

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARION, ARKANSAS

The Council of the City of Marion, Arkansas, met in regular session Monday, June 25, 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)
	Jim Spence	Councilman (2-2)
	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
	Jerry Kelley	Building Inspector

Absent:	Phyllis May	City Bookkeeper
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I.

Councilman Hanks made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bigger, to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2018, Council meeting. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

II.

Citizens' Concerns: Rosalind O'Neal came before the Council to thank the City on behalf of the Sultana Museum for the improvements made to the museum, and to especially thank Gordon Floyd and his department for their assistance with redoing the front of the Sultana Museum.

III.

Planning Commission: Ed Cain reported that the Planning Commission met on June 5, 2018. Public hearings were conducted on petitions to rezone a part of Riverwest Estates Subdivision from R-1 to R-2 Single Family Only, and to amend the Marion Land Subdivision and Development Code to allow, under certain conditions private streets in subdivisions. Both of these petitions were denied by the Planning Commission. Petitioners were officially notified on June 6, 2018, and advised of their right to appeal the actions of the Planning Commission to the Marion City Council. No appeals have been filed with the City Clerk.

Water and Sewer: Jim Spence reported that the Water and Sewer Committee had met with a representative of B & B Utility Contractors. B & B Utility Contractors had done the installation work at the filter plant. All parties involved have agreed that B & B Utility Contractors and the City of Marion will split the cost of the repairs for the filter plant. Councilman Spence made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wood, that the City of Marion split 50% of the cost with B & B Utility Contractors for all the related issues; such as repairs, renovations, reimbursement to Arkansas Youth Services, etc., with the water filter plant. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Parks and Recreation: Councilman Wood reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee had met prior to the Council Meeting. Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman O'Neal, to allow Bond Engineering to advertise for bids for the restoration work to bring the pond back to its' original state at the Sports Complex Park.

Next, Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to permit Andy Rawls to purchase a Kobota Lawn Mower in the amount of \$12,943.66 for the Parks Department. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Street and Drainage: Councilman Hanks reported that the Streets Department continues to lay asphalt throughout the City. Gordon Floyd reported that the work on Patriot Drive should be completed by July 3, 2018.

Sanitation: Councilman Jackson reported that Gordon Floyd is getting quotes for a chassis to replace the chassis that carries the limb chipper. He

will try to have this information for the next Council meeting. Floyd reported that his department had an accident involving one of their garbage trucks. The truck was totaled out and he is awaiting the adjuster giving him the final numbers on the reimbursement of the garbage truck. The City has purchased a 2019 Peterbilt Automated Cab Over Garbage Truck.

Building Inspector: Jerry Kelley reported 3 new house permits, 0 commercial permits, and 45 miscellaneous permits were issued for the month of June. That brings year-to-date totals to 17 new house permits, 5 commercial permits, and 200 miscellaneous permits.

Fire and Police: Mayor Fogleman advised the need for a Fire and Police Committee meeting. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Annex.

IV.

Old Business: None

V.

New Business: The first item of business was the new automated garbage truck. Treasurer Rikard sent out emails to all the various banks. BanCorp South came back with a quote of \$5,056.00 per month. First National Bank of Eastern Arkansas gave a quote of \$4,882.03 per month. Both quotes are for 24 months with a balloon payment at the end of the load. First National Bank of Eastern Arkansas has a caveat requiring the City to have a banking relationship with the bank. They are requesting a minimal deposit of \$50,000.00. Rikard's recommendation is to go with First National Bank of Eastern Arkansas. Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Council O'Neal, to accept the proposal from First National Bank of Eastern Arkansas for \$4,882.03 per month and to open a bank account with the bank; and to authorize all necessary parties to sign all the paperwork required. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

The second item of business was the final plat for the third addition to Rustling Oaks Subdivision. Jack Bond, of Bond Engineering advised that the addition consisted of 12 additional lots north of Ford Lane that extend to McNeely Road. Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wood, to accept the final plat for the third addition to Rustling Oaks Subdivision. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

VI.

Resolutions and Ordinances: Mayor Fogleman brought to the floor the Resolution to renew the 5 mill tax to be levied against real property in the City of Marion for calendar year 2019. Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman O'Neal, to approve the 5 mill property tax rate. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. The Resolution was numbered 2018-04.

VII.

Financial Report: Treasurer Rikard reported that the May financials have been previously distributed to the Council. Rikard also noted that a copy of the 2017 audit report for the City was included in tonight's Council packet. Rikard pointed out that sales tax revenue collections for May for the City portion were better than budget by 10.1% and the county portion was better than budget by 7.0%. The June numbers were just released today the City portion was better than budget by 13.4% and the county portion was better than budget by 4.9%. Through June, the City sales tax collections are better than budget by 0.8% and the county portion of the collections are better than budget by 0.3%. Rikard noted that year-to-date revenue for the general fund is better than budget by \$212,000.00 and general fund expenditures were better than budget by \$23,000.00. Rikard then opened the floor for questions.

Mayor Fogleman advised the Council that there would be an Executive Committee Meeting following the July Council meeting.

VIII.

Departmental Reports:

Ed Cain had nothing further to report.

Jim Shempert had nothing further to report.

Gordon Floyd had nothing further to report.

Andy Rawls had nothing further to report.

Chief Kelley had nothing further to report.

Chief Wheelless had nothing further to report.

There being no further business to come before the Council and upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk

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