

**NOTICE AND MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARIETTA CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, August 08, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

**Marietta Municipal Building, 700 S. Highway 77, Marietta, Oklahoma 73448**

BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED (which may include discussion, consideration, action for approval or disapproval, voting to take any appropriate action, and the revision, amendment and passage of resolutions on the following agenda items):

**CALL TO ORDER.**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Spradling at 6:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM.**

**PRESENT**

Mayor David Spradling  
Council Member Matt Barber  
Council Member Crystal Cohee  
Council Member Tommy Kiser  
Council Member Kermit McKinney  
Council Member Destry Rushing  
Council Member Tambre Sanders  
Council Member Angela Vega  
Council Member Candice Dixon

**INVOCATION.**

Invocation given by Kermit McKinney.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Matt Barber.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

All matters listed under this sections are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote. Any council member may, however, remove any item from the consent agenda by request.

Motion made by Council Member Rushing to approve the Consent Agenda, Seconded by Council Member Sanders.

Voting Yea: Council Member Barber, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member McKinney, Council Member Rushing, Council Member Sanders, Council Member Vega, Council Member Dixon

1. Approval of the agenda as part of the minutes.

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2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on July 11, 2023.
3. Approval of financial reports.
4. Approval of purchase orders and expenditures from the following accounts/funds, if any: general fund; sanitation fund; cemetery care fund; expense account; grant fund; police asset forfeiture account; payroll account.

#### **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA.**

Any matter removed from the consent agenda at the request of a council member will be considered separately.

None.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE.**

None.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

This is an opportunity for citizens to address the city council. Remarks will be addressed to the governing body as a whole. Any issues presented will not be further discussed by the city council or the mayor at this meeting. Comments must be limited to three minutes or less.

Denice Halstied asked if the Main Street Committee can be put on the Agenda to use the old Police Department. They would like to be able to enforce any ordinances with City's permission.

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT.**

The City Administrator will provide updates regarding recent and upcoming events and projects, and general operations of the City. No action will be taken.

City Administrator Chaney stated work on the streets is going well with the County's approval. The City hired one part-time employee to mow but he has to go back to school next week.

#### **NEW/UNFORESEEN BUSINESS.**

Discussion and possible action with respect to any matter not known, or which could not have been reasonably foreseen, prior to the time of posting this notice and agenda.

None.

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS.**

1. Election of President of the Council.

Council Member Kiser nominated Kermit McKinney as Council President, Council Member Tambre Sanders seconded the Motion. Thereafter Council Member Destry Rushing nominated himself as Council President. Council Member Angela Vega seconded the Motion.

After call for votes on the first Motion, the following votes were made:

Voting Yea: Council Member Kiser, Council Member McKinney, Council Member Sanders, Council Member Vega

Voting Nay: Council Member Barber, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Rushing, Council Member Dixon

With a tie vote Mayor Spradling broke the tie and voted yea for Kermit McKinney as Council President.

2. Consideration and possible action on increasing the salary for each elected city official.

Discussion/no action.

3. Adoption, filing, and notification of the 2023 Biennial Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marietta

Motion made by Council Member Rushing, Seconded by Council Member Kiser to adopt Resolution 2023-29 as presented.

Voting Yea: Council Member Barber, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member McKinney, Council Member Rushing, Council Member Sanders, Council Member Vega, Council Member Dixon

4. Creation of a façade grant committee.

City Administrator Chaney asked to allow him to form a committee to review facade grant applications and select the best applications for grant acceptance and Council approval.

Motion made by Council Member Barber, Seconded by Council Member Rushing.

Voting Yea: Council Member Barber, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member McKinney, Council Member Rushing, Council Member Sanders, Council Member Vega, Council Member Dixon

5. Bicycle safety presentation by Sheri Hutchins

Sheri Hutchins address the Council regarding bicycle safety. There is no State law that says bicyclist have to wear a helmet. Would like the City to have a bicycle safety day.

More research needs to be done to prepare an Ordinance and discuss what needs to be done.

6. Consideration and possible action relating to an ordinance regulating the display of overhead signs and/or banners on streets and highways.

Kermit McKinney addressed the Council as a Fair Board Member regarding the display of Banners within the City limits. The Free Fair Committee would like to place a sign about the light on 3rd Street.

Motion made by Council Member Sanders, Seconded by Council Member Kiser to table Item Number 6.

Voting Yea: Council Member Barber, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member McKinney, Council Member Rushing, Council Member Sanders, Council Member

Vega, Council Member Dixon

7. Discussion and possible action regarding purchase of asphalt to overlay certain city streets  
City Administrator Chaney asked for funding for street repairs.

Motion made by Council Member Barber, Seconded by Council Member Cohee to adopt Resolution 2023-30 as presented with change "adding others materials needed for street repair".

Voting Yea: Council Member Barber, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member McKinney, Council Member Rushing, Council Member Sanders, Council Member Vega, Council Member Dixon

8. Discussion and possible action to award bid and authorization for signing necessary documents for drainage ditch improvement for drainage ditch running from E. Bill Halstied to south city limits.

City Administrator Chaney stated for drainage project to work, this drainage ditch needs to be cleared. Two bids were received. The lowest was from Elvis Reed for \$50,000.00. The City will have to remove the dirt.

Motion made by Council Member McKinney, Seconded by Council Member Sanders to adopt Resolution 2023-31 as presented.

Voting Yea: Council Member Barber, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member McKinney, Council Member Rushing, Council Member Sanders, Council Member Vega, Council Member Dixon

9. Purchase of Tasers for the Police Department

Motion made by Council Member Barber, Seconded by Council Member Rushing to table Item Number 9.

Voting Yea: Council Member Barber, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member McKinney, Council Member Rushing, Council Member Sanders, Council Member Vega, Council Member Dixon

10. Consideration and possible action relating to declaring certain property owned by the City to be surplus and directing disposal of the same.

Motion made by Council Member Sanders, Seconded by Council Member Barber to adopt Resolution 2023-32 as presented.

Voting Yea: Council Member Barber, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member McKinney, Council Member Rushing, Council Member Sanders, Council Member Vega, Council Member Dixon

11. Designation of special event sponsored by the Love County Frontier Days Committee and necessary street closures.

Motion made by Council Member Rushing, Seconded by Council Member Dixon to adopt Resolution 2023-33 as presented.

Voting Yea: Council Member Barber, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member McKinney, Council Member Rushing, Council Member Sanders, Council Member

Vega, Council Member Dixon

12. Executive session to discuss the employment of a Stephanie Cannon as Operation Official, and the hours, duties, compensation and benefits of said position, pursuant to Title 25 Oklahoma Statutes, Section 307 B (1).

Motion made by Council Member Rushing, Seconded by Council Member Sanders to go into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m.

Voting Yea: Council Member Barber, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member McKinney, Council Member Rushing, Council Member Sanders, Council Member Vega, Council Member Dixon

Returned to Open Session at 7:29 p.m.

13. Executive session to discuss the hiring of Hunter Phillips as a Police Officer, and the hours, duties, compensation, and benefits for said position, pursuant to Title 25 Oklahoma Statutes, Section 307 B (1).

Motion made by Council Member Barber, Seconded by Council Member McKinney to go into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.

Voting Yea: Council Member Barber, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member McKinney, Council Member Rushing, Council Member Sanders, Council Member Vega, Council Member Dixon

Returned to Open Session at 7:29 p.m.

14. Consideration and possible action relating to the appointment of Stephanie Cannon as a police Operations Official, as well as the hours, duties, and pay for said position.

Motion made by Council Member Barber, Seconded by Council Member Sanders to adopt Resolution 2023-34 as presented.

Voting Yea: Council Member Barber, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member McKinney, Council Member Rushing, Council Member Sanders, Council Member Vega, Council Member Dixon

15. Consideration and possible action relating to the appointment of Hunter Phillips as a police officer, as well as the hours, duties, and pay for said position.

Motion made by Council Member Rushing, Seconded by Council Member Kiser to adopt Resolution 2023-35 as presented.

Voting Yea: Council Member Barber, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member McKinney, Council Member Rushing, Council Member Sanders, Council Member Vega, Council Member Dixon

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS.**

The Mayor will provide updates regarding recent and upcoming events and projects, and general operations of the City. No action will be taken.

Mayor Spradling stated 24 blocks of road have been completed. They will start on the next 12 blocks will begin Tuesday. The City has also been trimming trees. He would like every Council Member to do a ride along with an officer and also would like to do a meet and greet with the Council and all City employees to get to know each other.

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**ADJOURN.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

**NOTICE OF POSTING:**

I, the undersigned Clerk of the City of Marietta, certify that the foregoing Notice and Agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Marietta City Council was posted in prominent public view at the Marietta City Hall, located at 101 W. Main Street, and online at [www.mariettaok.city](http://www.mariettaok.city), at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, August 4, 2023.

Scott Chaney, Deputy City Clerk  
Dottie Gwin, City Clerk

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