



## From the Mayor's Desk

Marseilles Residents,

Recap of December 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Approved Accounts Payable in the amount of \$176,642.90 and payroll of \$81,433.31.

Adopted Tax Levy 2023-2024. The city lowered the tax rate from 2.35 to 2.07. As a result of homes being reassessed by the county. The city's EAV went up 19% and the city is requesting 4.9% to cover their increased operating costs and not the building purchase. If your EAV stayed the same or was lowered, you will see a reduction of around \$90.00 on 1 100k residence on city's taxes.

Adopted ordinance 1861 & 1862 abating tax on the city's bonds so they don't go on the tax rolls.

Upon recommendation from the Planning Commission the council granted a variance for construction of a garage at 775 Glen Avenue.

Approved a donation in the amount of \$4,200.00 to support the NCAT Bus that assists many Marseilles residents with transportation needs.

Marseilles Police Officers Mike Byrd and James Buckingham were promoted to Sergeant.

Resident Christina Scobey made a presentation before the council regarding her Club Crayons Day Care.

Kate Millet updated the council on the Chamber of Commerce working on starting back up stating they have a new board in place. They changed their name from Illinois River Chamber of Commerce to Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce. They also have a new phone number 815-228-0238

Reminder that the city snow routes are in effect and vehicles must be removed from East West Streets and Main Street anytime there is 2 inches or more of snow or be cited.

City Hall Staff are supporting Pet Projects for Christmas. There is a drop box at City Hall along with a list of items needed at city hall and on the social media pages.

Marseilles Masonic Lodge will have Santa present from 11am to 1pm. Children can get their photo taken with Santa and receive a gift.

The Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Christmas Home Lighting Contest to Marseilles and Seneca Residents. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place. Homes will be judged on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> and winners will be announced over the weekend. Call 815-228-0238 to register.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus is sponsoring Breakfast with Santa on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 at the Parish Hall 200 Broadway Street in Marseilles. You don't need to be a child to attend and even naughty children can enjoy breakfast.

City Hall is sponsoring a coloring contest. Pages can be picked up at City Hall. There are two categories Pre through 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. Winners will receive an Amazon Fire Notebook at December 20<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Those entering the contest will be awarded a participation gift.

There will be a Boutique Vendor Fair at the Marseilles Christian Community Center (MCMA) 850 West Bluff Street on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3pm.

MCMA is also hosting a cooking class on Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm. Call 815-433-0707 or 815-579-8922 to register.

MCMA is sponsoring a Grinch Party on December 29<sup>th</sup> 5-7 pm. You can register on the MCMA's social media page.