

Marietta City Council
January 27, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
Armory Building, 241 Front Street Room 10

Roll Call. President Vessels called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The following council members were present: Councilor Scales, Councilor Allphin, Councilor Gossett, Councilor O'Neill, and Councilor Grimm. Others present were Safety Service Director Wetz and Law Director Bertram. A sergeant-at-arms was not present.

Councilor Scales made a motion to excuse Councilor Noland and Councilor Rutherford. Councilor Grimm seconded the motion and it passed with a voice vote.

Pledge of Allegiance. President Vessels led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The special council meeting notice was read by the clerk.

Public Hearing. None.

Call on Officials and Visitors:

- Mr. Bertram had nothing to say.
- Councilor Grimm expressed concerns about the legislation. He said we were proceeding down the same route as last year with the aquatic center and we realized a \$60,000 loss. He said it hasn't been further discussed in committee, and he can't support doing the same thing again. He said he would like to bring it back to committee.
- Mr. Wetz said the city is just going out for bids on the aquatic center. When the bids are received, the same person as in the past will not bid as he retired. He said they are trying to find someone else to operate it more efficiently, and it's up to council to accept their bids. He said they are working with deadlines to get it open and people in place.

Unfinished Business:

Second Reading

- **Ordinance No. 146 (24-25)** An Ordinance to authorize and direct the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for Requests For Proposals (RFPs) and enter into a multi-year contract on behalf of the City of Marietta, Ohio, for the operation of the Marietta Family Aquatic Center, and declaring an EMERGENCY.

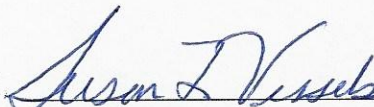
2nd Reading Complete

Miscellaneous business:

- Councilor Scales had nothing to say.
- Councilor Allphin had nothing to say.
- Councilor Gossett had nothing to say.
- Councilor O'Neill said January 28 would be the first meeting of the homelessness task force, which will meet to deal with issues. She said about 18 people would come together from all sectors to come up with solutions. She expressed she was upset about an altercation at the armory just prior to the meeting that resulted in the arrest of an indigent person.
- Councilor Grimm had nothing to say.

Adjournment. Councilor Scales moved to adjourn, Councilor O'Neill seconded, and the motion passed with a voice vote. The January 27, 2025 special meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Next Meeting. The next special meeting will be held on January 29, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on February 6, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 10 of the Armory.


President of Council 1/29/25
Date


Clerk of Council 1/29/25
Date