

City of Knoxville
Special City Council Meeting
Monday, November 5, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.
Municipal Building Council Chambers

1. Call To Order

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Brian Hatch ____, Council Member Megan Suhr ____, Council Member Cal Stephens ____, Council Member James Lane ____, Council Member Rick Kingery ____, Council Member Dylan Morse ____.

2. Item Agenda

2.1. Discussion/Possible Action To Approve Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Knoxville And Marion County

Documents:

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3. Adjourn

Motion _____ Second _____

Vote _____ Time _____

Heather Ussery, Asst. City Manager

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into between the City of Knoxville, Iowa (the “City”) and Marion County, Iowa (the “County”) as of the ____ day of November, 2018.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City and the Board of Supervisors of the County believe that the opportunity to acquire the former VA Hospital property from the General Services Administration of the federal government is one of the most critical actions that could be taken by the City and the County; and

WHEREAS, all other financial options have been researched and exhausted, to no avail. The City and the County have been very active in looking at a variety of options with the view that demolition costs should be paid for or at least defrayed by the federal government. Senators, representatives and even the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs were contacted and engaged in discussions attempting to secure financial assistance in the demolition of this property. No help is available. We have no other options.

WHEREAS, There is a clear public purpose in acquiring this ground and using public dollars to prepare this critical section of the City for residential development. After many discussions, the Board of Supervisors of the County is confident that providing this support for the City will serve not only the interests of the City, but also of the County.

THEREFORE, the City Council of the City and the Board of Supervisors of the County do hereby express their mutual understanding, as follows:

1. Marion County will partner with City of Knoxville in the effort to secure the existing grounds of the VA from GSA.
2. Marion County will be providing financial support to Knoxville to effectuate this purpose.
3. The financial support provided by the County will be for the express purpose of securing the existing VA grounds and all associated structures. More specifically, the County’s financial support will be used for the demolition of all existing VA structures to prepare the grounds for future development.
4. As such, Marion County will own and control the VA property until such time as the financial support used to acquire the property and demolish the existing structures has been repaid. The structure of this repayment will be determined.
5. During this time, the City of Knoxville will act as the agent of Marion County and lead in the process of demolition and development. The City will be responsible for all services provided to maintain and secure the property, including, but not limited to: police, fire, insurance, grounds keeping, snow removal, etc.

6. The City will begin the process of demolition as soon as possible once the property has been acquired and financing secured. The City will secure BOS approval for all demolition and development contracts.

7. Once the initial financing provided by Marion County has been repaid, in the form agreed to by the City and County, Marion County will cede the property to the City and will no longer be a party to its administrative or financial support.

Approved this ____ day of November, 2018

CITY OF KNOXVILLE, IOWA

By: _____
Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

MARION COUNTY

By: _____
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

County Auditor