

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – JANUARY 3, 2023 – 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in regular session on Tuesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2023 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

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

Absent: None.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of December 20, 2022 were presented. On a motion by Councilman Mike Cline, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Steve Henderson, the minutes were approved as presented by the following vote. Aye: Cowgill, Luzadder, Cain, Henderson, Stodghill-Weeks, Fordyce, Cline, and Fouce. Nay: None. Abstain: Brunner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Council President Robin Fouce said she'd like to open with any committee reports that they have. She'll start out, if she could, reminding everyone that there is a tour at American Resource which is a group that came before them through the Economic Development Commission. That tour was rescheduled to the 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Asking everyone on the Council that's going to show up here at 9:45 a.m. so they can carpool to American Resource. Thank you for that. Anyone else with a committee report, please move forward. No committee reports. Okay, thank you. Open for any new business, Fouce said.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2023

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 1-2023 by title only, Reduction of Appropriation Resolution, reduce Board of Works Personal Services \$1,000,000. Julie Flores, City Controller, told the Council this is a resolution that will reduce the Board of Works where they budget for the pensioners health insurance. This is the \$1,000,000 that will not be able to be transferred to the Insurance Fund for 2023. She will entertain any questions they may have, Flores said. Council President Robin Fouce said she will open the floor for any questions. Mr. Cline? Councilman Mike Cline said, so, he knows they explained it once before. Explain again where this \$1,000,000 goes. Flores told Cline they appropriate \$20,000 per employee to go toward the Insurance Fund in all the departments. For the retirees insurance, they budget for that in the Board of Works and they budget \$1,000,000. Cline said, right, so, this comes out of the budget, right? Flores said and it was in the budget and approved by the DLGF. Cline said, right, so what becomes of it? Flores said it will be reduced. If they sign this resolution tonight, tomorrow morning she will go upstairs and she will reduce that appropriation to.... Cline said, it's a basic subtraction. Flores said, yes. That line item will be reduced to zero. It will be reflective in the 2024 budget on the line 2 worksheet that they reduced. There's a line that says what did you reduce January through June so that \$1,000,000 will be reflected on the line 2 worksheet which then will be reflected on to the 4-B worksheet. Cline said he just needed a refresher, thank you. Fouce asked, any further questions, discussion regarding this matter? Barring no further questions, she will entertain a motion regarding Resolution No. 1-2023. Motion was made by Councilman Brian Cowgill to pass Resolution No. 1-2023. Motion was seconded by Councilman David Cain and carried by the following vote. Aye: Cowgill, Luzadder, Cain, Henderson, Stodghill-Weeks, Brunner, and Fouce. Nay: Fordyce and Cline. Fouce said, okay, Resolution 1-2023 is passed with a 7 – 2 vote.

Council President Robin Fouce said she wanted to take a quick moment to thank them humbly and sincerely for their support for her as President. She wants to start new with everyone here today and work together as a Council. She's prayerful that they could do that and work toward that. They all owe one another general, unconditional respect and they owe the constituents a genuine approach to what they say and what they do to serve them. So she hopes they know and sees her heart with that. Thank you and congratulations to David Cain as her Vice-President, or their Vice-President. Looking forward to collaborating and working with everyone to do the good work that they have to do here in Marion. Thank you so much. Without any other questions or comments, do we have any? Councilman Mike Cline said, if he may, Madam President, thank you Councilman Luzadder for his leadership as President. Councilman Jim Brunner said second on that. Ms. Fouce said she concurs. She thanked him personally but certainly he deserves the gratitude publicly, as well as Brian Cowgill who served the earlier part of the year and Deb Cain who served before

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that. Listen, anyone in public service deserves a thank you, just a simple thank you and debt of gratitude. It's not easy. They go at it with each other but they love each other in the end. Any other comments or questions? Yes, Gary? Councilman Gary Fordyce said he would say congratulations Madam President and also congratulations on coming over to the Republican Party. Fouce said, thank you, thank you. Any other questions or comments? Barring no other questions or comment, she will entertain a motion to adjourn.

On a motion by Cain, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cowgill, the meeting adjourned. Time being 7:10 p.m.