

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARION, ARKANSAS

The Council of the City of Marion, Arkansas, met in regular session Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 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)
	David W. Rikard	City Treasurer
	Patty James	City Clerk

Others

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

Absent:	James Hale III	City Attorney
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I.

Councilman Hanks made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wood, to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2017, Council meeting. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

II.

Citizens' Concerns: Arnel Abel, Executive Director, of Kindred Hospice addressed the Council concerning their presence in our community. Six months ago Kindred Hospice replaced Arkansas Department of Health In-Home Services. Kindred Hospice is based out of Forrest City. Kindred Hospice covers seven counties in Eastern Arkansas. Crittenden County is one of the seven counties covered by Kindred Hospice.

Next, James Hudson of 152 Morningside Drive, addressed the Council again concerning his desire to install a Sky Cop camera at Morningside Drive and Fieldcrest. He distributed quotes to Council members that he had received from a vendor in Memphis for installing a Sky Cop camera and the various options available. Mr. Hudson just wanted to keep the Council informed and get permission to install a private pole and once he has the camera mounted possibly assist the City with the crime in his neighborhood.

Lastly, Debbi Davenport, the City Librarian, addressed the Council. She advised that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt would be Saturday, April 1, 2017. Davenport was requesting that Currie Street be closed between 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for the Easter Egg Hunt for the safety of the children participating in the hunt. Councilman O’Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hanks, to close Curry Street from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, 2017. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

### III.

Planning Commission: Ed Cain reported that the Planning Commission met on February 7, 2017. The Commission reviewed a site plan for the Restoration Life Church’s (former Marion Assembly of God Church) new building at the southwest corner of Oak and Pine Streets. The site plan approved with the following contingencies: 1) add one additional handicap parking space, 2) submission of a final site plan showing grading and storm drainage details including drainage calculations. Lastly, election of Planning Commission officers was held. The current slate of officers were elected to continue serving in their current capacities. These are Rob Rash, Chairman; Greg Brinkley, Vice-Chairman; and Ed Cain, Secretary. There is an agenda for the March 7, 2017 meeting.

Water and Sewer: Mayor Fogleman advised that Jack Bond of Bond Engineering is in the process of advertising for the sub-sewer station improvements for the Bayou Vista and Sartini Road pump stations and as an alternative, bids would be solicited for improvements to the Neely Street pump station.

Parks and Recreation: Andy Rawls reported that there was a tournament this past weekend with 35 teams in attendance. He also added, that the contract mowers will start next week.

Street and Drainage: Gordon Floyd reported that Medel Marconi Drive will be closed during spring break at the railroad crossing to repair the crossing's north side culvert. He hopes to only have the road closed for two days.

Sanitation: None

Building Inspector: Jerry Kelley reported 5 new house permits, 1 commercial permit, and 17 miscellaneous permits were issued for February. That brings year to date totals to 6 new house permits, 1 commercial permit, and 24 miscellaneous permits.

Fire and Police: Chief Wheelless reported that the new tornado sirens are installed. The vendor can rebuild three of the six old tornado sirens so that they can be used throughout the City.

#### IV.

Old Business: Councilman O'Neal advised that the insurance bids had come in for City property. Pearson Insurance came in as the lowest bidder. Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hanks, to accept the bid and renew the policy April 1, 2017, with Pearson Insurance. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Next under Old Business, Mayor Fogleman reported that Sonny Marks from North Carolina has contacted the mayor and advised he would purchase all the City's old water meters at \$4.00 per meter. There are approximately between 3,500 – 4,000 old meter meters. Mayor Fogleman advised Mr. Marks if the Council approve the selling of the meters, Mr. Marks would have to provide a cashier's check. Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to authorize the sale of the old water meters at \$4.00 per meter to Sonny Marks. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

#### V.

New Business: Mayor Fogleman reported that bids were opened yesterday for trenching for the Delta Acres street lights. There are eighteen poles that need be set and trenching done at a cost of \$11,500.00, for Entergy to do their work. Jerry Leslie is the contractor that placed a bid for the work. Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to

accept the bid of \$11,500.00 for Jerry Leslie to do the trenching work. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

VI.

Resolutions and Ordinances: None

VII.

Financial Report: Treasurer Rikard reported that the financials have been previously distributed to the Council. Rikard noted that sales tax revenue collections were up in January for both the City and County portions compared to budget. January collections were better than budget by 18.4% for the City portion and by 4.6% for the County portion. The February Sales Tax numbers were just released and they were better than budget for the City portion by 14.4%, but worse than budget by 5.7% for the County portion. Rikard then opened the floor for questions.

VIII.

Departmental Reports:

Ed Cain had nothing further to report.

Gordon Floyd had nothing further to report.

Jim Shempert had nothing further to report.

Andy Rawls had nothing further to report.

Chief Kelley had nothing further to report.

Jerry Kelley had nothing further to report.

There being no further business to come before the Council and upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.