

December 7, 2020

Members present: Swanger, Schaber, Daniels

With a quorum present, Mrs. Swanger called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM.

Minutes:

Schaber made a motion to approve the minutes of 01/21/2020; Daniels 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Swanger, Schaber, Daniels; Nays – none

Minutes of 01/21/2020 approved

Old Business:

New Business:

Item 1. ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARION AND FOP-OLC GOLD UNIT. (Caryer)

Safety Director Caryer explained that a new bargaining agreement is ready to be signed. It will result in a 2-1/4% increase over the next three years. It also changes shift differential for 6 lieutenants who work 2nd-3rd shifts. He has been advised that it was accepted unanimously. This increase is incorporated into the 2021 budget. He indicated that an emergency clause added.

BJ Gruber, Marion Police Department, said that his group finds it fair and equitable. It was approved 15-0.

Mayor Schertzer indicated that the Steel Workers approved their contract this afternoon. All wage increases for bargaining units are built into the 2020 budget.

Motion made by Daniels to send to council with an emergency clause added; Schaber 2nd. Ayes – Swanger, Schaber, Daniels

Legislation recommended to council (3-0)

Other Business:

Mr. Pannett (on behalf of Harding Athletic Boosters) said he is trying to get an additional tennis court at Grant Middle School for the tennis team and other people to use. Marion's Recreation Department does not have any tennis courts. He is requesting a \$5,000 donation for the project. He needs to raise \$100,000 for the creation of a 5th tennis court at the school. When they expanded Grant Middle School, they eliminated one court (to a total of 4). He has already raised \$10,000 and has a number of requests out. There would be no further responsibility for the city, i.e. no maintenance.

He expressed thanks to the Recreation Department for the work they did on the pickleball courts at the Senior Center.

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Mayor Schertzer said it would be helpful to know council's wishes so they can build it into the budget. Just let him know. Meade and Schneider spoke in support of the project.

Schaber said he is not sure that it is their responsibility. He asks that members contact the Mayor with their thoughts. Mayor Schertzer would need to confirm that any court would be available to the community at large, not just Harding tennis team members. This would increase the "deficit" shown in the current budget for 2021.

With no other business to be heard, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Chairman Swanger

Clerk of Council