

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARION, ARKANSAS

The Council of the City of Marion, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Marion City Hall.

Present:	Frank A. Fogleman	Mayor
	Kelly O'Neal	Councilman (1-1)
	David Bigger	Councilman (1-2)
	Cliff Wood	Councilman (2-1)
	Bryan Jackson	Councilman (3-1)
	Don Hanks	Councilman (3-2)
	James Hale III	City Attorney
	David W. Rikard	City Treasurer
	Patty James	City Clerk

Others

Present:	Ed Cain	City Planning Consultant
	Gordon Floyd	Streets and Sanitation
	Jim Shempert	Water Superintendent
	Andy Rawls	Parks Superintendent
	Gary Kelley	Police Chief
	Woody Wheelless	Fire Chief

Absent:	Jim Spence	Councilman (2-2)
	Jerry Kelley	Building Inspector
	Phyllis May	City Bookkeeper

I.

Councilman Hanks made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bigger, to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2018, Council meeting with one correction. Under Parks and Recreation, Councilman Wood noted to amend the budget from \$19,000.00 to \$20,287.00 for the purchase of a Parks Department vehicle. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

II.

Citizens' Concerns: Terry Gibbs, Marion Youth Sports Association, (MYSA) President, addressed the Council. Mr. Gibbs introduced himself to the Council and expressed his appreciation to the Council for the continued support of the City for their programs for the children of the community.

III.

Planning Commission: Ed Cain reported that the Planning Commission had no agenda for the May 3, 2018, meeting, therefore, there had not been a meeting in May. Cain advised, there is an agenda for the June 5, 2018, Planning Commission meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Water and Sewer: No report. At Councilman Spence's request, Mayor Fogleman scheduled a Water and Sewer Committee Meeting for Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Annex.

Parks and Recreation: Andy Rawls gave an update on the Brunetti Field building improvements underway for the use by the Boys and Girls Club's for their summer program in Marion. He reported that everything is complete with the exception of the floors being painted. There has been tremendous support from local businesses for this project. Gordon Floyd's department has done an amazing job getting the fieldhouse painted and other necessary work to have it ready for the summer program. The program should be up and running by June 4, 2018. There are 40 children enrolled and there is already a waiting list. Rawls advised that the cost of the improvements is well under budget. Thus far, there has been \$6,000.00 in materials and labor donated to the program. Chamber of Commerce Director, Tracy Brick is applying for a UP Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00, and is hopeful that the City will receive half of that amount.

Streets and Drainage: Gordon Floyd reported that his department has started work on Patriot Drive as well as work on Charleston Cove and Alta Vista Drive.

Sanitation: No report.

Building Inspector: Ed Cain gave the report in Jerry Kelley's absence. He reported 1 new house permit, 1 commercial permit, and 36 miscellaneous permits with a total estimated value of over \$1.5 million for May. That brings year-to-date totals to 14 new house permits, 5 commercial permits,

and 155 miscellaneous permits for a total estimated construction investment of over \$15 million.

Fire and Police: Councilman O'Neal reported that Crittenden Emergency Medical Services, (EMS) has agreed to purchase the City's three ambulances. The 2006 model will be purchased for \$16,000.00, the 2008 model will be purchased for \$25,000.00, and the 2013 model will be purchased for \$45,000.00, for a total purchase price of \$86,000.00. Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wood, to allow Crittenden Emergency Medical Services, (EMS) to purchase all three of the ambulances for a total purchase price of \$86,000.00. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

IV.

Old Business: Mayor Fogleman advised the Council that bids were advertised for the demolition of 206 Shiloh Drive. The bids were advertised with two different objectives in mind. The first option was to demolish down to the slab, and to leave the slab and driveway. The second option was to take everything out including the slab, foundation and driveway. Roy Parker placed a bid under the first option, to demolish the property and leave the slab for a total amount of \$3,000.00. Mr. Parker's additional bid, under the second option, was to demolish and clear all structure and debris, including the slab and driveway for a total amount of \$3,500.00. A second bid was received from American Renovations. Anthony Foster gave a bid to demolish the house and to clear all structure and debris including the slab and driveway for a total amount of \$11,500.00. His additional bid to remove all structure and debris down to the slab was for a total amount of \$9,000.00. Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wood, to accept the lowest bid, contingent on Attorney Hale speaking to the attorney for the lender; if the lender has not completed demolition by June 1, 2018, the City shall proceed with Mr. Parker's bid of \$3,500.00 for demolition of property at 206 Shiloh Drive. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

The second item under Old Business was the financing of the knuckleboom trucks. The City is going to go with AM South for the financing, with a monthly note of \$5,366.00 for two new knuckleboom trucks.

The last item under Old Business was the Military Road improvements planned for fiscal year 2019 by ArDot. The Highway Department (ArDot)

proposes to delay the Military Road improvements project for a year. A decision by ArDot will be announced later this year.

V.

New Business: The ambulance disposition was covered under the Fire and Police Department report.

Another item added under New Business was the need to change the June City Council Meeting. The June City Council Meeting will be moved to Monday, June 25, 2018, with the possibility of moving it to Tuesday, June 19, 2018 if necessary.

VI.

Resolutions and Ordinances: None

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VII.

Financial Report: Treasurer Rikard reported that the April financials have been previously distributed to the Council. Rikard also noted that a summary of bond expenditures through April was also distributed to the Council. Rikard pointed out that sales tax revenue collections for April for the city portion were better than budget by 5.2% while the county portion was worse than budget by 3.3%. Through April, the city sales tax collections are worse than budget by 4.8% and the county portion of the collections are worse than budget by 2.6%. Rikard noted that year-to-date revenue for the general fund is better than budget by \$142,000 and general fund expenditures were better than budget by \$36,000. Rikard then opened the floor for questions.

VIII.

Departmental Reports:

Andy Rawls had nothing further to report.

Don Hanks thanked Andy Rawls and Gordon Floyd and their respective departments for all their hard work in assisting with Esperanza Bonanza. They did a fantastic job.

Gordon Floyd had nothing further to report.

Jim Shempert had nothing further to report.

Chief Kelley had nothing further to report.

Ed Cain had nothing further to report.

Mayor Fogleman advised that there will be a meeting on June 4, 2018, at the Annex building at 6:00 p.m. with Mr. Hudson regarding the Community Garden.

There being no further business to come before the Council and upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk