

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – JUNE 1, 2021 – 7:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in regular session on Tuesday, the 1st day of June, 2021 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Before the prayer was given, Council President Deb Cain asked they please remember Mr. Batchelor. He is back in the hospital but he is doing well, recouping. And Mr. Cowgill who will be having surgery on his arm coming up, doesn't know when but it'll be scheduled soon. And Mr. Henderson and his wife, continue to lift her up in their prayers and especially for Steve as he takes care of her.

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

Present: Luzadder, Cowgill, Fouce, Cain, Henderson, Fordyce, Brunner and Cline.

Absent: Batchelor.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of May 18, 2021 were presented. On a motion by Councilman Gary Fordyce, 2nd by Councilman Brian Cowgill, the minutes were approved as presented by the following vote. Aye: Luzadder, Cowgill, Fouce, Cain and Fordyce. Nay: None. Abstain: Henderson, Brunner and Cline.

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

Council President Deb Cain told the Council she wanted to remind them that the notice was sent out that the Budget Committee will convene on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. They'll continue discussions on the ARP money and the budget. They will convene the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month unless there's a cancellation notice or further discussion. She knows that they are also looking at a couple of ordinances that Mr. Cowgill will be preparing to set forth some meetings on those ordinances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 4-2021 3RD READING 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 the Scooter Ordinance that they've talked about before, through Mr. Morrell's ordinances. They've passed on the first two. They had the correction that Councilman Cline has brought to his attention on it and everything so he's asking that they pass this and get it into going. Councilman Jim Brunner asked, just approximate, do you have any approximation how many of those scooters we currently have in town that are available to folks? Mr. Cowgill said he wants to say 15. Was that what the number was? Someone said 20. Council President Cain added, and as of right now, there's only one company but this focuses on both, if a company rents them or a personal scooter. So there's only one license right now that will go through the Building Department, or compliance, once a year. Councilwoman Robin Fouce said they want to welcome Mr. Morrell here today, the owner of our sole scooter company, and they appreciate the good work that they were all able to do. He exemplifies, in her mind, what we are about here in Marion. He grew up in the Marion school system, graduated, and started a business here in Marion and so they want to encourage others like him to do the same thing. Mrs. Cain added, and he was a great asset along with Michael Mathias on the committee that helped them with the ordinance, brought some great insight and good experience with us. She'll take a motion. Motion was made by Councilman Mike Cline, 2nd by Councilman Fordyce to pass General Ordinance No. 4-2021. Motion carried by the following vote. Aye: Luzadder, Cowgill, Fouce, Cain, Henderson, Fordyce, Brunner and Cline. Nay: None. Cain stated, and Mrs. Kiley, to help Mr. Morrell know and understand how this runs, can she just run through how this will be put into place, the process? She has to send it, get it approved. City Clerk Kathleen Kiley said there's no penalty. There's no fees involved or a penalty clause so no. They'll just make sure that, she (Cain) said the licensing goes through the Building Department so Jerry (Foustnight) will get a copy of it. If he (Mr. Morrell) would like to have a copy of it, he can just come to the office and they'll get him one, it's no problem. And it'll go into full force and effect, does it say immediately after passage? Well, she would imagine it will. Councilman Fordyce asked, does the Mayor have to sign that? Kiley told Fordyce, yeah, Deb, she (Kiley) attests, the Mayor and they'll send it to the City

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Attorney's office and Building Department. Cain said, okay because he just wanted, he contacted her to see when he needed to go up and get his license. Kiley said as soon as it's legally signed by everyone she would imagine. Cain told Morrell she'll let him know when she gets it.

Before the meeting adjourned, Mrs. Cain told the Council also in preparation for the Budget Committee meetings, she will be putting documents in Google Drive so that that will be coming so they can listen and watch and learn. Councilman Brunner stated, if anyone has any connection upstairs with the big man, we need a little bit nicer weather for the Splash House. That was kind of a rough weekend they had to open up on so let's hope, we're supposed to have a beautiful weekend coming up so be sure and encourage your friends to get out and use that wonderful facility.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Fordyce, 2nd by Fouce, the meeting adjourned. Time being 7:10 p.m.