

Minutes to the Regular City Council Meeting  
held on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Acting Mayor John Wabel opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Answering roll call were Aldermen: Jason; Hattan; Modro; Wabel; Strawn & Hoskins. City Clerk Anderle and Treasurer Davis were also present.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Hattan moved to approve the February 12, 2018 Regular City Council minutes. Alderman Jason seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Pay Monthly Bills

Alderman Jason moved to authorize payment of bills as presented. Alderman Strawn seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

New Business

Allen Hattan, President of the Marshall County Old Settler's committee, addressed the council asking for permission to use the Marina again for the Old Settler's Celebration on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Hattan reported that all events will stay the same as last year. We will use the same company as last year for the carnival. They will only need power for their campers, they provide their own power for the rides. Clerk Anderle stated that road closure can be done at a later date, but they will need to provide proof of insurance.

Alderman Jason made a motion to issue a temporary Liquor License for the Marshall County Old Settler's Association upon proof of Insurance. Alderman Modro seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Modro made a motion to give a donation of \$1,500 to the Marshall County Old Settler's Association. Alderman Jason seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Jon Carson, managing partner of Trajectory Energy Partners, an Illinois based company and Coleen Callahan, a consultant with Trajectory Energy Partners addressed the council about their interest in 19 acres of property in the Industrial Park for the purpose of a community solar garden. This would leave about 260 feet of property left unused. Trajectory would be interested in doing a 25 year lease with up to two 5 years extensions; \$1,000 an acre rent with a 2% rent escalation. After the 35 year term of the lease the city would collect \$949,000. Alderman Modro asked why the need for the two 5 year extensions. Carson stated the solar panels are 40 year panels. Alderman Hoskins asked if they would be using the most current solar panels. Carson stated they would use the latest 340w panels with a tracker system which produces about 25% more electricity than a fixed panel system. Alderman Modro asked about the general cost to subscribe. Carson stated Illinois Commerce Commission is setting up consumer protection guidelines. Once those guidelines are released companies will set up subscription offerings. We think for the majority you will not pay anything upfront, it will be similar to signing up with alternative energy supplier. This means you will be paying for electricity at a lower rate than you would with Ameren. Callahan stated one subscriber cannot take more than 40% from one solar garden. Carson stated this is the beginning of 30 to 40 years of building solar projects in Illinois.

Acting Mayor Wabel stated that the council will need to decide if they want to move forward with plans to use the Industrial Park property for a solar garden. Alderman Hattan made a motion to

proceed with plans for the use of the Industrial Park property for solar use. Alderman Hoskins seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Strawn made a motion to approve expenditure of \$600 for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Johnson's Park on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m... Alderman Modro seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Modro made a motion to approve Laborer's Local 996 requests to solicit for Dollars Against Diabetes campaign on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the intersection of Route 17 and 26. Alderman Hattan seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Hattan reported the change order was due to a discovery of a 2" water line at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> & High Street that was not in the original plans. Hattan stated construction on the North High Street Water project is finished, but clean up and repair will be finished early spring. Alderman Hattan made a motion to approve Change order #1 in the amount of \$7,628.62 and Pay Estimate #1 for the amount of \$85,690.38 for Walker Excavating Company. Alderman Modro seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Reports

Alderman Modro stated she is waiting for committee budget sheets to be turned in and then will schedule a Finance committee meeting.

Alderman Hattan reported there were two water leaks last month; one at Third St. & S. Washington and the other at the Waste Treatment Plant.

Clerk Anderle reported Speakeasy Package & Pour would like to have their annual 5K Benefit Run on April 29<sup>th</sup> and a River Run on June 30<sup>th</sup>, will she need to attend a council meeting to get approval for these event's. It was decided she could proceed without attending a meeting.

**General Fund:**

Checking:	\$131,456.73
General Fund MMDA	\$280,259.33
US Bank (Illinois Funds)	\$ closed

**Band Fund:** \$11,054.40

**Motor Fuel Tax:**

Checking:	-0-
MMDA:	\$352,898.37
US Bank	\$ closed

**Water & Sewer Fund:**

Checking:	\$ 227,352.98
W & S MMDA:	\$ 64,462.00

**TIF Fund:**

TIF I MMDA:	\$703,275.64
TIF II MMDA:	\$ 38,552.13
TIF III MMDA:	\$ 62,437.93
TIF IV MMDA:	\$ 4,642.60
TIF V MMDA:	\$ 10,955.74

Alderman Strawn moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Aldermen Modro seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.