

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – APRIL 18, 2023 – 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in regular session on Tuesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Council President Robin Fouce said they will have a prayer. They're pleased to have with them Reverend Carson Adams, presiding Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, here in Marion. She asked Reverend Adams if he would please approach the podium and asked everyone to please stand for the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, Council President Robin Fouce asked Reverend Carson if he would like to tell them about his church, his fine church, they would love for him to. She knows he told her but just a few words about their ministry and the history of St. Paul in the City of Marion, if he would. Reverend Carson told Fouce, thank you, for putting him on the spot, but thank you. No, he's been at St. Paul Church for 40 years. This is his 40<sup>th</sup> year. He's from, originally he came here from Texas to a wonderful group of people that they've had the opportunity to serve during these many years of their service here. They have several of their young people who have gone from their church and from their community who have made and are still making great contributions to our society and our culture and some of them, they may know, one in particular because he's special. Dr. Jeffrey Breckinridge was one of the young men he met in his coming to Marion, he was 15 years old and so now he's in his early 50's and been practicing medicine for the last 25 years and he's one of their pride and joy. They seek to serve the higher good of all of their people and they want their people to be upstanding citizens and to be involved in the development of our community because all of them belong to this community and they certainly want to make a contribution to making this place a better place for all of us to live. Thank you, the Reverend said. Fouce said, thank you, Reverend Adams, appreciate him coming.

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

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

Absent: Fordyce and Brunner.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of April 4, 2023 were presented. On a motion by Councilman David Cain, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Steve Henderson, the minutes were approved as presented by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Brian Cowgill said, at the Board of Works meeting yesterday, he wasn't able to attend it but they didn't have anything on the agenda and they did approve the payment of the bills for \$187,245.75. Council President Robin Fouce said, thank you. Any further committee reports? There was no response from the Council.

NEIGHBORHOOD MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT: Council President Robin Fouce said she'll chime in that, among the great neighborhood associations that she happens to serve alongside, they have a special one here this evening, West Marion Homeowners Association or Homeowners Watch. Michelle Waggoner is the President and does a phenomenal job. She believes Mr. Waggoner is also the President-Elect associate help because she knows what Michelle does, he does as well. So, barring no further committee reports, she would have the Neighborhood Monthly Spotlight, Michelle Waggoner to step to the podium and share some of the things she's doing. They just had a great neighborhood clean-up and maybe she'll elaborate on that as well. Michelle, if she'll hit the red button, Fouce said. Mrs. Waggoner told the Council, good evening, her name is Michelle Waggoner. She's the leader of West Marion Homeowners Watch. She's been invited here by Robin, thank you, ma'am, and she's going to speak about what they have going on and the new things in their neighborhood. Her husband, Robert, is a native to Marion. They moved here 20+ years ago with an old car and no gas. With hard work and inheritance, today they own three lots on each side of Butler on Marion Avenue, their life's investment. West Marion Homeowners Watch began in the fall of 2017 with great concern of safety. They have 12 blocks on their watch, the By-Pass to Park and Winona to Euclid. A private Facebook page was created and 25 neighbors share what they are seeing. Five years ago, she holds a (inaudible). Five years later, she holds a still small voice but have learned to stand closer to the microphone. They have achieved, with Kayla's directions, stop signs, watch signs, signs replaced, street lights, extra patrol and connection to MPD and the JEAN Team. They've seen houses torn down, blight removed, and super bad tenants removed thanks to the city. Kayla Johnson has taught them to care as well as educate them. In pursuit of gain, make understanding priority. She's going to say that again, in pursuit

of gains, make understanding priority. That's what she's learned from watching Kayla. When you gain understanding, the connections made are solid. From that, you build relationships and then community. What's new for 2023? They've had their 4<sup>th</sup> spring clean-up, best one ever last Saturday. They had the use of NeighborLink Grant County. The volunteers came and did so much more than they could have. Robin came through with this invite, thank you. She came through last year as well. They always appreciate her coming over. This Thursday at 5:30 pm, they will present Jennifer at Don's Tap with their Neighborhood Bright Spot Award for all their hard work. Come join them. They had their first return meeting. They'll be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm at Momma's Nest, 1606 W. Marion Avenue, a place to gather and grow, slowly rolling out their own backstreet boutique and craft corner. A free craft morning will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month and a health professional one evening also will speak on basic nutrition and holistic well-being. She would like to see a community project yearly. Their first is their Cape Kids Project from last fall. They're over halfway through and still are holding for sellers now. They've got 12 ladies so far that have donated time and they've got over 60 blankets that are finished for First Light and this is what they look like. Ms. Fouce said, and those are your Cape for Kids, right? Waggoner told Fouce, yes ma'am. Fouce said, okay, and why Cape for Kids? Waggoner said Cape for Kids is when the children are picked up and they're traumatized, one of the first things they lose is their imagination. Children, children are great our greatest assets and we need provision for the children becoming lawbreakers as well. When the project's complete, notice of recognition will be sent with the final blankets and copy of notice will remain on Momma's wall. May 6<sup>th</sup>, they will hold a no pay bazaar day across the street where everyone can gather and hopefully have a sunny, fun, profitable day. This could easily become a yearly event. Believing one that asks, receives; one that seeks, finds; and one that knocks, the door is open. Her expectations for 2023 are high and Robin's asked how the Council can help. Momma's Nest is in need of sellers and vendors. As a neighborhood leader, be genuine, having a mindset and a heart to serve, not for your own gain or insurance premium, everybody working for the city's greater good. A house divided will not stand nor will a city. In our house, words of fault or blame are replaced with accountability and responsibility and our prayers are without hypocrisy. Thank you very much, Waggoner said. Fouce told Waggoner, thank you. If she'll stay at the podium, just for a quick moment, Momma's House is phenomenal, if they haven't seen it. Would she like to share that address with them, for Momma's House? Waggoner said, 1606 W. Marion Avenue. Fouce said, so Momma's House, she believes Michelle inherited this house or her and her husband inherited this house. So she took her to Momma's House. Inside Momma's House, you guys are looking at some of Momma's House pictures, are just a lot of neat crafts and different trinkets. There's a sitting area on the front porch where you can sit and rock. A lot of the traumatized people are invited there to sit in this area, decompress, destress. It's very atmospheric, Zenlike, and she found it very unique for someone in a neighborhood to have that home open to the neighborhood. You go in, again, different arts and crafts. She wanted to do some shopping, she just didn't have time that day. She does a lot of beading. She has mustard seed necklaces. If you're Christian or not, you may know about a mustard seed. You just need to have just the faith of one mustard seed and they're itty bitty. So, she appreciated that. The kitchen reminded her of her grandmother's kitchen, the old refrigerator, the old sink, the old stove, the old chairs. Remember the old chairs that had, is it plastic around the chairs, metal chairs, the metal table. But in there, she has a lot of different herbs. She's into some holistic type things. She grows some of the herbs, not weed herbs, herb herbs, medicinal herbs, that they share with anyone that comes in. She just thinks, if you get the chance, go by there. What if we had a Michelle in all of our neighborhoods? That's not to say our neighborhoods aren't phenomenal. South Hope, Central, all her other neighborhood associations are but she found this to be quite unique. Michelle works carelessly, tirelessly for that community. They declared war on the drugs that permeate kind of all of our neighborhoods to some degree and she exemplifies, in her opinion, what we need a neighborhood association to do. So she wanted to take the time to thank her. She wanted the other Council members to hear this. They can spread it through their districts as well as the community. Thank you, Michelle, Fouce said.

At this time, Council President Fouce said she had a few agenda items before they get started. Under New Business, Resolution 4-2023, it is tabled to the Budget Committee and they'll send that notice out forthcoming. The City Hall Roof Repair Proposal is also tabled and they will wait for further notice on when, Dave Slusher was not here today, he wasn't able to make it and he said that he would contact her when they're ready to get that back on the agenda. Their next scheduled meeting, please make note, is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. May 2<sup>nd</sup> is Election Day, so as usual, they move their meeting to the next day behind that, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, here in the Council Chambers at 7:00 pm. She told the Clerk, if she would send out

those necessary notifications, they would greatly appreciate it. They need to reschedule their Executive Session that was scheduled. They would like to reschedule it to May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm here in the Council Chambers and that's the Executive Session. They'll send further notice about when the Budget Committee will meet and also the Compliance Committee, May 14<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for any compliance matters. It'll be here before you know it so if you are receiving an abatement, May 14<sup>th</sup> is that deadline. So that's kind of the housekeeping things she has. She told Mrs. Kiley she is welcome to move forward with Unfinished Business, thank you.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 4-2023 2<sup>ND</sup> READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

The City Clerk read General Ordinance No. 4-2023 by title only, an Ordinance establishing a procedure for the Common Council's approval of city claims. Robin Fouce, Council President, told the Council they are at their 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing. She would like to see if there's anyone on the Council that has comments prior to their public hearing. Barring no comment, she'd like to enter the public hearing portion of their meeting today. Please step to the podium, hit the red button, speak clearly in the mike, state your name and your address. You will have three minutes to speak. If Attorney Harker would keep the time for them, they appreciate it and the topic is taking over the claims. What does that mean? The claims are the bills that we process as a city and we are, as a Council, exercising our authority in this ordinance to take over paying the bills, approving the payment of the bills. And the public hearing is for your comment specifically regarding that. So, if you get off onto something else, tonight is not the night for that. This is specific about whether you agree or disagree in your comments about the City Council assuming their rightful responsibility to take over the claims process. They will open for public hearing, Fouce said. Melanie Sproat told the Council she resides at 145 North Branson Street in Marion. This proposal is a power grab. The current Council as a whole does not get along with the current administration. If the Council was truly only interested in seeing how the money is spent, that could be accomplished by requesting properly to have the same printout of bills that the Board of Works receives. Then if there are questions or concerns or confusion, those could be addressed with the department submitting the bill. In a prior meeting, Councilman Cain said "we are not telling this administration how to spend the money" yet that is exactly what this proposal says, if you like something, you approve it, if you do not like something, you can deny paying it or worse, insist that the mayor or a city department head jump through more hoops to satisfy your curiosity. Indiana Code Title 36-4-4-4(b) under Local Government states "The Legislative Body may manage the finances of the city to the extent that that power is not vested in the Executive Branch". The legislative party – Council; Executive Branch – mayor and administration. She would think that for as long as the Board of Public Works has been performing the bill-approving for Marion on behalf of the Executive Branch, it is certainly vested by now. Indiana Code Title 36-4-6-18 states "The Legislative Body may pass ordinances, orders, resolutions, and motions for the government of the city, the control of the city property, and the appropriation of money". But, isn't the appropriation of money really the annual budget, not routine bill paying? Several years ago at another public hearing, she thinks about the Trash Tax, she was speaking as to why something hadn't been dealt with during the budget talks. The previous mayor stated that he had had his department heads sitting in the City Council Chambers waiting all evening but no one from the then Council came to ask questions. But no one on the then Council had been notified so no one showed up. Well, in the previous administration, they were used to less questions and more of a rubber-stamping Council, a Council that disregards the balance of powers. The unique responsibilities afforded by statute to the different governmental bodies is just as ineffective and potentially harmful. There's a lot of talk being said about the Council being elected by the voters versus the Board of Works being appointed by the mayor. Yet in both the 2015 and the 2019 general elections, Jess Alumbaugh received more votes for mayor than any Council person received, including all the candidates running At-Large seats and they all would have been on the same ballot. So, she prefers a board of regular citizens with little or no political motivation, appointed by a mayor who received more votes than anyone else in two elections over a divisive, petty Council more concerned over politics than the process of government, yes. The bottom line is this as a whole. She does not trust this Council to make the bill-paying decisions without involving politics, revenge, or bullying and such. Thank you, God bless, and don't forget to vote, Sproat said. Fouce told the Clerk, you don't keep that. City Clerk Kathleen Kiley said, she means, it's what she..... Fouce told Kiley she's not telling her not to. Kiley said, no, she means, she thinks it's just so that when Debbie's typing the

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minutes, yeah. Fouce said, got ya. Cindy Cunningham told the Council she lives at 606 North Miller Avenue here in Marion. She is on the Board of Works but she is not there speaking for the Board of Works, she's speaking as a citizen. She just wanted to make it clear to the audience and the rest of the Council that you guys had every opportunity to see the bills just as we do. From what she's been told, they are sent to the Council President and the liaison. We didn't know that they weren't being passed on to the rest of you from them. She understands that Linda Wilk, the current Board of Works President, has requested that everybody now gets those in their packets. She just wants to assure them that if they do take over the payment of the bills, which is their right, that she, as a Board of Works member, will still know what's going on because she'll take the time to go up and get a copy of the bills, just as they all should have been doing this whole time. Thank you, Cunningham said. Ms. Fouce said, thank you. Do we have anyone else? Linda Wilk said, Linda Wilk, 1016 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, current President of the Board of Works. She guessed all she really has to say is if they intend to do this, she hopes it's for the right reasons. She has been on the Board of Works for a number of years now. She has no affiliation with the mayor, he didn't even know who she was. It was a secretary, his secretary, that asked if she was interested on being on it. She was excited to be on it because in her role with Radiant Health, she can't be elected, that's not allowed in their bylaws. So she felt like this was an opportunity for her to do something for the city. She really feels like there's many times she's voted against the administration, there's times she voted for. Her husband can tell them how long he spends looking at the bills, prior to their meetings. And she knows the comment's been made we meet during the day. Well, she's asked for the owls to be accessible at night, she was never told how that could happen, so that they could be more public if that's what people wanted. So again, if they're doing it for the right reasons, then have at 'em. But if they're doing it just because of some political reason, think long-term what the effect may be. Thank you, Wilk said. Fouce said, thank you. Will we have our next speaker? Jerry Foustnight, Building Commissioner for the City of Marion, told the Council he was just wanting to get some information. Fouce told Foustnight they need his address, please. Foustnight said, pardon me? Fouce said they need his address. Foustnight said 4030 North Conner Drive, Marion, Indiana. He guessed his concern or his questions to them as a Council, since 2016, he's been entrusted in the budget of the City of Marion Building Department, Code Enforcement, and also Animal Care and Control. During that period of time, he thinks he's been very, he's been diligent in how he uses the money and all that. So he guessed his question to them is, do they as a Council feel like that the department heads or this administration is not spending the money wisely or is it something that they, as department heads, have neglected to do? You know, he guessed that's his question to them, Madam President. Thank you, Foustnight said. Fouce told Foustnight she would be happy to answer that at her point in time of speaking. Do we have anyone else that would like to speak during this public hearing? Reginald Lipscomb told the Council he lives at 803 Mason Boulevard here in Marion, Indiana and he supports General Ordinance 4-2023. He believes that whenever he calls, texts, emails, or meets with the Council person who represents his district and his interests, he wants to know why his tax dollars are being spent, when, where, and how and to whom in real time. If they're about the transparency, he thinks you could conduct those meetings at a time when men and women who work first and third shift can attend and he thinks it's past time for us to move into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Thank you, Lipscomb said. Fouce said, thank you. Will we have our next speaker? Deborah Cain told the Council her address is 4622 South Carey Street and she is also Center Township Trustee. Someone said it's been this way for decades, why change something when it's worked all these years? Her response is two-fold. Where's the separation of power when an appointed board by the mayor is also approving bills paid by the mayor? These are appointed members, you are elected officials. Two different, distinct responsibility roles. Appointed member, assigned or chosen. Elected official, authorized officer or voted. One reports to the mayor, while you, as elected officials, are accountable to your constituents and that's what you are mandated to do, serve the citizens of Marion, not serve at the pleasure of the mayor. The YMCA Lawsuit, which is still growing in legal fees, upwards to close to \$4,000,000, is in another phase of an appeal on this very grievance that those who are approving the funding served at the discretion of the mayor. Secondly, Economic Development Fund, there's three points to this. You did the right thing cutting this budget account down to \$1.00, requiring the mayor and his administration to come before the Council, requesting approval to spend out of this account. It has brought to light some significant situations and concerns. One, the Friendship Park expenditure was over \$300,000 and no bids were taken, which is a state statute requirement. The Council asked for that bidding process to take place as a standard practice. Two, it was realized in another request of a contract that the

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yearly installments were approved by the Board of Works each year. These funds were taken out of the Economic Development in the dollar amount of millions. It was clearly stated that the funds were to come out of the General Fund, not Economic Development. The Council pushed and requested for a copy of the contract. It had to be searched for as the Controller's Office did not have a copy, yet they submitted the payment without knowledge of the real contents or scheme of the contract. Third, a \$500,000 contract signed by the mayor to entities for drafts, pictures, and displays for a park that had not been approved for the Council, nor do they know where it is coming from. The Council is a fiscal body, the financial entity of the City of Marion. The mayor is the judicial body for the City of Marion. Approving the payments of the bills is financial and should be under the authority of the fiscal body for open and full transparency as you meet at a time where citizens can attend. Please pass this ordinance. Thank you, Mrs. Cain said. Fouce said, thank you. Do we have any further public comment? Going once, going twice, this concludes the portion of their public hearing for General Ordinance No. 4-2023. She will defer to the Council for any final statements or comments regarding this. Please don't hesitate to speak as this will be their opportunity to respond to the public for their concerns as well as to list any of yours. Councilman Cowgill? Councilman Brian Cowgill said, yeah, you know, one of the comments was I hope you're not doing this for a political reason. This has nothing to do with political. This has to do with our job and doing our job that we are elected to do is to be the financial body of the city and do, make sure that the tax dollars are being spent the way that they should be spent. It has nothing to do with the Board of Works as far as them personally. He doesn't think anybody's doing a bad job or nothing. He just feels like this is the way it should be. Since we started this and since we took the EDIT Fund down to \$1.00, a lot of things have come to light that we've been asking for for months that we couldn't get a hold of and then now all of the sudden we get a hold of some of this information, he kind of understands why they didn't want us to have it. So, that's all he's saying, Cowgill said. Ms. Fouce said, thank you, Councilman Cowgill. Do we have any further comment? Councilman Henderson? Councilman Steve Henderson said he would like to point out, as a representative with the Board of Works a few years back, it was approved out of a \$2,000 tool account to buy a brand new pick up truck and that was approved by the Board of Works. There was only \$2,000 in that account. Several other things have happened like that but that's an example you can go back and look at that is actually there. Other things that brought concern to him is when different entities would go sign leases to buy equipment and not bring them before the City Council. And so, that should not be happening either. So hopefully, some of the things that were happening may not still be going on but, at this point, most of the cities in Indiana, the bills are approved by the City Council. Thank you, Henderson said. Council President Fouce said, thank you, councilman. Do we have any further comment by a Councilman or Councilwoman? Councilman Luzadder? Councilman Brad Luzadder said, yeah Madam President, as a long-standing member of this Council, one of the older, agewise people who have worked through this and have already served on his first appointment was for the Board of Public Works and Safety and he has went back and talked with former Council members and it's amazing how many times they say we should have done this a long time ago. People say what are you going to do? Well, he's going to vote the way he's supposed to because he firmly feels that the fiduciary body is supposed to be the one in which to do so. If he has the chance then to move into that Mayor's Office, he would be the person that would sit there and say, you know, you want your Council and your administration to work together. It's supposed to be a team atmosphere. You're not going to get along all the time but it does help to make things much more transparent to get everything out into the open. There's nothing that should be there that anyone shouldn't have the opportunity in which to see. So, he will be voting in the affirmative, Luzadder said. Fouce said, thank you, councilman. Any further comment? She said she'd like to take time to just kind of summarize kind of what she said at the first reading and maybe even expound on some of the comment briefly. The Council assuming the bills puts paying the bills into the hands of elected officials. So that means the greater public, the citizens of Marion, elected these individuals as their representatives and there are nine representatives, elected again by the voters. She believes it is a better process than five Mayoral appointees. No negative toward the appointees. It is mere rhetoric, it's just her personal opinion, it's mere rhetoric to go around saying this is political, to go around saying we don't like them, we don't get along with them. You know, some of that may be true in that we have had hard, strong discussions and we've continued to stay on the opposite sides of the topic. That's the nature of this, in her opinion. It's a matter of check and balance and spending. Most cities, it's time for Marion to progress and move forward. Be accountable and transparent and let the public know, in real time as one of their individuals spoke and said. Muncie, not only does he, the City

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Council process their payment of bills but he also posts it online immediately after that. Gas City, she talked to their mayor, the City Council processes their payment of bills, posted online after that. He kind of eluded that he takes another step and talks about it, puts it in committee if there's anything questionable so he has more people in agreement and, with that, it's more transparent than just him making the sole decision. It improves and encourages public input on the dollars that we are spending in our municipality, in our city. Promotes financial stability as the Council approves the budget. We have spent, she's been on the Council since 2020 and in that time, we have had the worst time getting an account of bills, getting easily printed computer generated reports, the click of a finger where we could get a report, giving us the full story of a financial matter, which is legal public record. It took us 2-1/2 months to get one of them. It took us more months to get other things. She thinks the past President made a request and got things in a box. Aside from wanting to charge her for what they printed for the City Council President, aside from wanting to charge her for that, they told her she can come and look through the box, a big box of paper, and make sense of it. Just uncalled for, that's not how we need to do things. This creates no delay, it's not political, it's actually progressive business, progressing our municipality. If we keep the same mayor or if we have a new mayor, hopefully there will be some back and forth with both ends of this government. We, as a body, have had challenges each year the budget passed. This last year, she did not vote for the budget. She put up a strong argument against a budget that was \$4,000,000 over projected revenues. And when that came to roost, we were misled by the Controller on a procedural matter. She won't say we, some of us were misled by the Controller on a procedural matter that was to sway the vote. Reducing the EDIT Fund was a great thing to do for the citizens, EDIT being Economic Development. While the government or the state gives us some leeway in what those dollars can be spent on, we here in Marion, Indiana are at a deficit for economic development and so we want dollars allocated for that, to be spent on economic development. Again, the transparency, her question would be why do you not want the bills to be public, to be on public record, to be transparent? Why would you not want that to happen? Why would you not want that to be public? There was a question asked of her, department heads, does she feel they're not spending the money wisely? Listen, you're not going to find her picking on department heads. There is an administration and a leadership that creates the system of how things are done. It's no secret that she's been vocal about wanting some of our dollars to be spent elsewhere. We have blight, we have trash in our city, we have a lot of potential for growth here in our city. We have low education, she shouldn't say low education, we have some challenges of education where we want our workforce and our staff to be prepared to receive companies so we can promote the growth of Marion. We have, in her opinion, a drug epidemic here in Marion. We are at extreme heights of mental health and so those things pick away at the character of our city. So where our money is being spent is important and it should be public, there should be public input on it, and when it can be considered, it should, it should all be a matter of record. Again, other cities have done it, Ft. Wayne, Muncie, she believes Kokomo, are a few of the cities she has talked to, to mention and so many more. Thank you for listening. Barring no further comments from the Council, she would entertain a motion to suspend the rules, Fouce said. Councilman David Cain said, Madam President? Fouce said, Councilman Cain. Cain said, Madam President, he moves that they suspend the rules on General Ordinance No. 4-2023. Councilman Cowgill seconded. Ms. Fouce said there's been a motion by Councilman Cain to suspend the rules on General Ordinance No. 4-2023, that motion was seconded by Councilman Cowgill. Does she have any questions? Barring no question, roll call please. The vote was then as follows: Aye: Stodghill-Weeks, Luzadder, Henderson, Cowgill, Cain, and Fouce. Nay: Cline. Mr. Cain then said, Madam President, and Fouce said, Councilman Cain. Cain said he moves that they pass General Ordinance No. 4-2023. Councilman Henderson seconded. Council President Fouce said it's been moved by Councilman Cain to pass General Ordinance No. 4-2023, seconded by Councilman Henderson. Does she have any questions? Barring no question, roll call please. Motion to pass carried by the following vote. Aye: Stodghill-Weeks, Luzadder, Henderson, Cowgill, Cain, and Fouce. Nay: Cline. Fouce said, thank you, General Ordinance No. 4-2023 has been passed.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 3-2023 2<sup>ND</sup> READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

The City Clerk read General Ordinance No. 3-2023 by title only, an Ordinance amending and restating Am. Ord. 6-2013 establishing the order of business at regular meetings of the Common Council and repealing all ordinances inconsistent therewith. Robin Fouce, Council President, told the Council Resolution 4-2023 (should have said General Ordinance 3-2023) is a resolution establishing the order of business so, since they did pass passing of the claims, that

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would change their order of business and so this is secondary ordinance and she would entertain any comment from Council. Barring no comment, she would entertain a motion to suspend..... Fouce was told this is a public hearing. Fouce said, pardon her for that. She would open the floor for public hearing. Please step to the podium, state your name and your address, stick to the topic of Resolution, she's sorry, General Ordinance 3-2023 with your agreement or disagreement for amending the order of business at the regular meetings. You have three minutes to speak and Attorney Harker will keep the time for them, if he would please. First speaker? Any public comment? Going once, going twice, going three times, this closes the public hearing for General Ordinance No. 3-2023. She would open up public comment from the Council at this time. Barring no public comment, pardon her, barring no comment from the Council, she will entertain a motion for suspension of the rules on General Ordinance 3-2023. Councilman Brian Cowgill said he would like to make a motion that they suspend the rules on General Ordinance No. 3-2023. Councilman David Cain seconded. Ms. Fouce said a motion has been made by Councilman Brian Cowgill, seconded by Councilman David Cain to suspend the rules on General Ordinance No. 3-2023. Barring any question, roll call please. The vote was as follows: Aye: Stodghill-Weeks, Luzadder, Henderson, Cowgill, Cain, and Fouce. Nay: Cline. Councilman Cowgill said, Madam President? Fouce said now she'll entertain a motion. Councilman Cowgill? Cowgill said he'd like to make a motion that they pass General Ordinance No. 3-2023. Councilman Cain seconded. Fouce said, motion has been made by Councilman Cowgill to pass General Ordinance No. 3-2023, seconded by Councilman Cain. Any question? Barring no question, roll call please. Motion carried by the following vote. Aye: Stodghill-Weeks, Luzadder, Henderson, Cowgill, Cain, and Fouce. Nay: Cline. Council President Fouce said General Ordinance No. 3-2023 passes, thank you.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2023

A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Marion authorizing an amendment of the Master Lease Agreement for the lease financing of equipment through the Indiana Bond Bank. (NOTE: This item of business was tabled to the Budget Committee.)

Council President Robin Fouce said this concludes their meeting, unless anyone has, on the Council has a comment or wants to announce anything in their fabulous neighborhoods. Being no response from the Council, Fouce said she would entertain a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Cain, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henderson, the meeting adjourned. Time being 7:46 p.m.