

**CITY OF MARSING
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor James Ferdinand called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor James Ferdinand, Councilman Cory Percifield, Councilman Marie Herman, Councilman Jolyn Green and Councilman Chris Even were present. Staff members present were City Clerk/Treasurer Janice Bicandi, Deputy Clerk Kim Spagnolo, Public Works Supervisor Philip Gibson, City Attorney Stephanie Bonney, City Engineer Amy Woodruff and Kirby Cook.

Others that were also present in the audience were Griselda Reyes, Victoria Green, Debbie Elizondo, Eduardo Margarito, John Barenberg, Xavier Villa, Noyam Hale, Julie Franklin and Marnie McNeil,

Mayor Ferdinand requested two amendments to the agenda. He asked to place the appointment of Tony Malmberg to the City Council to right after the minutes. He also asked to add the appointment of a new Council President.

Councilman Corey Percifield moved and Chris Even seconded to make the above changes to the agenda. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilman Jolyn Green moved and Chris Even seconded to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2017 meeting and the claims against the City for the approximate amount of \$48,968.44. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.

Councilman Corey Percifield moved and Chris Even seconded to approve the appointment of Tony Malmberg to the Marsing City Council. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.

City Clerk/Treasurer Janice Bicandi swore in Jolyn Green as City Councilman Elect and Tony Malmberg as appointed City Councilman.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

ORDINANCE: None

RESOLUTION: None

PUBLIC INPUT: Vicki Green asked why residents are being charged for irrigation water but don't have access to it. She spoke to Public Works and they are aware of the problem. The Mayor said that irrigation water is a work in progress. The City is trying to supply irrigation water to every home since we buy irrigation water for the whole city. We are working closely with Public Works to resolve these issues.

Julie Franklin and Marnie McNeil with the Marsing Chamber of Commerce presented a "Meet Marsing Publication Guide" with a business directory to give to new residents. Information includes where to sign up for sewer, water and trash services, information about the Marsing Schools as well as the names of the Mayor and City Councilmen.

Xavier Villa asked if a variance was needed for a manufactured home that is slightly smaller than the required size. He said it would be put on a foundation. The Mayor said to make an application for a variance and the Council will review it.

John Barenberg and Debbie Elizondo from the Marsing School District presented the 5th Day Program which is having a "Friday School". Eduardo Margarito, an eight-year-old student, demonstrated a program he developed on a tablet so the public could play his game. The students in the program will be going to the Library as well to the Chamber of Commerce.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **City Engineer:** (ITD SH-55) Kirby Cook has been working with ITD regarding the waterline that goes across the bridge and will submit plans to ITD by the end of the month. ITD is finalizing the design for the storm sewer. ITD was asked for a few things to be left in place that they didn't want to.

(City Park Restroom) The building has been ordered and are currently working on the plans and specs which are almost done. Cook will get with USDA to see what Carol Garrison needs from the City and will get with Janice Bicandi to get it advertised in the paper.

(HWY 78 Sidewalk) Cook will get with Janice to advertise in the paper so it could go in next week. The bid is due February 23, 2018.

(Boat Ramp) Civil Dynamics is waiting on the contract and documents to come back from Gunner at Precision Excavation. They wanted to wait until after the duck season closed which is on January 26, 2018.

(Boat Dock) Cook's office is working on plans and specs and the new City Park restrooms at the same time.

(12 Inch Water Main Under HWY 78) The plans are almost finalized and it will be going to the contractors by the end of this month.

(Grants) There is no word yet on the Child Pedestrian Grant. It should be here by the end of this month. The TAP Grant will take longer.

City Attorney: Stephanie Bonney discussed adopting the International Building Code. Council needs to have a Public Hearing next month. Bonney will get with Janice to advertise for that. A new code comes out every three years and the State requires all entities to follow the latest edition. Bonney will write a new ordinance to amend the City Code. (New #A-202).

Because of the judgment against Victor Morris, the City can move forward with foreclosure for 220 Main Street. Morris submitted a small payment. It was applied to the ongoing bill, not subtracted from the judgment amount. Bonney will try to speak with Morris if he calls her back and will propose to have the lien paid off within four months. If he doesn't, Bonney proposes he deed his property to the City in lieu of his fees, and not proceeding with the foreclosure. If he doesn't get back to her by the end of this week, she'll move forward with filing the foreclosure. Bonney will try calling him again.

NEW BUSINESS:

PLANNING & ZONING: None

REPORTS:

CODE ENFORCEMENT: None

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

Philip Gibson reported on accomplishments. They got the Sander Truck, Jitter & Ford repaired.

Wastewater and water test results are to be kept for five to ten years for DEQ and EPA. Gibson scanned those files and are now stored on his computer.

He is creating Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) in case he is gone or a new person is hired.

Flag poles were replaced with aluminum poles.

Gibson revamped the irrigation schedule. It was difficult because it is setup for flood irrigation but more than half the city uses pumps.

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Metro Equip came out and looked at the Jetter Truck. Gibson thought it would be worth it to put a couple thousand dollars into it. It is one of the most used pieces of equipment. Mayor

Ferdinand said to repair the Jetter Truck instead of purchasing another one.

Gibson presented a cost sheet regarding "City Water vs. Irrigation Water". Power and chemicals will cost more but there will be less man hours. The Mayor said that "City Water" would save a lot because of the constant purchase of sprinklers, chemicals and clogging. Councilman Green asked what the cost of labor was. Gibson figured a rough estimate of \$21,000 - \$22,000 for labor. Mayor Ferdinand said it would be a cost saving to go to "City Water". The Mayor recommended to Council to switch to "City Water" in the parks. Gibson suggested trying it for one year and if it didn't work, to switch it back.

Councilman Chris Even moved Jolyn Green seconded to Use "City Water" in the Parks for One Year. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Ferdinand asked Gibson if they were keeping up with the storm drains. Gibson said yes. He said that the next time it snows, his crew will clean that gutter on Bobwhite Court with the plow. There was a discussion of repainting the curb red off Bruneau Highway and Main Street.

MAYOR REPORT:

Councilman Marie Herman nominated Chris Even for Council President and Jolyn Green seconded the nomination. The Mayor asked all in favor to say aye with all Councilmen voting aye. Motion carried.

The Marsing Disaster Auction will be held on the first Saturday in February. Council approved to spend \$500.00 at the auction last year and then donate the purchased items to the Senior Class party at the end of the year. This would help both the Disaster Auction and the Senior Class.

Councilman Chris Even moved and Jolyn Green seconded to Spend \$500.00 at the Marsing Disaster Auction and Donate Items to the Senior Class. The Mayor asked all in favor to say aye with all Councilmen voting aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Ferdinand asked Council to approve his request for the Mountain Alarm security system for City Hall. The City will purchase the equipment and there with a monthly payment for the service.

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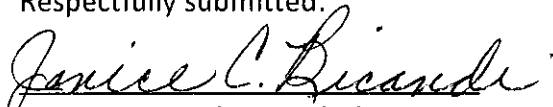
Councilman Jolyn Green motioned and Marie Herman seconded to approve the security system with Mountain Alarm. The Mayor asked all in favor to say aye with all Councilmen voting aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Ferdinand said the Employee Handbook needed amending to be open during lunch from 12:00 – 1:00. He said this would be on the next month's agenda.

Councilman Chris Even moved and Tony Malmberg seconded to approve the new Business License for an Air B&B for Marnie McNeil located at 212 Riverview Drive. The Mayor asked all in favor to say aye with all Councilmen voting aye. Motion carried.

Councilman Chris Even moved and Jolyn seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:47 p.m. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:


Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk-Treasurer


James Ferdinand, Mayor

Date: February 14, 2018