

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 – 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in regular session on Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Before the prayer was given, Councilman Brad Luzadder said as they pray tonight, they want to lift up Councilman Steve Henderson and his wife as she is currently in the hospital in Lutheran. They're doing some exploratory stuff so they'd like to remember both of them in prayer this evening.

On the call of the roll the following members were shown to be absent or present as follows:

Present: Brunner, Smith, Batchelor, Cain, Homer, Johnson, Luzadder and Miller.

Absent: Henderson.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of September 3, 2019 were presented. On a motion by Councilman Jim Brunner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Deb Cain, the minutes were approved as presented by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports given at tonight's meeting.

At this time, Council President Alan Miller said he had one item before they begin their business. The Mayor had intended to present a Proclamation this evening. He's been called to his mother's bedside, she is ill and he called him a short time ago and asked if he would do that for him and he was certainly happy to do that. They have three representatives here of the Daughters of the American Revolution. If these ladies would like to come up here because he knows they said they would like to, he's not sure why they would like to have a picture taken with him but come on up. Miller then read as follows: "A Proclamation by the Honorable Mayor of Marion, Indiana, Jess Alumbaugh, whereas, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 marks the 232<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention and, whereas, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and this memorable anniversary and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion and, whereas, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution past President General, Miss Gertrude S. Carroway, was responsible for the annual designation of September 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> as Constitution Week. The Daughters of the American Revolution made its own resolution for Constitution Week which was adopted April 21<sup>st</sup>, 1955 and, whereas, members of the United States Congress received the DAR Resolution and on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1955, the resolution was discussed at the Senate. The first resolution to observe Constitution Week was made June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1955, by Senator William F. Noland of California. Following the passage of the resolution by both houses of Congress, President Eisenhower issued the proclamation on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1955 and, whereas, the first observance of Constitution Week was so successful that on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1956, Senator Noland introduced a Senate Joint Resolution to have the President designate September 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> annually as Constitution Week. The resolution was adopted on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1956 and signed into Public Law 915 on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1956. Now, therefore, I, Jess Alumbaugh, Mayor of the City of Marion, Indiana declare this day, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as Daughters of the American Revolution Day. In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Marion to be affixed on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019 and invite all citizens of our community to celebrate Daughters of the American Revolution Day in Marion, Indiana." Miller told the ladies they thank them for calling to their attention the fact that this is Constitution Week. They gave them an opportunity to celebrate something they might not have otherwise. One of the ladies introduced herself as Ruthann and said she is the current Regent of DAR, President, and the two ladies with her, on her left is Linda Keister (sp?) who's a former Regent, and on her right is Sue Seaver, also a former Regent. Ruthann said she's not been active long enough to get ownership of one of these red shirts yet so that's why she's not in uniform. But they thank them very much for acknowledging it and becoming aware that DAR has something to do with Constitution Week and making you aware of Constitution Week. It's very important. Miller told them the Mayor sends his good wishes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(NOTE: The following resolution was placed on tonight's as Resolution No. 17-2019 in error and should have been Resolution No. 8-2019 as can be seen on the agenda and in the minutes of the August 20, 2019 meeting. The legal ads placed for the public hearing say Resolution No. 8-2019, which is correct.)

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2019 PUBLIC HEARING (WAS FIRST HEARD ON 8/20/19)

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 8-2019 by title only. A Resolution to approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to establish a Consolidated E-911 Dispatching Organization. Angela Haley, Police Chief, told the Council as Mrs. Kiley mentioned, she's here requesting approval of the Council for the Interlocal Agreement between Grant County government and the City of Marion. Council President Alan Miller asked the Council, any questions for Chief Haley? They had an opportunity two weeks ago to probably air all of their questions. There were no questions at this time from the Council. Miller said, kind of an unusual situation. This was a resolution they had two weeks ago. It was the Council's desire, instead of reading and passing it in one reading as they could have done, was to move it forward two weeks to have a public hearing. So that is what is happening right now. This is a public hearing. If any of them are here and wish to speak to this resolution, either for or against, please step up to the microphone, tell them their name and address. Tony Hendey – 1617 S. Nebraska, Marion – told the Council, anybody that's interested, he quickly looked up IG networks on Wikipedia. It's a proven system, nothing wrong with it and you wouldn't have the people coming back 10 years later if there was something wrong with it. So he thinks it's pretty well proven. It will unify communication with public safety services throughout the state in its final form. The State of Indiana was pushing this several years ago. He thinks its inception was possibly during the Gulf War. The military announced that they had a digital system that was interference proof, let's put it that way. So, he thinks this is a practical system but he thinks they need to know what their 10 year costs are going to be but he would think this system would be stable. That's his part and have a good day, Hendey said. Miller asked, anyone else who wishes to speak? Councilman Jim Brunner asked, could he get the Chief to come back to the microphone real quick? Could she just kind of give them a timetable, if everything goes the way she'd like it to go, what the next steps are and just kind of take them through that whole process. Chief Haley said demolition has already started. The next step would be, after demolition, of course construction. The whole building will not be done when they open Central Dispatch. They're hoping to be in by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The dispatch side should be finished in that time. The side that's going to be for Emergency Management will not be finished before that. So, in addition to that, they need to hire a Director. That's something that's going to be started very quickly and then the operation procedures. They do have a frame for this. They're not going into this blind. They have a plan. That's why they're working with a consultant. He's done this many, many times over and so he's helping guide them through this. They're not going through this blindly. He's guiding them through this. So, it's a solid plan. They believe they can meet the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, if they get on things, Haley said. Councilman Dave Homer said he doesn't know if this question is for this gentleman here who is selling the program or the Chief but how long have we known that we were going to put this dispatch center at the Salin Bank Building? Chief Haley said she thinks that was, from the beginning, that was the location that was being looked at, when they re-started this earlier this year. Homer said the only reason he mentions that is he sees where Marion Design Co. has six days to move from the facility, which he didn't understand, if they were given some notification months ago or weeks ago? Terry Burnworth told Homer, that's a good question. The only reason, in fact they'll have more time than that actually, is because the sidewalks have to be removed and getting in and out can then only happen at that back door, you know back there by the parking lot. So, if they don't mind the inconvenience, because there's nothing on the first floor happening. Homer said, right, he's just curious. It was just put out there. They had sent a note. Burnworth said, yeah, the Commissioners did, he is correct. Homer stated, in an email. So when he read that, not knowing the reason, it just kind of stunk, really. Here's somebody that's been a good tenant and then six days, they've got to be out. Burnworth stated, but that's very loose, just so they know, because they, he thinks they even had classes there today. He knows the manager was there. Mr. Homer told Burnworth, maybe he can answer this question. He did have a concern from some people who indicated the bidding process. They didn't understand or didn't know, and he's talking about local contractors, did not know and he thinks they were upset about the fact that they either didn't know about it or at least they expressed those concerns with him and he thinks they have possibly bid or put in a bid and he doesn't know when that process will take place. When will the bids for that take place? Mr. Burnworth told Homer what they've done is it's bid as packages so that way somebody that does certain types of work can bid on just that work. Right now, it's only

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demolition and they actually even reached out to the City Planner because you had some demolition people to try to get them to bid on it too. They did get a couple local people bidding on it. There were three bids, okay, and they will be awarding that soon. When he says demolition's already started, they have an electrician that actually has worked at the city a lot here in Marion that's doing ticketed items because they don't know where the electric is down there, as far as the distribution, and it's Chris and they're doing some work and that's what just started today, okay, to trace down the electrical. That building was designed, just so they know, when they acquired it, there was a concept of Central Dispatch but when he reviewed it, he didn't understand how stout it was. The building was actually designed to have additional floors put onto it. It was never to be a two-story building. It was meant to be at least six stories tall. In fact, the drawings, they found the original drawings in the basement for the facility. Council President Miller said, yeah, just as a matter of general information, he thinks Marion Design Co. is committed to remaining downtown so any of them here have leads on where they might look? He's sure they're aware of the logical sites that are available but, yeah, they are actively, obviously, looking for a new location. Like he said, committed to staying downtown in Marion. Councilman Don Batchelor told the Chief she said demolition already had started in this building. Has it already started? Chief Haley told Batchelor, he (Burnworth) said it started today. Batchelor said, okay, it seems like to him that's putting the cart in front of the horse, isn't it? Mr. Burnworth told Mr. Batchelor, no, the basement needed to be cleaned out anyway, if they have been in there. Because, no matter what, they were going to eventually occupy the basement for some department. So, if they go down there, there's, it's not occupy able right now. Okay? So no matter what, that had to be done. Batchelor said, it's just the appearance of it is what concerns him. If they've already started working before they even vote tonight, that's like jumping the gun, to his two cents worth. So, he answered his question, thank you, Batchelor told Burnworth. Being no further questions from the Council, motion was made by Homer to pass Resolution No. 8-2019. Motion was seconded by Cain and carried by the following vote. Aye: Brunner, Smith, Batchelor, Cain, Homer, Johnson, Luzadder and Miller. Nay: None.

Before the meeting adjourned, Council President Alan Miller said there was one other announcement he failed to make at the beginning of the meeting tonight. A week from tonight, the City Council will begin three consecutive nights of hearings on the 2020 City Budget. They will be consecutive nights, the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of September and they each will begin at 6:00 p.m. So, those obviously are open to the public. So, a week from tonight followed by Wednesday and Thursday at 6:00 p.m., right here.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Brunner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Lynn Johnson, the meeting adjourned. Time being 7:20 p.m.