

December 17, 2019

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor AbouAssaly presiding and the following council members present: Draper, Atkins, Jensen, Strnad, Brandt and Gadelha. Absent: None.

Nick Glew with MEDCO provided quarterly update and information about the community promise career path curriculum including the assessment, job profiles, and career pathway documentation which shows available high school and college courses, internships and certificates. Council Member Gadelha asked if there were plans to partner with community colleges or regent schools. Nick stated they are currently working with Kirkwood Community College.

Joe Peterson, representing the Marion Leadership in Action Class of 2019-2020, spoke regarding this year's beautification project for a holiday light display along 11th Street. The fundraising goal is \$10,000.00 and are asking Council for matching funds not to exceed \$10,000.00. Mayor AbouAssaly asked where these funds would come from. City Manager Lon Pluckhahn stated previously they have come from hotel/motel or communications fund.

Mayor AbouAssaly relinquished gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Strnad at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Strnad presided over the meeting.

Matt Olmstead, representing MOJO Property and Olmstead Construction, shared information regarding the condo renovation project in the Bistro 319 project. Two condos have been completed and two are still under renovation. The tax increment financing ask is in regards to installation of elevator which would greatly improve ADA accessibility.

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Other Department Discussion:

Library Director Hollie Trenary spoke about the Library going fine free starting July 1, 2020. Cedar Rapids and Hiawatha will also be fine free libraries at the same time. Hollie stated the collection of fines are not aligned with the mission of the modern public library which is focused on equity to access of materials. Hollie stated there are currently 8,212 users blocked from checking out items. Starting in July, patrons will receive notices regarding overdue item. When an item is 20 days overdue, the patron will receive a final overdue notice and a warning that they will be billed if item is not returned. When at item is 30 days overdue, the patron is billed for the cost of the item. Council Member Gadelha asked when are people blocked from checking out. Hollie stated when total owed is \$20.00. Staff will be re-evaluating that amount. Council Member Gadelha asked how blocked users will be informed about this change. Hollie stated staff are working on a communication plan with the metro library network.

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Nicolas AbouAssaly, Mayor

Attest:

Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk