

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 16, 2021 – 7:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, the 16th day of November, 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: Stodghill-Weeks, Luzadder, Cowgill, Fouce, Cain, Henderson, Fordyce, Brunner and Cline.

Absent: None.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Council President Deb Cain told the Council Dianne Newton who they appointed to the Grant County Public Safety Operations Center Policy Board, which is Central Dispatch, has submitted her resignation and so she has been in communication with Chief Haley regarding this appointment so they have posted on the city website and it will be in the media that they will take applications through December 15th to the City Clerk's Office. So, if they know of anybody that would be of interest, they can read about that appointment on the city website. Also, the board's purpose is to administer and manage the centralized dispatch in Grant County as a separate county department known as the Grant County Public Safety Dispatch Department and to advise the Commissioners and Grant County Council on issues related to public safety dispatch. They are required to attend monthly board meetings which occur on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. There will also occasionally be Council meetings, executive session meetings, which require attendance. This is a non-salary or compensated position. They need to be a taxpayer, and again, the deadline is December 15th by 4:00 p.m.

Council President Cain said they have the First Responder Spotlight on and she's been working on that with the Administration and both Chiefs and they're working on facilitating this request and they will get that report back to them once that is finalized.

Council President Deb Cain told the Council she had a speaker cancel at the last minute for Neighborhood Spotlight so they won't have that tonight.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 14-2021 2ND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

An Ordinance to vacate a portion of a public way (Historic Gallatin Square, LP). Council President Deb Cain told the Council this item of business is being removed from the agenda until further notice.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 3-2021 1ST READING

The City Clerk read Appropriation Ordinance No. 3-2021 by title only, an Ordinance of the City of Marion, Indiana, appropriating certain funds for the City of Marion, Indiana, and providing for the effective date thereof. Julie Flores, City Controller, told the Council as they'll recall, they did a body cam grant and they initially paid that first payment, actually a couple of payments, out of the Police Department General Fund. They have received the reimbursement on that grant, \$130,000. So they're asking that they appropriate that money out of the body cam grant so that they can pay back the Police Department. She'll entertain any questions they may have at this time, Flores said. Councilman Mike Cline told Flores, so basically they're just backfilling. Flores told Cline, they're paying the General Fund back, yes. Because it's a grant, they have to set up a grant fund and yeah. So they're just trying to have a paper trail and make the State Board of Accounts happy. Being no further questions from the Council, motion was made by Councilman Brad Luzadder to approve Appropriation Ordinance No. 3-2021, moving it to 2nd reading and public hearing. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jim Brunner and carried by the following vote. Aye: Stodghill-Weeks, Luzadder, Cowgill,

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Fouce, Cain, Henderson, Fordyce, Brunner and Cline. Nay: None. Mrs. Flores said, if she could just report something, this is the time of year she usually comes to them to borrow money from the Bond Bank. She is happy to tell them that after doing cash flows for 2022 that we will not need to borrow money next year from the Bond Bank. She was excited about that. That was one of the goals when she came into this position so that was very good news, she thought.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2021

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 10-2021 by title only, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Marion concerning authorization for execution of INDOT Agreements. Mike Graft, City Engineer, told the Council this is a pretty simple resolution. What prompted this resolution is they received, or if they don't know that they received funds for the Community Crossing Grant in the neighborhood of about \$677,000. He thinks it's probably more prompted because everything's going to be e-doc signed and those kinds of things. There's not going to be a lot of paper documents. So this is a different request that they've ever gotten from INDOT before, that a resolution needed to be passed allowing someone to e-sign documents for the contracts as they go forward. So the process will be we pass a resolution, we set up the e-doc system and then we have a portion that we have to submit to INDOT on allowing the resolution and the e-doc to be approved through them. And then once that is done, they'll set up the contracts for the funds and we will start the bidding process or getting the bid documents ready so that we'll be ready to roll in early spring to work on these funds. If they have any questions on the resolution itself, he'll be glad to answer those, Graft said. Councilman Mike Cline asked Graft, so he's speaking in favor of this? Graft told Cline, yes, we need to have the resolution per INDOT's request, yes. Councilman Brian Cowgill asked, everybody's going to this now? Mr. Graft told Cowgill, yes. We've never had this before and he thinks what probably prompted it is there would be documents that he would sign as the LPA, there would be documents that the Mayor would sign and then some communities used the Clerk to sign so he thinks that they're just trying to streamline it so they're looking for one signature from each community. Council President Deb Cain thanked Graft for answering all her questions. Graft told Cain, sure, he figured the email made a little bit more sense once they were able to read that. Cain replied, it did, and responding so quickly. She appreciates that. Mr. Cowgill said he just wanted to make a comment. He told Graft he always does a really good job as far as, like Deb said, any time he sends him an email or whatever, he means it's a matter of like no more than 20 minutes, he means, he answers it right back and the things he doesn't understand, he explains in detail for him and he appreciates how he does it, he really does. Mr. Graft thanked Cowgill and said it's kind of hard to get away from it if it's in his back pocket and it buzzes him to let him know it's there. He remembers the pager days when he actually had to stop and pull over and make a phone call. Councilwoman Robin Fouce said, again Mike, she wants to thank him. He is and has been so helpful in District 4 with any concern. He answers the phone, he responds back, they get it resolved. He kind of threw her under the bus but okay, she still likes him. But no, thank you for your professionalism and tenacity toward doing the job that we need here in Marion. It's super important. His wealth of knowledge and experience are important to us and thank you so much for what he does, Fouce told Graft. Graft told Fouce, thank you, he appreciates that. Being no further questions or comments from the Council, motion was made by Luzadder to approve Resolution No. 10-2021. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gary Fordyce and carried by the following vote. Aye: Stodghill-Weeks, Luzadder, Cowgill, Fouce, Cain, Henderson, Fordyce, Brunner and Cline. Nay: None. Mr. Graft stated, Madam President, if she could do him a favor this evening, sign this so the Clerk can sign it tomorrow because he'd like to get the e-doc taken care of and get it all sent into INDOT tomorrow morning.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2021

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 11-2021 by title only, Council Chambers Resolution. Deb Cain, Council President, told the Council okay, so the Council Chambers, there was an email sent out to do scheduling for the Chambers and the 2nd and 3rd Floor Conference Rooms and so the discussion, a concern at the discussion was that this was our Council Chambers and so we wanted to make sure that we weren't interrupted in our business so the resolution reads: Whereas, the City Council Chambers located on the first floor of the City Hall Building is the City Common Council's Chambers, whereas the Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana has priority scheduling of the Council Chambers, whereas Council Chambers must be fully and completely accessible to conduct the city's business by the

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Common Council, now, therefore, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana as follows: The Council Chambers shall not be scheduled Monday through Friday after the hour of 5:00 p.m. EST time or at any time on Saturday and Sunday by any other body but the Common Council of the City of Marion. Requests to utilize the Council Chambers after the hour of 5:00 p.m. or on Saturday and Sunday must be made to the City Council President. The request must be submitted in writing twelve (12) hours before the anticipated time of use. If a request is not submitted and approved within the twelve (12) hours before the anticipated time of use, and that body arrives at the Council Chambers to find the Common Council is using the Chambers, that body must relinquish and recognize the Common Council priority use of the Chambers. Effective date, this resolution is effective immediately upon the date of adoption. Councilman Mike Cline said, if he may, this is not to the merits of the thing and there may or may not have been a good reason that we don't see this until tonight but he finds it offensive that we didn't set eyes on this until tonight. Cain told Cline, well, they talked about it in the budget hearing two weeks ago and they talked about what needed to be stated, what needed to be said on that and that was requested to go ahead and put it in place. Councilman Brad Luzadder said, and he will say that he made the recommendation. As the Council, this is our office. We used to have an office set up in which we would be able to conduct business. We gave that up to the Police Department for evidence and then we also relinquished our conference room to the Probation Department and so, for us to be able to conduct and be always in an open door fashion, the Council Chambers should be reserved specifically for the Council and the need to do business. So, it was at his suggestion at the Budget Committee meeting that this resolution be drafted. Councilwoman Annalisa Stodghill-Weeks said, can she ask, who would be using the Chambers besides City Council? Like what groups would be in here requesting to use it? Mrs. Cain told Stodghill-Weeks, Monday mornings, every other, bi-weekly, there's two Monday mornings, the first and third Monday of the month is Board of Works. The Redevelopment Commission utilizes it often. Once in a while, we go up on the 2nd floor. And then the zoning and City Planning. But these are all during the day so there's not that conflict. So this is just being put in place so that we don't have to (inaudible) every time we want to have a committee meeting. This is the City Council Chambers so to schedule a Council meeting, we don't have to do the calendar. We don't have to do the calendar for Council meetings, committee meetings, any gatherings that we want. Our rules say that we do not meet before 5:00 p.m. That's to help those that have a job, a full time position outside of City Council, which is some on the Council, then they can make those meetings and so then the public can also attend the meetings. City Clerk Kathleen Kiley said, Madam Chairman, she does have one question. Cain said, yes, go ahead. Kiley said she's not saying this will happen but with City Court on Thursdays, those are their trial days and they do have 3:00 p.m. schedulings. If, by chance, their trials are not over by 5:00 p.m. and somebody has a meeting, what do they do then? Mrs. Cain told Kiley, well, they had that last year. Last year, City Court was not done but it was anticipated to be done in 15 minutes so they just waited. Kiley said, okay. Like she said, it's very seldom she thinks it would happen. She just wanted to make sure that they wouldn't have to pack up and go on the road. Cline asked, do we know how many requests there are to use the Chamber after 5:00 p.m.? He's just asking. Mrs. Kiley told Cline she doesn't know personally. Motion was then made by Councilwoman Robin Fouce to approve Resolution No. 11-2021. Motion was seconded by Luzadder and carried by the following vote. Aye: Luzadder, Cowgill, Fouce, Cain and Henderson. Nay: Stodghill-Weeks, Fordyce, Brunner and Cline. Mrs. Kiley said it carries, 5-4.

NATE MOORE, CPSS, AND DR. DICK HART TO ADDRESS MARION CITY COUNCIL REGARDING SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION – Council President Deb Cain said she knows that Nate Moore is not going to be with them but Dr. Dick Hart is here. Thank you for coming and the microphone is his. And she knows that they received some information that was passed out. Dr. Dick Hart told the Council, thank you very much for this opportunity to talk to them. They have each received several papers which he is going to refer to in his notes. This is S.A.V.E. Training from the Veteran's Administration. This was what would have been presented to them by Nate Moore. In his absence, he's providing them with this. This paper came out of the S.A.V.E. document. It is the statistics as of 2019 of data on suicide relating to veterans and others. At the last meeting of their Suicide Prevention Committee, it was asked that they find a document that gives the resources that people want to have and this is a handy tri-fold. They've received it as a single page. He didn't have the time to fold it. This is provided by the Marion Public Library and it's available to anyone. One of their committee members who is an addictions counselor said the first

thing that he did when he came to open his facility in 1979 was to look for a book of resources. In that era, it was a book and it explained the services of each one of these. Now it's a brochure but it's a great help for anyone coming to our city and county to know about things. He didn't hand this out, it's here, it's a handy little guide that you can carry in your pocket if you're confronted with a situation of someone who is considering suicide or you think they might be. You can just put it in your pocket or in your purse and have it available. This is a four-fold and it opens up (inaudible). He was asked by Councilwoman Robin Fouce if he could share with them something about resources that are available for suicide awareness and prevention and he thought, to be able to get right to the point, he'd prepare a document and that's the document they have in front of them. He's going to read it. If there happen to be any questions afterwards, he's happy to receive them or they can talk after the meeting. He read as follows: Working together to promote suicide awareness and prevention. Suicide awareness and prevention aims to preserve life by nurturing hope. A small committee here in Marion has been meeting together for several months to identify ways to promote suicide awareness and prevention. We are concerned citizens who bring to the table our personal backgrounds and professional insights. As we meet, we learn from one another. Hope is a feeling and an attitude that enable us to live well. Hope is that unique element that maintains the balance between emotional, social, physical, mental, and spiritual dimensions of human life. If any one of these elements is compromised, hope suffers. So, when we hear of someone who is having thoughts of suicide, we think they are having a crisis of hope. His part of this presentation, they had thought that Nate was going to be here, but his part is to point you to resources that the community can utilize to nurture hope. I want to assure you that the resources are mostly designed to help anyone who wants to become more informed about roles they can play in suicide awareness and prevention. You are not required to have a degree or a certification to play a lifesaving role. Community education approaches. When one begins to look at the educational approaches to suicide awareness and prevention, one sees that they are aimed at helping each one of us strengthen our listening skills with our friends. They alert us to possible signs of suicidal ideation that sometimes are shared in conversations between friends. Now here are several options, educational options. S.A.V.E. Training is a product developed by the Northern Indiana Health System of the Veterans Administration. Here in Marion, we have several S.A.V.E. trainers for this approach. The letters stand for S – signs of suicide, A – ask the questions, V – validate the person's experiences, E – encourage or expedite getting help. VA Suicide Prevention Team members facilitate the 1 hour training in the community. Another one, Q.P.R., which is Question, Persuade, Refer is a two hour training that is conducted by local trainers. Several local persons are certified trainers. A Q.P.R. training was conducted in Marion at Sender Wellness on May 20, 2021. Ten citizens became Gatekeepers in the Q.P.R. approach. If they wish to become trainers, additional training is needed. Columbia University Lighthouse Project. The Columbia protocols are suicide awareness and prevention tools. With training, they can be used by anyone anywhere. They are used by friends and neighbors, correctional officials, first responders, governments, healthcare workers, the military, by researchers and in schools. The Grant County Sheriff's Department uses this approach in training its deputies. Living Works. Living works provides an array of trainings for suicide awareness and prevention. Most of them are accessible online. The first training is called Start and is a 90-minute introduction to suicide awareness and prevention. The next workshop is called safe-Talk. It is a 2 hour seminar. The next one is Assist which lasts for two days. A training designed especially for faith communities is called Living Works Faith. Living Works training for trainers, T-4-T, is also available. He learned about this one from his sister who was from Tuolumne County, California who was employed by the county as a Suicide Awareness and Prevention Trainer. Summary. Suicide awareness and prevention works best when it is a whole community effort. As we move ahead in providing suicide awareness and prevention skills, we will be encouraging citizens to get training in one of these or similar approaches. Common causes, like suicide awareness and prevention, bring us together. We find that our shared values give us a basis for working together. We invite members of the Marion City Common Council and members of the Administration to work with us in promoting suicide awareness and prevention. And then additional resources, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, their number is there. The Indiana Director is Kelsey Steuer, she's in Indianapolis, her phone number and her email for communication. These little booklets that he has came from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and he has other documents as well. Suicide Prevention Lifeline, their website and their phone number. The phone number that is given there is the National Crisis Line for Suicide Prevention. And then the number 988 has been approved by the Federal Communications Commission for the National Suicide Hotline. So it's entirely possible that 988 is going to replace the number up above. That is his offering to them of resources that are available in the community. And, of course, there are many

more. But this is a beginning and if they, he encourages them to consider the idea of participating in a workshop to training for suicide prevention. Again, it's not designed for professionals. It's designed for citizens to help them become more aware of suicidal ideation that may be happening among loved ones that are very close to them and they can have a role in keeping their hope alive. Any questions, Dr. Hart asked. Councilman Mike Cline said, not a question, he's not an editor anymore but we have some media folks. If they're looking for story ideas, this could be one. Councilwoman Robin Fouce said, Madam President, and told Dr. Hart they want to really thank him for his time, effort and all the good things that he finds himself leading here in the community. Suicide prevention and awareness is certainly one of those important things. Nate Moore is not here today but they look forward to him coming. He's from the Department of Veteran Affairs and he goes into good detail about veterans, what's available to them. She has a passion and a heart for veterans, she knows they all do, and the resources. They're impacted by the service they've done for us and we owe them everything, in terms of help, support, services, resources, etc. So it's important that Nate does come back. Again, she wanted him to address the Council because she wanted each of them to just hear the information but also consider going back to your districts, connecting with their neighborhood associations and being a conduit to spread the awareness about resources that are out, for all of us to be more mindful of it. She thought today was perfect because we're approaching the holiday season. There always seems to be an uptick in suicide or even suicide ideation and the more knowledge and awareness that we have, the better we're equipped to deal with it in our community. She thinks it's a good thing for us. Thank you, Dr. Hart, for coming, Fouce said. Dr. Hart said he would also like to say that Nate Moore is an excellent presenter and he will get through the presentation in about an hour. They will feel comfortable. There's space for questions and by the time they're done, they'll have a good grasp of what our Veterans Administration is doing to help preserve the lives of our veterans. 22 to 24 veterans are committing suicide every day across the country. There are more veterans who have died of suicide in the last 10 years than died in the Vietnam War. It's absolutely shocking. And it is wonderful to know, they'll find in that document that he gave them, that our Veterans Administration's health system has four or five full-time people who are interacting with our veterans in Northern Indiana to help give them hope. It's a very good thing. So if he (Nate Moore) comes, he's the best, Dr. Hart said.

RYAN HOWELL REQUEST TO ADDRESS MARION CITY COUNCIL – Council President Deb Cain told Mr. Howell he'll have seven minutes. Please come forward. She appreciates him (inaudible) get on the agenda to speak. Ryan Howell – 3016 S. Branson Street, Marion – thanked Cain for allowing him to address the Common Council. He supports the police. For any community to prosper, it has to have law and order. Before you improve your community, you have to have law and order. Before you can generate more business and revenue, you have to have law and order. If you take care of the police and watch their back, they will take care of you and watch your back. Before we fix things in this community, we should give the police a raise and make it worth their while and in the long run, it will pay dividends. If the police are allowed to do their jobs, they won't let a community get out of control with a drug epidemic. They will kill it in the cradle before it gets out of control and the police won't be in such a tough position later to where accidents and mistakes happen to where people get hurt. When businesses come into our community, we should bend over backwards and do whatever we can to get government out of the way to create prosperity. And he quotes, "The more you tax, the more you impoverish. The more you cut taxes, the more you create prosperity and you'll actually increase revenue". That was from Larry Kudlow, former Economics Advisor to the White House. Thank you for allowing him to address the Common Council, Howell said.

DANNY CHENOWETH REQUEST TO ADDRESS MARION CITY COUNCIL – Danny Chenoweth – 2022 W. 4th Street, Marion – told the Council he bought a Polaris and he was driving it up and down the road and having a good time, enjoyed that and then he gets a little rookie cop that starts hassling him. He takes that right away or he (Chenoweth) takes that right away himself because he hasn't drove it. Council President Deb Cain asked Chenoweth if he can explain what a Polaris is for those that might not know. It's a utility vehicle, Cain said. Chenoweth said he's got pictures, which he passed around to the Council members. It's not a toy, not at his age. It's not a toy. And you talk about veterans and all that stuff and that's why most of them commit suicide because of people sitting on this side or the other side here has taken their rights away or done something to them. They called him baby killer, called him (inaudible) and all this other stuff when he came back from Vietnam and now he turns around and he fights for this

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country because our government or this country sent him to. Ever since he came back, he's been crapped on and people now, they come up, "oh, thank you for your service". Wait until it's your turn, Jack. Mrs. Cain asked Chenoweth, okay, so what is his, what is he talking about the Polaris? Chenoweth told Cain he wants his rights back. He wants his rights back to drive his Polaris for the next few years. He'll probably die in the next few years. Cain asked, okay, so what rights is he asking for? Chenoweth replied, to drive his Polaris on the street and that's all he wants. He's got a snowblade and all that stuff for it to let him have something to do. Cain told Chenoweth, so, we will take this request. She knows Mr. Cowgill has been working with him and he and she have worked on a few things this week and they will have a response to him within 24 hours. Mr. Chenoweth said, if that happens, he will appreciate it. If it don't, he doesn't know. Cain said, yeah, they'll get back to him in 24 hours with a decision. Thank you very much for your time, Cain told Chenoweth.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Luzadder, 2nd by Cowgill, the meeting adjourned. Time being 7:42 p.m.