



# MINUTES

## City Council Work Session

4:00 PM - Tuesday, August 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, August 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, Sara Mentzer, and Gage Miskimen

ABSENT: Randy Strnad

Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### **Presentation Regarding Partnership in Moving Marion Forward Capital Campaign**

Mark Seckman, MEDCO President, shared information regarding the above referenced fundraising campaign. Seckman outlined the items the funding would help address including business attraction and retention, workforce, housing, investor relations and more. Councilmember Jensen stated workforce is a high priority for him and he asked for more information about how MEDCO is helping. Seckman outlined some of the industries they've invited to talk to high school students and stated he'd like to get the same information to parents. Councilmember Jensen also recommended communicating with the counselors. Councilmember Mentzer asked what types of employees the business community is looking for. Seckman stated skilled labor is what is needed. Seckman stated the City has been making an investment of \$140,000 annually and their ask is for an additional \$20,000.

### OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

#### **Budget Discussion: 5-year Financial Plan/Cash Flow Models**

Finance Director Lianne Cairry provided a review of the above referenced financial plan and cash flow model for General Fund. Councilmember Jensen asked what the assumption was for wages. Cairry stated a flat 5% increase was applied for all expenses but Finance does plan to fine tune those increases in the future. Cairry continued sharing an overview of the cash flow models for the Road Use, Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Urban Forest and Stormwater funds.

### UPCOMING AGENDA REVIEW

City Council review of the August 8, 2024 agenda - Council discussed Thursday's agenda with no action taken.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion to adjourn to closed session regarding real estate transactions and litigation as permitted under Section 21.5(1)(j) and Section 21.5(1)(c) of the Code of Iowa. (Two separate matters)

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

Mayor AbouAssaly left the meeting and relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Mentzer at 5:24 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Mentzer presided over the meeting.

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

Approved unanimously

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Pro Tem Mentzer adjourned the meeting at 5:53 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