

Marietta City Council
September 5, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
Armory Building, 241 Front Street Room 10

Roll Call. President Vessels called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following council members were present Councilor Rutherford, Councilor Gossett, Councilor Noland, Councilor Scales, and Councilor Grimm. Others present at the meeting included: Mayor Schlicher, Safety Service Director Wetz, and Law Director Bertram. No sergeant-at-arms was present.

Councilor Scales made a motion to excuse Councilor Allphin and Councilor O’Neill. Councilor Rutherford seconded the motion, which passed with a voice vote.

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

Approval of the Minutes.

- Councilor Scales made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2024 regular council meeting, and the August 22, 2024 special council meeting. Councilor Noland seconded and the motion passed with a voice vote.

Public Hearing. None.

Call on Officials and Visitors:

- Mayor Schlicher said after a staff meeting with the water billing, he said they decided to come to council to request legislation for the new register replacement program, to get the equipment ordered and purchased. He also wished everyone a great weekend.
- Safety Service Director Wetz presented the following committee requests on behalf of the administration:

Police & Fire/Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Discuss supplemental payment program through Medicaid- Hazmat certification pay for fire chief and assistant fire chief
Water & Sewer/Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Discuss getting legislation to move forward with meter register upgrade project
Public Lands & Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Discuss property on Wood Street coming up at an auditor sale

- Law Director Bertram said there was a resolution regarding property at 111 Stonecrest Drive. The property was deemed to be condemned. People had been living in it, but the foundation is cracking and crumbling and will eventually fall due to slippage. He said the city could pick up the property for the taxes when offered after the 30-day reduction period. He suggested tearing down the building, then offer it back for sale for someone who wants to build a house there. He said the incentive board met regarding CRAs. The board voted unanimously to continue the one for Perry & Associates, but voted to discontinue the one for the Hippodrome Colony Theater as it was changing to a 501(c)(3).
- Joe Grimm, president of the Start Westward Society, said he wanted to clear up things about the society. When the society was created, it was an idea to have a museum district and a 3-phase plan.

The third phase would be the Start Westward Memorial. He said the society has been in existence since July 2019. He said three years ago, the society approached council to ask for the authority to raise money for a bronze replica of the memorial. He said once they decided to have it bronzed, what would happen to the sandstone statue. They decided to put the bronze monument at East Muskingum Park and the original would be put in a climate controlled environment out of the flood plain. He said one of the things they feel strongly about is that they don't get in a hurry. He said in time, they learned if the sandstone is moved, it will be compromised. Anything done that changes how it was created affects its historic significance. They were told to get the monument on the National Register of Historic Places.

- Fred Smith, retired from the Ohio History Connection and recently hired by the city to serve as manager of the Start Westward Memorial Project, said the project is two parts. One is the restoration preservation project that Mr. Grimm described and the other was a bronze replica which is what he is heading up. The step of strictly replicating the sandstone sculpture in bronze, would be in three parts. The first part is \$150,000 proposed using ARPA funds for the conservator and scanning. The second part is the esplanade area, which would have been funded through a \$750,000 request from state capital funds. The third part is recreating the sculpture in bronze using already appropriated \$500,000. The esplanade area was funded at \$100,000. He said the use of the ARPA funds would be for the conservator, scanning, the foundry, scanning and making a 3D model, along with a stone company moving the existing sculpture.
- Joe Tucker, 1439 McGill Road, Vincent, said there is one national memorial in Ohio, and 130 national monuments in Ohio. He asked council for their support in allowing the Start Westward Memorial to be submitted to be recorded on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Jonathan Dehmlow spoke about Section 106 of the Federal Historic Preservation Act, which requires agencies to consider the historic preservation ramifications of any of its actions. Any removal of the current statue or any replication of that statue in bronze would violate Section 106.
- Jared Smith, 111 Euclid Place, said there would be a dedication at 6 p.m. September 20 at Gold Star Park in honor of National POW/MIA Day. The memorial will arrive the week of September 20.

Unfinished Business:

Third Reading - None

Second Reading

- **Ordinance No. 87 (24-25)** An Ordinance to authorize and direct the Director of Public Safety and Service to Advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the Fire Training Center Project.
2nd Reading Complete
- **Ordinance No. 88 (24-25)** An Ordinance to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of Marietta, Ohio in order to abolish one (1) Water Meter Setter Position in the Marietta City Water Utilities Office/Public Works Department; and furthermore to amend the City of Marietta, Ohio's current Table of Organization, in order to reflect the abolishment of one (1) position of Water Meter Setter.
2nd Reading Complete

- **Ordinance No. 89 (24-25)** An Ordinance to amend the current Table of Organization for the City of Marietta, Ohio, for purposes of abolishing the position of Technical Administration Coordinator in the Public Works/Wastewater Department; and for purposes of creating a new position titled Wastewater Technical Support in the Public Works/Wastewater Department and for establishing the salary, duties, and responsibilities of the position of Wastewater Technical Support.

Councilor Rutherford made a motion to reconsider Ordinance No. 89 (24-25), which was adopted during the August 15, 2024 regular council meeting, to amend the sections for general changes. It was mis-numbered and the word seasonal should be removed from section 3. Councilor Scales seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote.

Mr. Allphin – Absent	Mr. Gossett – Yes	Ms. O’Neill - Absent	Mr. Grimm - Yes
Mr. Rutherford - Yes	Mr. Scales – Yes	Mr. Noland – Yes	Motion carried 5-0

Councilor Rutherford made a motion to amend section 3 to strike the word seasonal and to list the rules as 1, 2, 3, and 4 for Ordinance No. 89 (24-25). Councilor Grimm seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote.

Mr. Allphin – Absent	Mr. Gossett – Yes	Ms. O’Neill - Absent	Mr. Grimm - Yes
Mr. Rutherford - Yes	Mr. Scales – Yes	Mr. Noland – Yes	Motion carried 5-0

Councilor Rutherford made a motion to adopt amended Ordinance No. 89 (24-25). Councilor Scales seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote.

Mr. Allphin – Absent	Mr. Gossett – Yes	Ms. O’Neill - Absent	Mr. Grimm - Yes
Mr. Rutherford - Yes	Mr. Scales – Yes	Mr. Noland – Yes	Motion carried 5-0

Ordinance No. 89 (24-25) – Adopted AS RECONSIDERED & AMENDED

- **Ordinance No. 91 (24-25)** An Ordinance to amend Section 1313.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Marietta, Ohio Titled: SIGNS ON DOWNTOWN PUTNAM STREET; EXCEPTION.
2nd Reading Complete
- **Ordinance No. 92 (24-25)** An Ordinance to Amend Section 1313.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Marietta, Ohio.
2nd Reading Complete
- **Ordinance No. 93 (24-25)** An Ordinance to amend Section 1123.07 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Marietta, Ohio.
2nd Reading Complete
- **Ordinance No. 94 (24-25)** An Ordinance to amend Chapter 1138 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Marietta, Ohio, TITLED: Medical Marijuana Control and declaring an EMERGENCY.
2nd Reading Complete

- **Ordinance No. 95 (24-25)** An Ordinance to amend Chapter 513 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Marietta, Ohio, TITLED: Drug Abuse Control and declaring an EMERGENCY.
2nd Reading Complete
- **Ordinance No. 96 (24-25)** An Ordinance to enact Chapter 1140 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Marietta, Ohio, TITLED: Adult Use Cannabis Facilities or Dispensaries and declaring an EMERGENCY.
2nd Reading Complete
- **Resolution No. 28 (24-25)** A Resolution by the Council of the City of Marietta, Ohio granting a “reasonable accommodation” to the Islamic Center of Marietta, with regard to Marietta’s zoning practices and enforcement, so as to permit the Islamic Center of Marietta to use 609 Putnam Street for religious and social gatherings, although said building situated at 609 Putnam Street, lies within a C-3 Zoning District.
2nd Reading Complete

Petitions & Communications: None

Report of Standing Committees on Matters Pertaining to Business of Such Committees.

Councilor Scales/ Councilor Grimm/ Councilor Rutherford	Finance and Taxation/ Police & Fire/ Water & Sewer	5:30 p.m. September 9
Councilor Noland	Public Lands & Buildings	5:45 p.m. September 9
Councilor Scales	Finance & Taxation	5:15 p.m. September 16
Councilor Grimm	Employee Relations	5:30 p.m. September 17
Councilor Scales	Committee of the Whole	5:45 p.m. September 17

Reports – Special Committees. None.

New Legislation:

- **Ordinance No. 97 (24-25)** An Ordinance to appropriate and/or transfer funds.
1st Reading Complete
- **Ordinance No. 98 (24-25)** An Ordinance to appropriate and/or transfer funds.
1st Reading Complete
- **Resolution No. 31 (24-25)** A Resolution authorizing the City of Marietta, Ohio to acquire (1) tax parcel of real property located within the City of Marietta, Ohio, which is a delinquent tax property that was unsold at the Washington County Sheriff’s Delinquent Tax Property Sale, and declaring an EMERGENCY.
1st Reading Complete
- **Resolution No. 32 (24-25)** A Resolution to adopt and approve the Public Housing Agency Plan for the City of Marietta, Ohio, and to authorize and direct the Mayor to certify said Plan to the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Public and Indian Housing, on behalf of the City of Marietta, Ohio, and declaring an EMERGENCY.

1st Reading Complete

- **Resolution No. 33 (24-25)** A Resolution to authorize and direct the Auditor of the City of Marietta, Ohio to establish and designate the National Opioid Settlement Fund, as a fund for the City of Marietta, and declaring an EMERGENCY.

1st Reading Complete

- **Resolution No. 34 (24-25)** A Resolution to accept the voluntary withdrawal of Hippodrome/Colony Historical Theatre Association (Peoples Bank Theatre) from the Community Reinvestment Act Agreement entered into between the City of Marietta, Ohio and Hippodrome/Colony Historical Theatre Association, and declaring an EMERGENCY.

1st Reading Complete

- **Resolution No. 35 (24-25)** A Resolution to accept the recommendation of the Tax Incentive Review Council and to approve the continuation of the Community Reinvestment Act Agreement entered into between the City of Marietta, Ohio, and Perry & Associates Holdings, LLC.

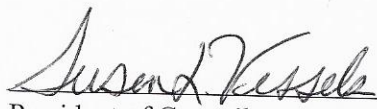
1st Reading Complete

Miscellaneous business:

- Councilor Scales had nothing to say.
- Councilor Gossett said he hoped everyone had an enjoyable weekend with the Sternwheel Festival and First Friday. He said to be careful crossing at the crosswalks as someone was hit on Second Street.
- Councilor Noland had nothing to say.
- Councilor Rutherford had nothing to say.
- Councilor Grimm had nothing to say.

Adjournment. Councilor Scales moved to adjourn, Councilor Gossett seconded, and the motion passed with a voice vote. The August 15, 2024 regular meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting. The next regular meeting will be held on September 19, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 10 of The Armory.



President of Council 9/19/24
Date



Clerk of Council Pro-Tem 9/19/2024
Date