presentation by Area Ambulance Service (AAS)**

Keith Rippy with AAS provided information regarding the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Ambulance program in the City of Marion.

Councilmember Mentzer arrived at 4:06 p.m.

Rippy continued his presentation. Councilmember Jensen asked about staffing. Rippy stated there has been very little turnover this past year for paramedics but has had turnover with EMTs. Councilmember Harper asked about response time between Priority 11 and Priority 12 calls. Rippy stated AAS's response is the same regardless of the call type. Council asked additional questions regarding ambulances stored or dedicated to Marion.

#### **Presentation regarding the Marion Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)**

Dave Hockett, staff liaison for the HPC provided a review of the Commission and the Certified Local Government 2023 Annual Report. Councilmember Gage Harper stated he would like to see more boards and commissions participate in community events.

### OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

#### **Discussion and Direction Regarding the Purchasing Card Policy**

Purchasing Coordinator Rita Packingham provided a brief update on the proposed Purchasing Policy and asked for Council feedback. Council was in support of the policy as written.

#### **Update Regarding Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) Use**

Police Chief Mike Kitsmiller provided a review of UTV activity and issues since the

ordinance was implemented. Council was in support of leaving the ordinance as is and asked for another update in the fall.

### **UPCOMING AGENDA REVIEW**

City Council review of the February 8, 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 Strnad, 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

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

Approved unanimously

### **ADJOURN**

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 5:41 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