

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – MAY 18, 2021 – 7:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, the 18th day of May, 2021 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Present: Luzadder, Cowgill, Fouce, Cain and Fordyce.

Absent: Batchelor, Henderson, Brunner and Cline.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of May 4, 2021 were presented. On a motion by Councilwoman Robin Fouce, 2nd by Councilman Brian Cowgill, the minutes were approved as presented by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilwoman Robin Fouce said she's grateful to have met with the Compliance Committee this past week. They met and reviewed several CF-1 forms regarding compliance. She'd like to add to the record the following CF-1's are in compliance and have been signed and processed: Bahr Brothers, Agricor, Sulai Hospitality, McClure Store #15, R. David Fred doing business as Winterland, 515 Properties, LLC doing business as Jimmy John's, David and Lisa Compton, and J.G. Bowers, have all been signed and processed. They have four that are in the process. Would she like for her to read those out, Fouce asked Council President Deb Cain. Cain told her yes. Fouce said Mason Village did not have a complete form so they communicated that to them. General Cable, Atlas Foundry submitted their form on the date of the deadline and they are looking at those to consider them, as well as Vielee, had an incomplete form and they did contact them to get the updated information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 4-2021 2ND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING AS AMENDED

The City Clerk read General Ordinance No. 4-2021 by title only, an Ordinance regulating motorized scooters. Brian Cowgill, Council Vice-President and Public Safety Committee Chairman, told the Council this is, we passed this on the first reading. This is on the scooter business that is in town and we met for about two months on this. We had a good committee. We went over it with a fine toothed comb and this is about the best one that we could come up with. So this is the public hearing on this, Cowgill said. Council President Deb Cain said, okay, if anyone would like to speak, come to the podium, name, address, and you have three minutes. Linda Wilk – 1016 W. 5th Street, Marion – told the Council she doesn't know if this was the final form that she read so if she's not correct, please correct her. Her question or statement would be that she agrees with everything that they've put in there. She only wonders why the registration wouldn't go through the Police Department as opposed to Code Enforcement, her thinking being that Code Enforcement is inundated with the abandoned houses and the landlord ordinances and whether they have time to add another permit, you know, to process. So that would be the only thing she would, she just feels very strongly about the unsafe structures, the landlords, the blight issue and didn't want to add more to their plate, Wilk said. Mr. Cowgill told Wilk, Jerry Foustnight, which is the head of that, he was on the committee with them and the reason why that is is because all other permits in the city go through his office already and so they thought it would just be easy, because that's the way it was, and he (Foustnight) agreed with that and said yeah, they can handle that and that's the reason why they went with him. Mrs. Wilk replied, okay. She knew all the others were there. She just felt like, scooters being like cars and whatnot so, if Jerry said it was okay then, it's Jerry's department, not hers. Mrs. Cain said, okay, seeing nothing further, she'll take a motion. Motion was made by Cowgill to pass General Ordinance No. 4-2021 to a 3rd reading. Councilman Gary Fordyce asked Cowgill, did you amend that? Cowgill told Fordyce, yeah, on the timeframe, yeah. Motion was seconded by Fouce and carried by the following vote. Aye: Luzadder, Cowgill, Fouce, Cain and Fordyce. Nay: None.

Council President Cain told the Council, okay, that's the end of their business. She'll take a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Fordyce. Councilwoman Fouce said that was so quick, she didn't get to get this in. She got information regarding the Veteran Relief Act funds. She's not sure if anyone has that but she just wanted it to get out to their community that there is a Veteran Relief Act Fund. They can look it up under Veteran Relief Act Fund and it provides potential funding to veterans who are struggling during this time. And certainly, they want them

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to get any resources that they need at this time. Again, it's called the Veteran Relief Fund. She believes it's \$2,500, more or less, but it's a good thing. They have veterans in the community, she's sure some of them are in need and she wanted to put that out to everybody to pass the word. They say the turnaround is relatively soon, hopefully it is. She just wanted to put that out. Thank you, she should have said that earlier, Fouce said. Cain told Fouce, that's awesome, thank you for that information. Mr. Fordyce said there's a motion on the floor. Motion to adjourn was seconded by Fouce. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.