

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARION, ARKANSAS

The Council of the City of Marion, Arkansas met in regular session Monday, October 29, 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
	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
	Jerry Kelley	Building Inspector
Absent:	Woody Wheelless	Fire Chief
	Phyllis May	City Bookkeeper

I.

Councilman Hanks made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bigger, to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2018, Council meeting. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

II.

Citizens' Concerns: James Hudson thanked the City for their assistance with the community garden. The next goal is to have a community garden in the Forrest Park area. Hudson expressed a desire to have a community garden in the Harvard Yard area. A major cleanup in that area will need to be carried out in order to create a community garden in that area. There will be a meeting on November 5, 2018, at the Holiday Inn Express in West

Memphis to discuss with local officials the possibility of a community garden as well as a clean up project in Harvard Yard.

David Corbin will assume the role of overseeing the community garden. He has the knowledge to oversee the garden and the ability to reach out to the community.

William Hoard of 812 Sorrell Circle addressed the Council concerning a littering problem in his neighborhood. Mayor Fogleman advised the trash from new construction can be handled by the Building Inspector and the Police Department. As far as neighborhood littering some signs can be posted and fines can be assessed.

III.

Planning Commission: Ed Cain reported that the Planning Commission met on October 2, 2018. The Commission reviewed a preliminary subdivision plat for the Fifth Addition, Bella Terra Subdivision. A proposed seven-lot subdivision bounded by Currie Avenue on the north, Alta Vista Drive on the south, and Highway 77 on the east. The subdivision is proposed by Mark Pirani. The preliminary subdivision plat was approved by the Planning Commission contingent on (1) approval of the City's consultant engineer of all public improvement plans and related calculations, and (2) approval of relevant state agencies.

There is an agenda for the November Planning Commission meeting which will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

Water and Sewer: No report

Parks and Recreation: This report was covered under New Business.

Streets and Drainage: Councilman Hanks reported that the culvert work on Trigg Drive has been completed. There is some back-of- curb work that remains to be completed on Redwood Cove.

Sanitation: No report

Fire and Police: No report

Building Inspector: Jerry Kelley reported 3 new house permits, 0 commercial permits, and 31 miscellaneous permits were issued for the month of October. That brings year-to-date totals to 26 new house permits, 7 commercial permits, and 303 miscellaneous permits. Kelley reported the total dollar value for permits for the month of October was \$963,000.00 and total dollar value for the year is \$23,810,260.00.

IV.

Old Business: City Attorney Hale reported that the Comcast Agreement Renewal is basically the same as the past twenty years. The Council approved this renewal at the July 24, 2018 Council meeting.

V.

New Business: Mayor Fogleman made the nomination of Matt Thompson to serve on the Advertising and Promotion Committee. Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wood, to accept the nomination of Matt Thompson to serve on the Advertising and Promotion Committee. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

The next item was the update on the Complex lake repair. Andy Rawls reported that all the dirt and rock work, as well as the culverts and drain pipes going into the lake, have been completed. The pipe has been put in the southern lake to drain into the big lake. Once the concrete work is completed, Andy will inspect the bad spots and Gordon Floyd's group will complete the walking trail. Lastly, Andy will check for any stone that has been dispersed around the lake and grounds and get that removed. He will have the area disked and have some type of winter grass planted until late Spring when Bermuda can be put down.

Tomorrow, October 30, 2018, Andy Rawls will be meeting with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC). They will look at the work that has been done at the lake and will investigate the possibility of making Marion's lake a part of the Community Lake Program. The AGFC will let Andy know if there are any requirements that need to be met to be in the program. If the City's lake is in the Community Lake Program, the AGFC will stock the lake between eight and ten times a year instead of February and November like they do currently.

Lastly, Councilman O’Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to approve the Municipal League Service Charge and Municipal League Legal Defense Program for an annual amount of \$27,322.45. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

VI.

Resolutions and Ordinances: None

VII.

Financial Report: Treasurer Rikard reported that the September financials have been previously distributed to the Council. Rikard pointed out that sales tax revenue collections for September for the City portion were better than budget by 1.4% and the County portion was worse than budget by 1.7%. The October numbers were recently released and the City portion was better than budget by 10.8% and the County portion was better than budget by 4.1%. Through October, the City sales tax collections are better than budget by 2.8% and the County portion of the collections are better than budget by 0.7%. Rikard noted that year-to-date revenue for the general fund is better than budget by \$287,000.00 and general fund expenditures were worse than budget by \$109,000.00. Rikard then opened the floor for questions.

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.

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 7:40 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk

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