

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

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in regular session on Wednesday, the 3rd day of May, 2023, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, Council President Robin Fouce told the audience, for anyone that's not been here before, they have agendas at the front podium. If they would like an agenda, feel free to get up and grab an agenda. Again, she wants to thank everyone for being here. They just recently had an election and whatever side you found yourself on, hats off to all the individuals that participated. It's not an easy thing, it's a great sacrifice, and everyone, whether you were on the winning side or the other side, deserves a hand of praise for that. So, thank you guys for all participating in the electoral process.

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

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

Absent: Stodghill-Weeks.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of April 18, 2023 were presented. On a motion by Councilman David Cain, 2nd by Councilman Steve Henderson, the minutes were approved as presented by the following vote. Aye: Cline, Luzadder, Henderson, Cowgill, Cain, and Fouce. Nay: None. Abstain: Fordyce and Brunner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Brian Cowgill reported that he attended the Board of Works meeting on Monday and they had the hearing on or Janet Pearson spoke on two properties – 804 W. 3rd and 2825 S. Gallatin – both sold for \$800.00. And then they had a Phase 2 meeting on, there's 23 lots that they partnered with the Housing Authority and the other, he can't remember the other entity that went with them but they're going to build homes on these 23 lots and the homes are going to be rent to own, they're going to be between 1,100 and 1,200 square feet and he said they're going to sell for approximately \$180,000. So, that'll be good. We'll have the empty lots, get the tax revenue back on for the city so he thinks that's a positive thing. And then Code Enforcement, they spoke on the mowing bids for the empty lots that the city owns and everything. They only had one guy bid so they only have one bidder right now and his bid was a little higher than what they recently have been paying so Mr. Foustnight's department, they're kind of going over that and discussing that. They also talked about, he's sure Mr. Foustnight will be coming to the Council on, they're wanting to, because last year they had two bidders. Both of them, within a month or so, quit so that's why they, the lots got out of hand last year. They didn't have anybody to mow them. So, Jerry came up with a great idea that they're going to look at hiring a couple of part-time college guys, high school kids, whatever. One will work Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and the other will work Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, correct? He's owned a mowing crew for 26 years. What their plan is is those guys are going to be strictly for mowing lots. Between the inmate crew and them, that's going to be the most efficient way and the most economic way to get these lots taken care of. That will help with blight. He thinks that's a great idea that they did that so that's what Code Enforcement had to talk about. And they had then the payment of the bills was for \$678,085. There was no questions or comments from the public or anything and then they adjourned after that, Cowgill said. Council President Robin Fouce said, thank you Councilman. Do we have any further committee reports? Being no response from the Council, Fouce said okay, she'd like to report on a couple of things. The Grant County Economic Growth Council recently had their annual Investor Appreciation at the Firewater Mill, very nice interaction and it awards community investment in the county, community county investments. So, that was attended. Recently, there was a Community Leadership Training. She had the opportunity to attend and it talked about how we, as a community and a county, can collaborate and work together for the betterment of our cities that we live in within Grant County. That was held at the Matter Park, very nice, informative, interactive session with community leadership and it's always a good opportunity when you get together and discuss how you can collaborate for a better community. So, had a good time attending that. She will be, oh Afena Credit Union will have their grand opening on April 16th, May 16th, pardon her, at she believes 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. at the new building. She thinks they're up and ready to go now out there and they'll be having that celebration. They want to invite the Council, the city, and the citizens for that celebration so she wanted to bring that up. As well, due to the election, they have several committee meetings here as a Council that will need to convene here in the next week and address all the important matters that they have before them so she wanted everybody to be

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prepared for that. They'll be getting those notices sent out. Currently, they have an Executive Session scheduled for May 16th at 6:00 p.m. Also, there is a Compliance Meeting on May 9th at 6:00 p.m. They are nearing that deadline for processing compliance CF-1 forms. Councilman Cain's done a great job in chairing that committee and this meeting on the 9th is right before the deadline, which she believes is the 14th? Councilman David Cain told her it's the 15th. Fouce said, the 15th so they want to be mindful, if you have a tax abatement with us, compliance is that you submit that CF-1 form. So she wanted to be mindful of that. The Redevelopment Commission met this morning and she's happy to report, with the property, the old Thomson Consumer building, they are close to getting that property transfer done and a few more steps, hopefully looking to get that completed within the next week so she's happy to report that. She thinks that concludes her committee report. Do they have any further reports? Thank you. They'll move on to their Monthly Neighborhood Spotlight, Fouce said.

NEIGHBORHOOD MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT: Council President Robin Fouce said she's happy to have Mario with Tiger Martial Arts Fitness Academy to join them and talk about what they're doing. Please step to the podium and push the red button and show them his light. Mario told the Council, hey thank you guys so much for giving him this opportunity and he really just wants to say thank you to Robin. She's the one that kind of, he got connected to first to give him an opportunity to come and speak to you guys. So, like she said, his name is Mario. His last name is actually pronounced (inaudible) but you can say Rangel. That's the way it's been pronounced since he can remember. He does run and own Tiger Martial Arts Fitness Academy and he's here today to tell them kind of like who they are, what they're doing, and why the heck he's here. So, hang with him just for a second. He's been training, actually he grew up and was born and raised here in Marion, Indiana and attended Marion High School. He graduated in 1993 and he went on to the United States Navy, spent four years in the Navy. Come out of the Navy and now he works at Indiana Wesleyan where he holds two degrees there. He's also the Executive Director for Diversity and Inclusion at Indiana Wesleyan University as well. So he's got his hands really, really full but he's also had this passion, Robin, of Tiger Martial Arts Fitness Academy and you would think, at first, when he was growing up, his dad was the real tough guy. They may have heard of his nephew, Lorenzo Trevino. He's three fights away from getting a UFC contract. He's not on that level. What he's trying to do is make an impact on young people, that's what they're trying to do. He's been training in martial arts for 40 years now, 40 years, and he's watched as the competition has come and gone and one thing that has been consistent is young people's lives are being changed and that's why he's here today to talk to them just a little bit about that. They were originally known as Mudakwon (sp?), Mudakwon Martial Arts, which is one of the seven original Korean arts that came from Korea, (inaudible) was their instructor, which later turned into Tiger Tae Kwon Do. Does anybody remember Tiger Tae Kwon Do? And then when he took over in 2014, they changed the name to Tiger Martial Arts Fitness Academy because they also do fitness out of there, they do personal training out of there, they do Brazilian Jujitsu and they also do Tae Kwon Do. So, they do some kickboxing too on the weekends just for fun. In 2014, his sister, who also graduated from here, graduated from Marion High School, she got caught up in the wrong crowd and she passed away of a heroin overdose and he remembers, it was right on the by-pass, there was an old hotel there where she was drug out and put into the middle of the room and his dad took that hit and he also went through a divorce at that time in 2014. And he was going into the academy and started noticing that it really was going downhill and it was going downhill fast. And that was a part that he grew up, he grew up, his son grew up training, Curtis Rangel, he grew up training as well. And he looked at his dad and his dad said I just can't do it anymore and he said Dad, there's too much (inaudible). I've seen too many kids come off the street, right, we give them an opportunity and their lives have been changed. Number one, there's a guy out there, his name is Chris Garza, he's his godson now, he came in and rode his bike and got a free lesson and now he's never went home since. He's ranked #5 in the nation right now, but more importantly, he's ranked #1 with his character. It's truly changed him because of the people that he's been around. They're doing something here in the City of Marion. They're doing something just right across, the train that he got stuck by just a minute ago, they're doing something right across the street. Right? They teach people from three, four years old all the way up to, they've got a guy who has a disability, he's blind, Jeff Claxon, he's not sure if they know who Jeff Claxon is but he trains under him as well. One of the greatest things that he's been able to do is work with him. Right? He's noticed, here's what he's getting at, the problem, the problem that we're finding solutions to. He's noticed with kids lately, there has been some major issues that we didn't have to deal with when we were younger. Right now they say the average time that a kid spends on a phone is nearly seven hours a day, seven

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hours a day. By the time a young man becomes 21 years old, they spend about 10,000 hours on a video game. Now he knows that he's put in over 10,000 hours on the mat and it's given him the title of Master in Tae Kwon Do 6th Degree and it took a lot of effort and it had to be intentional and it had to be purposeful but what he seeing now is there's a younger generation that is allowing the influence of media, Netflix binging, phones, all this other stuff that has infiltrated their mind and it's creating to where they can't concentrate. They can't focus. They can't sit still and have patience. So some of the things that they're doing in Tiger is they take time out for them to really breathe and focus on their breathing. What do you hear around you? If you're real quiet here for a second, he can hear the fans, he can hear people moving. We don't take time to do that anymore but that's one of the things they're teaching them. Self-control, work ethic and resilience. One of the things he prides himself on, and sorry he's getting passionate about this but he really believes it, he doesn't hand out a belt. His daughter, who is 17 years old, has been training since she could walk, just earned her black belt this month and she's ranked 5 in the nation. And why does he do that? Because he doesn't want to minimize the work that they put in by giving them something. They make them work hard, instilling that resilience back into these young people. They're developing confidence. He can't tell them how many times he's watched little kids walk in and they won't even look at him. They're sitting behind their mom and dad, going like this, or they're pulling on their mom's purse because they want their phone, instead of getting out and kicking a bag. But once they get them out there and they start feeling the energy from the rest of the students, they soon adopt that type of behavior. He's seeing anxiety and depression at an all time high, right? Anxiety is so high and he thinks a lot of that has to do because they don't realize who they are in themselves. They haven't been through anything. He watched his dad one time, there was this kid, he went to go break a board and he could not put his foot through this board and his dad said no and he's (Mario) like we're going to get sued, right? Dad said kick it again, kick it again, kick it again, and this kid, (inaudible) said switch feet, kick it again, kick it again, and he's like yeah Dad, I grew up that way but you can't do that to the neighborhood kid. But when that kid broke that board and everybody jumps up and he's got tears, it was like we just taught them great resilience, all these things. Now, he didn't plan on this happening, Robin, but now they have 125 students that are in Tiger Martial Arts, 125 students. They had to do mentor programs. They're doing sponsorships because kids want to come in but they can't afford it. They're saying well you're going to do something. Some kids, they've given them jobs. One girl, her sister was hit and killed in a car wreck, her dad found out she had cancer and now a tornado had hit her house. They gave her a job to work at the desk. She's being affected. There's things that are happening there and his prayer was super powerful, sir. He can't tell them how many prayer chapel services they've had in the office there for some of the people that attend. So why is he here? First and foremost, he wanted somebody to be aware of something good that's happening in the city where you can send somebody down there. That's number one. Come see it, come try out a class, send your grandkids to come try out a class, something. Right? He feels like they've got something that's there. And he's not trying to replace the Girls and Boys Club, he's not trying to replace some of the other things we have going on but what he's trying to do is say he also, number two, need their support. He needs their support because they're training people how to coach people, not the art. Now, they're looking to add on, right, they're looking to add on. They're looking for sponsors. They're looking for people who want to pour into something where kids, there's more space for the kids. They also, they're looking at, they're at 425 E. 4th Street, so just right, literally right across the street here, right across the railroad tracks. On the south side of that, he doesn't know who owns that empty lot there that used to be a photography place but they would love to be able to put gravel there so they have extra parking where their instructors can park and can also be an overflow for some of the city events and then also like when they do the fireworks or whatnot. So that's something else that he'd like to put out there too. If they are interested in sponsoring a child, they can get with him. He can give them his information. But he wants to leave them with this. This is his life motto and this is the last thing he has to say. His life motto is this: I never want to try to be extraordinary but I want to do the ordinary things extra. So what he wants to do is do the things like pour into these little boppers, pour into these little kids, give somebody a chance. So if they would partner with him, he would love that. Thank you for this opportunity, Rangel said. Ms. Fouce said, thank you Mario. Does anyone on the Council have a comment for Mr. Mario? Councilman? Councilman Mike Cline said he wants to second what he said about sending grandkids there. Their little grandson has taken lessons there, loved it, learned a lot. He talked about breathing and he also talked about how you guys teach respect. So, well done, at least with the four year olds, and thank you, Cline said. Fouce said, Councilman Cowgill? Councilman Brian Cowgill said, you know, he

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talked about Councilman Luzadder's prayer was powerful. What he just did was powerful. He's talked many a time on this Council about, you know, the phones and stuff, that's just killing us. Kids don't get out and play sports like they used to. He very much appreciates what he's doing there. That's great. Yeah, he'd like to get with him on sponsoring a child because that's..... Now, they do all ages? Mr. Rangel said, yes sir. They've got a bitties program to where they come in and they do like, it's like three to four to five and it's like a six week program and then there's Little Tigers that starts at five years old and that goes five to eight and then they've got nine to 12 and then they've got 13 and up. And then they've also got Jujitsu programs and whatnot. And he'd like to say this too, like his dad was the tough guy, he was the guy that tried to hide his stuff because he was afraid he was going to get beat up in class and one of the things they try to do is say, they welcome people in to say you may be weak, you may be scared, you may lack confidence, that's who he wants because give them some time and it really does change people, Rangel said. Cowgill said, that's awesome. Do they do adults too? Rangel said, yes sir. Yeah, actually he was running over here because he was just teaching his adults. Cowgill said, so you could have a middle-aged guy that wants to, because Councilman Cain's looking for that. Rangel said, come on in, come on in. Cowgill told Rangel he'll get with him, seriously. Rangel said, yes sir, yes sir. Would they like him to leave his number up here? Would that be okay? Cowgill said, or cards, if he's got cards, whatever. Rangel said, cards, okay, sounds good, thank you. Fouce asked, are there any other comments for Mr. Rangel? Thank you for coming today, Fouce said. They can move on to Unfinished Business, thank you.

UNFINISHED BUSINESSGENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 4-2023 – VOTE TO OVERRIDE MAYOR ALUMBAUGH'S VETO

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. Council President Robin Fouce told the Council the ordinance proposed, General Ordinance 4-2023, was vetoed on the 27th. She believes everyone got a copy of that signed veto from the mayor. So today, based on all of their conversations, she'll open up the floor for any discussion from any of the Council members and then they will take a vote on the override for this veto. Any discussion? Going once. Any questions? Going twice. Councilman Mike Cline said, just a point of order. Explain before the vote what a "yes" vote does and what a "no" vote does, if she doesn't mind. He knows it depends on the motion but just to make it clear, if she would, when they get that far. Ms. Fouce told Cline, well he's exactly right, it does depend on the motion so when they get the motion, they'll explain what those are. But it depends on the motion that's made. So, barring no further comment, she will entertain a motion to override 4-2023 veto. Councilman David Cain said, Madam President, he moves that they pass General Ordinance No. 4-2023 to override the mayor's veto, Councilman Brian Cowgill seconded. Cain said, so to explain that, a "yes" vote will override the veto. Fouce said, so thank you for the motion, and the second, to override..... Thank you for the motion and the second to override the veto. Councilman Jim Brunner said, question, question. Fouce said, yes? Brunner said he has heard everything from the fact that, if this passes, they'll be spending about four minutes a meeting doing what our job is and he's heard other people say it will take four hours. Can she, Madam President, elaborate on that, Brunner asked? Fouce told Brunner, thank you Councilman for that question, it's a good question. She doesn't know of anything that we've done that takes four hours and so she thinks whoever's made that suggestion is kind of misinforming him. Certainly, we'll get this, copy, she anticipates and it is our responsibility, as a group, as a Council, to look over those. When they get to the meeting, they will do that, do it just like they're doing this process. Put any questions they have on record, approve or not approve, and they'll move forward and she says that in general. Is she answering his question with that, Fouce asked Brunner? Brunner said, yes, and would they, they would be receiving anything that someone wants to discuss at the meeting? Is that the procedure? Fouce asked, when he says "wants to discuss", help her with that. Brunner said, well in other words, are they just going to take every one line item by line item and go over them? Explain this to himself and the general public out here, Brunner said. Fouce said, no, they will, as a Council, get that, just like they got all these other things, the ordinances, like they get their Council packet, they'll receive the bill packet. They'll review those, hopefully like you do your Council packet, and when they get to session or meeting, their regularly scheduled Council meeting, if there are any questions, they want to put those on record but they would process that timely, just like they're

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doing this veto, if she's answering his question. Council attorney Martin Harker said, he can assist with that, Madam President. With regard to going through them one by one, no, there's going to be a procedure to where if they are set bills that are automatically required to be paid, those will be pre-approved and so the only thing subject for discussion will be everything but those. And (inaudible), as it's been discussed at these meetings, the Board of Works approved these bills in a very (inaudible) fashion so he doesn't know how that anything is going to take up much more time than what they (inaudible) but if it does, fine. But four hours, no. He thinks that this is, the two ordinances put together specify the pre-approval process to where those will just go through quickly and so there's not going to be much that isn't covered by those, Harker said. Ms. Fouce said, thank you. Any further questions? Mr. Brunner said, thank you. Fouce said, you're very welcome. They have a motion on the floor to pass General Ordinance 4-2023 and veto, or override the veto. A "yes" vote would override the veto, a "no" vote would not override the veto. Is everyone clear on that? Barring no further question, roll call please. The vote was as follows: Aye: Luzadder, Henderson, Brunner, Cowgill, Cain, and Fouce. Nay: Fordyce and Cline. Fouce said, okay that veto override passed 6 to 2.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 3-2023 – VOTE TO OVERRIDE MAYOR ALUMBAUGH'S VETO

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. Council President Robin Fouce said, thank you. They have before them the proposal to override the veto for General Ordinance No. 3-2023 and she'll entertain, open the floor for any questions of the Council members. Do they have any questions? Barring no question, she will entertain a motion. Councilman David Cain said, Madam President, he moves that they pass General Ordinance No. 3-2023. Here again, a "yes" vote will override. Councilman Brian Cowgill seconded. Fouce said it's been moved and seconded to pass General Ordinance, override the veto for General Ordinance No. 3-2023. Is there any question? Barring no question, roll call please. The vote was as follows: Aye: Luzadder, Henderson, Brunner, Cowgill, Cain, and Fouce. Nay: Fordyce and Cline. Ms. Fouce said, thank you, those ordinances are overridden and passed 6 to 2 so she'll be in touch with everybody about any questions they may have just in that transition and they will assume their responsibilities regarding those ordinances. She encourages everyone to go back and read those ordinances. It talks about how the agenda will change. It's not a big change but there is a change so it's helpful if they're aware of that. As well, to read the ordinance talking about which bills are already approved and she's not going to probably say the right name for them but there are bills that are regular maintenance bills that they will pay and there are other bills that we will approve them to pay and what falls in those categories. This is a great opportunity for the fiscal body to learn more and to be more involved and she is appreciative that we are stepping up and taking that on. Thanks to the Board of Works for the work they've done. It is no diminishment of them, however, it does speak to our responsibility and we have a good opportunity to manage better going into budget season. So thank you all for that, Fouce said.

NEW BUSINESS

STEVEN GIDLEY REQUEST TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS A COLLABORATION WITH IWU ATHLETICS, THE 2023 NAIA TRACK & FIELD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND THE CITY OF MARION – Council President Robin Fouce said, good afternoon. Please state your name and tell them why he is displeasing them with his presence today. Steven Gidley told the Council he's the Associate Athletic Director at Indiana Wesleyan University for External Operations. He wanted to thank them for allowing him to take a moment today to share with them about a special event that they have the opportunity, as a community, to host the next three years and that's the NAIA Track and Field Outdoor National Championships. As they know, they hosted that in the past for four years and then it went away and sometimes those things go away because of either partnerships or funding or some different things and it went to Gulf Shores, Alabama and they've had the privilege to work not only with the county already on a grant in process with them but also the state. And so he wants to spend a moment today to share about this event and answer any questions. He sent over kind of a letter from their Athletic Director as well as the financials of the event and some additional details about how money is spent within that event. But the key dates are May 21st through the 27th of this month. They will welcome over 2,000 people to the campus of Indiana Wesleyan and what makes their

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event unique is, as they know, they don't have hotel space in Grant County to house that many people and so they have the opportunity with their university to house those individuals on campus and to create an Olympic-style village to really give those athletes a different opportunity than other locations have in the past. And so, for instance, if they were to go to Sioux Falls, South Dakota for indoor, they actually have to drive 50 minutes to even participate for their athletes so they're really, really excited about that opportunity. It also allows for a higher fiscal spend within our capacity and within the county because they are housing those individuals on campus, they are able to retain the money and the taxes that are paid on those rooms in our county and within our city. And so that's a really, really unique opportunity where Gulf Shores, it's spread out between three to four different locations. So that event, athletes will arrive on Sunday and Monday and then they will start participating on Wednesday. On Tuesday, they have the privilege of hosting a unified sports event for all Grant County schools which is another great way that they've chosen to partner in Grant County and make sure that they are doing everything they can to invite those individuals. So, Indiana Special Olympics has come (inaudible) and then Brooks Running, a national partnership for running, has come along to support that. And that event, like he said, will feature about 400 unified sports athletes on that Tuesday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and an additional 100 preschoolers from the Marion Giants Preschool. So that's going to be a really, really unique event where athletes from around the country will come and serve and volunteer during that event as a giveback. And then later that evening, they're required to do what's called a student-athlete experience and as they know, 1,700 people in Grant County, there isn't really a lot of places to take 1,700 people. They've got a wonderful place downtown that just opened and they'll be using that for some different things but they decided to go with the unique opportunity of dinner and a movie and so they've partnered with six local businesses to provide dinner that evening at AMC Movie Theaters and they've rented the entire movie theater to provide a dinner and a movie experience and being able to continue to keep the money that they're spending inside the county and inside, most importantly, the city. And so, to breakdown just some overviews of the event and what a partnership and commitment from the city would look like is they're asking that the commitment be matched the same as the county. The county has put forth \$15,000 towards this event and that money used, frankly, is to maintain the event so they can keep it for years to come. And why is that important? There's a \$1,500,000 opportunity that they have in front of them for years to come. They can keep this event in Marion and continue to put that money into our economy, into our local businesses, and most importantly into our small businesses. They've chosen to partner with these different companies because it's important to continue to maintain those small businesses and he'll give them an example. The very first year that they hosted this, Meijer had just been built, if they remember back that far. Within the first day, Meijer had completely sold out of all of their fruit, the entire store was sold out and bought. And as you continue to travel, they've partnered with Needler's here in town, as well, to get the messaging out and they're already working with a lot of our local businesses within our coaches' packets to maintain and spend that money here. But it's a \$1,500,000 opportunity for this community for us to sustain it over a period of time. And so, if they look at the breakdowns of the financials and they can see the amount of money being sent, projected revenue, down to that of basically \$40,000 idea to play with because they're still needing volunteers. If not, they have to pay those people to work the event. There's obviously repairs and some different things in there but most importantly it's a financial commitment from the city to keep that event in our community and allow our community to receive those amazing benefits of hosting the largest national championship in the country at any level. Do they have any questions, Gidley asked? Council President Fouce said, thank you, Steven, for his presentation and the information. She would like to see if any of the other Councilmen have any comment or any questions for this gentleman? Councilman Cowgill? Councilman Brian Cowgill told Mr. Gidley, so he's saying that projected revenue is \$40,000? Gidley told Cowgill, projected revenue is around \$70,000 but there's a \$40,000 threshold of expenses that they may have to incur if they're not able to meet some of those different things so it's really a net \$30,000 positive. But when you look at hosting a large scale event and the maintenance of that, for instance their hurdles are \$70,000 replacement on hurdles and that's a cost that's going to come up within the next three years and over the life of this. Without a partnership from UCS which they received this year (inaudible), they would have had about a \$60,000 expense just on equipment for the event. Councilman Steve Henderson said, once they get this program up and running, are they going to continue to keep those funds rolling back into this program or excess is going to go somewhere else? Gidley told Henderson, no sir. The money that's used, we'll continue to maintain the track and field facilities at Indiana Wesleyan University. And so they've got one of the

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premier indoor spaces in the country that is used in the event of weather and so that's a facility that they'll have to continue to maintain as well, as well as the different track surfaces. Their track today, you can drive out (inaudible) is resurfacing that but it's an 18 year old resurface and so they're working with the state currently on some funding to maintain this and their goal is to keep this for years to come so it can be a catalyst and a revenue catalyst for this community. He does also want to note, he doesn't like to be this blunt but he takes great pride, they've spent 90% of the money that's being spent on this is staying right here in Grant County. If we had a tent manufacturer that could bring in 60 tents, they would have spent the money there. But outside of that, the money's being spent right here in Grant County. Councilman Jim Brunner said, Mr. Gidley, again, he had mentioned that the county has already delivered \$15,000? Gidley said, yes sir. Councilman David Cain said he has been somewhat affiliated with IWU over the years. His wife, Deborah, had worked there for 19 years herself. This is a top notch facility, not only for education but one of a kind as far as athletics. The coaches are top notch, the Athletic Directors and so forth, wonderful, Christian men that have great influence over their students and their athletes so he just wanted to share that information that if no one's visited IWU, to their facilities, they need to take a tour, they need to visit the track and field facilities, the baseball field, the soccer fields, the new football stadium. He and Deb enjoy going to the basketball games, wonderful, wonderful atmosphere and it's a great time. It's a great family time. You can take the kids or grandkids and visit, enjoy the games. Mr. Brunner can share with them, he does a lot of the basketball games, a lot of the football games and so he has a great history with IWU. So, it's a great facility. Thank you, Madam President, Cain said. Ms. Fouce said, thank you, councilman. When she saw this on the agenda, her first notion was to table it. She called Mr. Gidley and talked about, got an understanding of what it was he was proposing but, for any expenditure to come through the Council, it has to be originated, for this in particular, from the administration. And so, would he share with them, has he spoken with the administration about this and what has that result been, if any? Gidley said, yeah, he has spoken with Mr., he guessed does he call him Mayor Alumbaugh, he calls him Jess just because he loves him but he's spoken with Mayor Alumbaugh about this and he's 100% in support, based upon the sheer value of a \$15,000 investment into the community with a \$1,500,000 return. And that's an estimation. As they can see on this, he believes it can be even greater within our community, just from the sheer that they've decided to, in a lot of cases, keep that locally. So he's met with him he believes on two occasions to discuss this and he is in full support of this. Fouce said, so, from the seat she sits in, support of it would be implicated in an ordinance coming before the Council, that official process happening, whether there will be an appropriation or an ordinance coming before the Council for approval of that expenditure. And so, they have yet to receive that. She's not sure if the mayor wants to speak on it or not, he doesn't have to but they need that from him before they can take an action. Correct her if she's wrong, anyone, and so, good if he's in support of it. The official piece of it would be that they get that from the administration. They did not receive that so she's not sure if there's an intention on that. She does want to say, as she shared with him, listen, she's a sportswoman and she loves track and field as well. She watches track and field and all other sports. That it would be live here in our community and that their kids would have that opportunity and just the whole community would have that experience is a great opportunity. However, there's a business side to it and this is public dollars that they would spend. She certainly thinks there should be collaboration and partnerships. Is this one? They'd have to look at the proposal that, if they receive that from the mayor, and then they would look at it from there. Does anyone else have any comment regarding this? She really thanks him for his time and thank him for letting them know about it. Everybody mark their calendars for that day and if they receive something from the administration, they would be happy to look at it and have it on their agenda, Fouce said. Mr. Gidley said, thank you so much. Fouce told Gidley, thank you so much. Gidley said, and then just one further thing to add, Mr. Cowgill, he'd be more than happy to go in on a sponsorship if they can get it to go support Jim Brunner over there at Tiger Academy. So, just let him know, Mario's got his information, he'll go in half and they'll get him signed up for some classes. Thank you, guys, Gidley said.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 8-2023 1ST READING

The City Clerk read Appropriation Ordinance No. 8-2023 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. From the General Fund to City Hall Building & Landscaping the amount of \$72,000. Council President Robin Fouce told the

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Council Julie Flores is out due to a family matter so they want to send their prayers to the Flores Family. She told David Slusher, thank you and please engrace them with his proposal today. David Slusher, Building and Grounds Manager, told the Council, hello everyone. He hopes everyone's comfortable, warm, cool, enough lights, electricity, everything's good. Well, you know, he's here because he's asking for their roof to be repaired out here. Everybody that comes in can see the buckets sitting out here so he's asking to get that repaired and replaced. He talked to his two predecessors, Robbie and Terry. This roof has been patched and patched and they've spent thousands of dollars. It needs to be fixed. So, they've got a proposal here from Kingdom, they've given them the best deal. He's had multiple people here to come and give them quotes and they've stepped up with the price and what they can do for us. Then the repairs on the inside, they've had Bowman, the guys around Marion, you know Bowman. They've had JG Bowers. Bowmans has really given them a nice price. So he'd like to put this together and see if he can get this fixed, please, Slusher said. Fouce asked, so is she correct, the (inaudible) total proposal was \$7,990 and then what is the roof quote? Slusher said, the roof is \$63,891. Fouce said, and Kingdom Roofing gave him the best? There were three quotes for that, one is \$63,891.10, one at \$70,677, and one at Weaver's Roofing for \$92,000. Slusher said, correct. Fouce said the warranty is different on all of those so the pricing with Kingdom and the warranty would be a local contactor with the pricing and a 15-year warranty. Talk about for them, if he would, she thinks he describes it well here, just verbalize for them what he's been experiencing with the roofing internally and externally. Slusher said, well, externally, they have the original roof. It's 40 years. This is the original roof they have on here. Now, they redid the Police Department in, he wants to say '04, '06, and they have no issues there. It's just above here. They've got the old rock on top of the rubber roof and after years, it just kind of, when it freezes and it dries up and it cracks, around their skylights, if you've had skylights, you get a lot of roofs, well, when it freezes and repairs, that's just where the damage has been. They've got other places that they've patched and patched but you can see where the damage is. Fouce said, thank you. She, for one, listen, we have buckets in City Hall, catching the rain during inclement weather and that is not acceptable for the City of Marion, the employees, and how we do things around here. So she's grateful that we have taken the opportunity to get these quotes. She will open the floor for any questions regarding this matter, any questions or comments from the Council. Councilman Cline? Councilman Mike Cline said, thank you. He's got no issue with the repairs being needed. He's just, he's curious, beyond price, what specifically led him to choose Bowman and to choose Kingdom? Mr. Slusher told Cline, well he chose Kingdom because they've had (inaudible) out of Muncie, they had Weaver come from Kokomo, he even called another one, Sheriff-Goslin, they couldn't even do it. So, Kingdom came in, it's also a company here in Marion that they're getting and he said you know what, I want to do this for Marion, I want to do you a good deal. I'll give you 15 years and we'll give you this price. JG Bowers and Bowman, Bowman has the equipment to come in and do it. That's why their price is like this. JG Bowers, they've got to go rent the equipment and do the stuff. Bowers hasn't. And another, Bowman is right here in Marion. They've been in Marion for years. Cline said, so he did read the bids right, good. Slusher told Cline, yes he did, yep. Fouce said, Councilman Cowgill? Councilman Brian Cowgill asked, are they going to do the repair, is it going to be the same style roofing or are they doing a different? Slusher said they're going to do different. It's a dura-last. It's almost like a rubber. He can't even rip it. It's going to be white. They can get brown, white, whatever color, but white, it kind of keeps the energy down in the summer. It helps keep the building a lot cooler so it also saves with the energy. And they'll have certain areas that they can walk because there are drains on the roof that they have to go up and service, vent fans they've got to change, belts and stuff like that. Cowgill asked, will it be the rock on there too or just that? Slusher said, nope, just that. And then he wants to actually use some of that rock, if they're ever out front, you see that pit. He'd like to use some of that gravel, clean all that up and put some gravel down there, so it's kind of killing two birds with one stone. Cowgill said, good. He agrees with Councilman Cline. He means, this has got to be done. Thank you for going and getting all this taken care of. Fouce asked, any further comment? Councilman David Cain said, Madam President? Fouce said, yes. Cain said, not a question but certainly a comment. He's a little bit familiar with that type of roof. In fact, several years ago, they had that roof installed on a warehouse at a place where he works and literally, it took their warehouse temperatures, and he's not exaggerating, probably at least reduced those temperatures inside the warehouse at least 20 degrees in the summertime, if not more. Unbelievable. It's a white roof, it reflects the heat. They've not had any, any issues whatsoever with that roof. It's a great install. And thank you for addressing this. What they don't want to happen is prolong this and keep patching, keep having leaks, and then all of

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the sudden, wake up one day and have a sick building that's full of mold that nobody can work in. The county has experienced this time and time and time again because they don't put money towards their maintenance. So, thank you for addressing this, Mr. Slusher. Mayor, thank you for addressing this. They certainly want to protect the taxpayers' assets here and keep this building as a healthy building. Thank you, Cain said. Ms. Fouce said, thank you. Any further question or comment? She did want to make note, initially, she's in her learning phase of things and felt this should have gone before the Board of Works but there is a finance threshold or dollar threshold that this falls under which allows this to come directly to the Council for their consideration. And so, they have the mayor here today. Since Controller Flores is not here, mayor, would he want to make comment? He doesn't have to but if he wants to make comment on this, they welcome that. Mayor of Marion Jess Alumbaugh said, he just agrees with what they have said. They need to get it fixed now because it'll only cost more (inaudible) put it off. Fouce said, thank you. Slusher said, he did talk to Mr. Young the other day and what's real nice about this, having Kingdom here, if they do have an issue, they'll probably be here within 20 minutes, which is a super deal. Now, if they keep waiting, they know what materials are going to be like, he's already given them this price so if they don't wait another month, three months, that price could be going up. Fouce said, thank you. Barring any further question or comment..... One of the Council members asked can this pass in one? City Clerk Kathleen Kiley said it's got to have a public hearing. Cowgill said they can suspend the rules on the second hearing though, right? Kiley said, yeah, they can suspend the rules at the public, at the next meeting and pass it, yes. Ms. Fouce said, so, again, thank you, Mr. Slusher, they appreciate all that he does and they want to take this under consideration. He's welcome to have a seat. Barring no further discussion, this is the first reading for Appropriation Ordinance 8-2023 to be facilitated out of the General Fund, \$72,000 for roof repair and she'll entertain a motion regarding such. Councilman Cowgill said he would make a motion that they pass General Ordinance No. 8-2023 on to 2nd reading and public hearing. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jim Brunner. Councilman Gary Fordyce said it's an appropriation, not a general ordinance. Cowgill said, okay, sorry, pass Appropriation Ordinance 8-2023 on to 2nd reading and public hearing. Mr. Brunner seconded. Fouce said it's been motioned to pass this General Ordinance No., Appropriation Ordinance No. 8-2023 to 2nd reading and public hearing by Councilman Cowgill, seconded by Councilman Brunner. Barring no further discussion, roll call please. Motion carried by the following vote. Aye: Fordyce, Cline, Luzadder, Henderson, Brunner, Cowgill, Cain, and Fouce. Nay: None.

Council President Robin Fouce told the Council she will be in touch in the next day to schedule the committee meetings that they need so everyone please get ready. They will try to get everything heard before them and prepare for their 16th Executive Session, as well as their meeting on that day. But they will catch up with their committee meetings. Is there any question or concerns regarding such? She is thankful for everyone that participated today, thankful for the great things they have ahead and she will entertain a motion for adjournment. On a motion by Luzadder, 2nd by Cain, the meeting adjourned. Time being 7:58 p.m.