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From the Mayor's Desk

Marseilles Residents

Welcome to the first edition of the council minute. The council feels it is very important that we keep our residents informed as much as possible so our new edition is called the Council Minutes which will recap the previous council meeting. The city will continue with the monthly Council Corner. You can also go to the City Website www.cityofmarseilles.com to review the clerks' minutes. If you haven't checked our website out, you should. This summary will cover the highlights and will not be verbatim with the minutes posted on the transparency tab of the city website. It is unfortunate that as a city we must continually combat false and misleading information on social media; not to mention verbal assaults and slander to city staff and administration. This is just another venue to get the truth out there. A lie can make it around the world before the truth can get its shoes on. It's unfortunate that the city must combat this daily.

Let me start out by saying that contrary to social media posts this city hasn't yet purchased nor has it leased the Illinois Valley Cellular building regardless of what was posted.

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- Approved minutes from previous council meeting of 10-18-23
- Approved accounts payable in the amount of \$262,391.83. Within that number \$35,190.00 to the City of Ottawa quarterly payment to Central Dispatch for dispatching services. \$5,829.63 Ferguson Waterworks for water meters as the city continues to upgrade our system to radio readers. Atlanta National Bank G.O Debt Certification \$57,700.00. Homefield Energy (Illinois Power Marketing) \$22,242.08 for power bill.
- Approved a proposal from Renwick & Associates to conduct a lead water service line inventory report. The city received a 50k grant from the EPA to conduct this project as this is their mandate and the city was required to utilize a third party.
- Approved a Special Events Permit for Holiday Magic Lighted Santa Parade for Saturday December 2nd at Knudson Park.
- Approved final payment to John Pohar & Sons in the amount of \$91,402.83 for I-80 water and sewer construction. It is now completed.
- Adopted ordinance 1857 granting a variance for a driveway to Stephen Hlack for his property located at 707 Ryall Street.
- Mayor reported a coalition has been formed with Mendota, Peru, Streator, and Marseilles to submit Brownfield application this month. The grant will address Washington School and Nabisco properties to mediate environmental issues.
- The council met in executive session authorized under the open meetings act 2 (C) 1 Personnel and 2 (C) 5 Purchase of Property. No council action was taken upon the council reconvening to regular session.