

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

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

Before the prayer was given, Council President Alan Miller said he was sure they would all join with him this evening in expressing their condolences to the Goodman-DeBoy family. As they may know, Debbie Goodman's father passed away unexpectedly last week so their prayers and thoughts are with them.

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

Present: Henderson, Smith, Batchelor, Cain, Luzadder and Miller.

Absent: Brunner, Homer and Johnson.

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

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of December 3, 2019 were presented. On a motion by Councilwoman Deb Cain, 2nd by Councilman Brad Luzadder, the minutes were approved as presented by the following vote. Aye: Smith, Batchelor, Cain, Luzadder and Miller. Nay: None. Abstain: Henderson.

Councilman Brad Luzadder said they have a great group from the King's Academy that has come to be with them this evening. They appreciate them all coming out and thanks for getting involved in government. They certainly appreciate it. Council President Alan Miller told them this is the final meeting tonight, for their information, for four of them. They will have four new members of the Marion City Council come January 1st.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2019

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 15-2019 by title only. A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana, approving and adopting transfers of appropriation for several departments of the City of Marion, Indiana, for the year 2019, as requested by the department heads and forwarded to the Common Council for their approval and passage pursuant to IC 6-1.1-18-6. Julie Flores, City Controller, told the Council every year at this time, they come before them to transfer monies from one category to another category throughout the year. If it's in the same category, they do line-item transfers but, because these are in different categories, transferring from one category to a different one, they have to do a resolution to transfer those monies. So, she'll entertain any questions they have at this time, Flores said. Council President Alan Miller said he would only make an observation. He can't believe that the Fire Department couldn't make it on \$300,000 in overtime. They're giving them another \$70,000 tonight. Mrs. Flores told Miller, yeah, there have been a lot of non work-related injuries, off duty type injuries. That's what's causing a lot of the overtime, as well as some on duty, but there are a lot of firefighters off work. So, because of the way the contract is written, they've incurred a lot of overtime. Miller said, he's being a curmudgeon. Does the shortage even go beyond the \$370,000 or whatever? Flores said, pardon me. He assumes the \$70,000 doesn't even cover the shortfall on overtime. Flores answered, no, they'll have to use some of the salaries. Councilwoman Deb Cain said she has a question. So, she's trying to remember if she has this right, for the Garage & Motors, that's repairs for the fire engines. Flores asked Cain, is she talking about the Fire Department, Garage & Motors? She would say that's probably for their repairs. She's not sure. Geoff (Williams, Fire Chief) asked if he needed to come tonight and she told him he didn't need to come but she would imagine that's for repairs. Being no further questions from the Council, motion was made by Councilman Henry Smith to approve Resolution No. 15-2019. Motion was seconded by Councilman Don Batchelor and carried by the following vote. Aye: Henderson, Smith, Batchelor, Cain, Luzadder and Miller. Nay: None. Mr. Miller told Flores, thank you Julie. Flores said, thank you, Merry Christmas. Miller replied, Merry Christmas to you. Thanks for all her work, helping them over the last four years.

Council President Miller said, as was said, this is the final night for him, Councilwoman Lynn Johnson, who is not here, and Councilman Dave Homer, who is not here, and the legend, Henry Smith, who is here. They found out they

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even actually understated his service by six months but they were close enough. Councilman Henry Smith, in appreciation for 20 years of service to the City of Marion Common Council, 1999-2019. Miller said, at least in recent memory, he thinks he is the second longest serving member of the City Council. Councilman Don Penrod served, he thinks, 28 years. Is that who he would have succeeded, Miller asked Councilman Batchelor and Batchelor said he did. Miller told him he may catch him, he's still got time. Thank you so much, Henry. He will miss seeing him. They've kind of been a part of each others' lives out in West Marion the last 70 years. Here's a little something to hang on his wall. Thank you for your service, he told Smith. And as he said, the other people are not here so they will see that they get a certificate. Again, thanks to all of them who are here. It was a pleasure to serve as their President this last year. It was a, he thinks, an unusual year for all of them. You expect an election year, city politics are squirrely enough under normal circumstances, let alone during an election year when you happen to have four Council members running for Mayor. So, he appreciates them, especially Deb (Cain). He served as Vice-President twice, he thinks, the first two terms he was here and he's sure he didn't work quite as hard as she does so he really appreciates what she did, appreciate all of what she did. He'll miss it, it's been great fun and he won't miss it a lot but he will miss it. Debbie (Goodman, Deputy Clerk) and Kathi (Kiley, City Clerk), thanks for keeping them on track. Not sure what kind of mess they would have been in without having them direct traffic and get all of them to understand all of the legal ads that needed to be placed. Of course you, Phil (Stephenson, Council attorney). Thanks again for his service, even more than that, his friendship for a long, long time. Councilman Brad Luzadder told Mr. Miller, Vice-President Cain had a Certificate of Appreciation made for him. It says, for your outstanding service to the City of Marion, the Marion Common Council, from 2016-2019, (inaudible) past service as President and then his eight years prior to in which he put forth great effort for our city and our Council. He helped them move forward and they certainly appreciate all his dedication and his service. He'll greatly be missed. The gentleman coming in after him, he's sure will have big feet to step into. So, with that, he thinks he was able to give him his plaque when he left the last time and so it's his honor to give him his Certificate of Appreciation, Luzadder said. Miller said, thank you Brad. Just for the King's Academy people, he might tell them, Councilman Luzadder, Councilwoman Cain, Councilman Henderson and Councilman Batchelor will be returning for a new four year term. Councilman Smith and he will not, they are retiring. And one of their first time Council members, Robin stand up, one of our brand new Council members, this is Mrs. Robin Fouce, will be joining the Council. So they will have four new members of the Council. Mrs. Fouce just happens to be the one that's with them this evening. Come back more often, Miller told the King's Academy students. It's a part of their responsibility as citizens, even when they're high school students, to kind of keep track of what government's doing for you or to you. Great to have them here. Merry Christmas to all the people at King's Academy, Merry Christmas to all of you, Miller said.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Luzadder, 2nd by Smith, the meeting adjourned. Time being 7:18 p.m.