**Minutes**

**Public Services Board**

**City of Marion**

**Tuesday, July 10, 2012**

Present: Kevin Morgan, Bill Jones, and Tom Padley

Absent: Colleen Prokop, Mark Morgan

Staff: Ryan Miller, Diane Toy

1. Approval of June Minutes.
2. Review of House Pickups.
3. Discussion regarding Solid Waste Exemptions.
4. New Equipment Purchases
5. Discussion Regarding Radio System Upgrades
6. Discussion Regarding Property Acquisitions.
7. Old/New Business
8. Adjournment

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ITEM 1 Call to Order

Kevin Morgan called to order the regular meeting of the Public Service Board on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 12:35PM. A motion to approve the June 2012 minutes was made by Kevin Morgan, seconded by Bill Jones, Motion carried.

ITEM 2 Review of House Pickup

The request for Wanda Hucker of 920 26th Street for house pickup, she is elderly and walks with a cane. She will place her garbage and recycling on her front steps. A motion to approve the request was made by Bill Jones, seconded by both Tom Padley and Kevin Morgan, Motion carried.

ITEM 3 Discussion regarding Solid Waste Exemptions

Ryan talked to the PS Board about the Solid Waste Exemption ordinance number 105.13, and said that 1,677 residents are signed up for the program, but only 53 are disabled. The current residents who are already part of the program will be grandfathered in. Ryan would like all future applications to be approved by the PS Board and remove the age requirements.

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ITEM 4 New Equipment Purchases

Ryan talked about the purchase of a two new Front End Loaders and two new Backhoes, by grouping the equipment together the City saved over $200,000 on the total price of $373,561. With the cost savings, PS was able to get all options that we wanted, plus a plow for snow removal. A motion to approve the request was made by Tom Padley, seconded by Bill Jones, Motion carried.

ITEM 5 Regarding Radio Systems Upgrades

Ryan updated the PS Board about the new radio system we will be purchasing from Graybill, this includes 43 radios, repeater, 4 portable radios, portable radio accessories and installation with the total cost of $38,939.31.With the new radios we will be able to send text and will have GPS ability. The Narrow band will go down to 12 bands in the next 10 years and continue to decrease after that time period. The Police Department is going with the system that will connect all of Linn County Emergency Responders, for us to go with that system it would have cost us about $350,000. The Police Department will be able to talk to us on our new system when they get their new radios. PS Board approved quote to be taken the City Council.

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 ITEM 6 Update regarding Property Acquisitions

Ryan updated the PS Board on the purchase of the Riley property located behind our current facility; the purchase was for 43 acres at the cost of $11,200 per acre and was approved at the last Council Meeting. Ryan hopes to move the compost area over there first and add some community garden plots for residents to rent next spring.

ITEM 7 Old / New Business

Ryan updated the PS Board on the Electric study is ½ way complete, and so far feed back has been positive.

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A motion to adjourn was made by at 1:05 PM by Kevin Morgan seconded by Tom Padley, Motion was carried.

Next PBS meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Ryan Miller

Public Service Director

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