

SPECIAL MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – JANUARY 2, 2019 – 6:45 P.M., CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in special session on Wednesday, the 2nd day of January, 2019 at the hour of 6:45 pm 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: Miller, Homer, Cain, Henderson, Johnson, Batchelor and Luzadder.

Absent: Smith and Brunner. (NOTE: Councilman Smith came in at 6:53 pm)

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE MARION COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2019 – Council President Brad Luzadder said, as they have done in the past, election of President will be first and they'll open the floor up for nominations for President. Both Councilwoman Deb Cain and Councilman Don Batchelor said, Mr. President. Luzadder asked Mr. Stephenson who does he call on first. Council attorney Phil Stephenson told Luzadder, it's up to him as the Chairman which one he's going to call on first. Luzadder called on Mrs. Cain. Cain said she'd like to nominate Alan Miller. Mr. Batchelor said he would like to nominate Brad Luzadder as President. Luzadder asked, is there anyone else? Motion was then made by Batchelor that the nominations be closed. Luzadder said, okay, we'll call for the nominations to be closed. Our procedure would then be to vote on the first nomination first and if it garners the votes, he'll become President. If it doesn't, we'll vote on the second nomination. The vote for Miller was as follows: Miller – abstain, Homer – yes, Cain – yes, Henderson – yes, Johnson – yes, Batchelor – no, Luzadder – abstain. City Clerk Kathleen Kiley said the vote was four in favor, one against, two abstentions. Luzadder said, so Mr. Miller becomes President and he turned the meeting over to Miller. Newly elected Council President Alan Miller told Luzadder he's sure his fellow Council members join him in expressing their appreciation for his leadership. He can't ever remember a year on the Council that had more committee work than this past year and not that he wasn't responsible for all of it but he sure participated in all of it. Made some great accomplishments with some of the resolutions, some of the things they did to move the city forward. It was an honor to be part of the Council under his leadership. Miller told the Council his first item of business is the election of a Vice-President of the Council so he would open the floor for nominations for Council Vice-President. Councilman Dave Homer said he would nominate Councilwoman Deb Cain. Councilman Batchelor said he would recommend for Vice-President Lynn Johnson. Miller stated, alright, Lynn Johnson has been nominated. We've got Councilwoman Cain, Councilwoman Johnson. Are there others? Councilman Luzadder said he makes a recommendation that they close the nominations. Second on closing the nominations was given by Councilman Homer and the vote was as follows: Aye: Luzadder, Homer, Cain, Henderson, Johnson, Batchelor, Miller. Nay: None. Miller told Mrs. Kiley she may now call the roll for voting for Councilwoman Cain for Vice-President of the Council, which was as follows: Luzadder – aye, Homer – aye, Cain – abstain, Henderson – aye, Johnson – abstain, Batchelor – no, Miller – aye. Miller said, if he might interrupt the process, since Mr. Smith has arrived. Mrs. Kiley said she didn't call on him because he wouldn't know what he was voting on. She saw him walk in. Miller asked, well, what is the vote? Kiley replied, it is four in favor, one against, two abstentions. Miller said he believes Mr. Smith is entitled to vote after he explains to him what we were voting on. He told Smith he has been elected President of the Council. They are now voting, two people nominated for Council Vice-President, Councilwoman Cain and Councilwoman Johnson, and they just voted on Mrs. Cain. So he would have a vote, either yes or no, on Mrs. Cain. Smith asked, okay, so it's between Mrs. Johnson and Mrs..... Miller said, correct but they're voting on Mrs. Cain and should that fail then they would vote, take a vote on Mrs. Johnson and the vote was four.....? Kiley said, four in favor, two abstentions and one against. Miller said, okay, so the vote is four, two and one, in favor. Councilwoman Johnson asked, how could that happen? Councilman Brad Luzadder said Mrs. Johnson abstained. Councilwoman Johnson said, that's not the correct. Kiley told Johnson she abstained too. Johnson stated, no, there were two abstentions and two votes in favor and a third vote in favor so there's..... Mrs. Kiley said she has four in favor. Deputy Clerk Debbie Goodman said she had four in favor too. Johnson asked, who's the fourth one? Kiley and Goodman said they had Miller, Homer, Henderson and Luzadder. Councilman Homer said, since he's (Smith) been called into the equation here, can they just take a re-vote? Miller said, sure. Just so they fully understand, again, this vote is on Mrs. Cain and the vote was then as follows: Luzadder – aye, Homer – aye, Smith – abstain, Cain – abstain, Henderson – aye, Johnson – abstain, Batchelor – no, Miller – aye. Kiley said, four in favor, three abstentions and one against. Miller said, okay, Mrs. Cain is elected. Again, he should have expressed the same appreciation to Councilman Dave Homer for serving as their Vice-President last year. He was just as deeply involved in all of the

ordinances that they dealt with on the Neighborhood Preservation and so many other things. Any other business to come before the special meeting to elect officers? If not, does he have a motion to adjourn this meeting before they begin the regular Council meeting? Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Homer, 2nd by Batchelor, the meeting adjourned. Time being 6:55 p.m.