

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARION, ARKANSAS

The Council of the City of Marion, Arkansas met in regular session Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 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)
	Jim Spence	Councilman (2-2)
	Bryan Jackson	Councilman (3-1)
	Sherry Holliman	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
	Jerry Kelley	Fire Chief
	Phyllis May	City Bookkeeper

Absent:	Cliff Wood	Councilman (2-1)
	Woody Wheelless	Fire Chief

I.

Councilman Bigger made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spence, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019, Council meeting with one correction. Under Resolutions, the resolution numbered 2019-03, insert the following: Councilman O'Neal advised that the City could save approximately \$100,000.00 by the City doing its own mowing, having the State do the audit and using funds from Advertising and Promotion for economic development.

II.

Citizens' Concerns: Mr. James Hudson of 152 Morningside Drive distributed a copy of a partial list of ordinances for the City. He would like to get a list

of the current ordinances to distribute to his neighbors so that they know the laws that pertain to our community and can abide by them.

Next Mr. Hudson brought up the community garden along with other projects where individuals volunteer their time to assist with City work. He would like individuals to be able to have something in writing to claim for tax purposes.

Renee Conrad of 504 Edgewood Cove, thanked the Police Department for posting information that pertains to the community on the group facebook page. She had an additional concern to address with the Council. She received a hang tag on her door concerning a travel trailer that had resided on her property for eight years. Building Inspector Jerry Kelley advised he had received several complaints about the trailer on their property.

Tom Wall of 123 of Surrey Trace East, had previously addressed the Council in June of 2017, concerning speeding in Hardin Village and thanked the City for putting up stop signs. He also stated he has had to consistently call Jerry Kelley to have the property owner mow the property. The City has made an agreement with Mr. Williford (the property owner), to keep up the property in exchange for approved debris on the property. The bulldozer remains on the property at all times. The agreement with Mr. Williford saves the City approximately \$80,000.00 per year. When the weather improves the City will fix the ruts and smooth out the road by Flowers Trail. Mr. Wall requested a sign be posted stating this is a private drive. Mayor Fogleman advised the City could do this. Gordon Floyd will get this taken care of.

III,

Planning Commission: Ed Cain reported there was no Planning Commission meeting in February. There is no agenda for the March 5, 2019, Planning Commission meeting, therefore, there will be no meeting in March.

Water and Sewer: The Water and Sewer Committee met on February 5, 2019. The Committee authorized Mayor Fogleman's spending up to \$5,000.00 to study what options are available for use of the Cedar Street property. Another topic discussed was the invoice concerning B&B Utility Company. Mayor Fogleman expressed the need to have another Water and Sewer Committee meeting in order to have a representative from B&B Utility present to settle the invoice that has been sent to the City for payment.

Mayor Fogleman scheduled a Water and Sewer Committee for Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the City Annex.

Parks and Recreation: No Report.

Streets and Drainage: Gordon Floyd reported that if the river goes down APAC will start making asphalt. His department also got the bike path pad completed for the Chamber of Commerce.

Sanitation: Councilman Jackson reported that recycling is getting more expensive. Gordon Floyd is looking for other avenues to see what can be done to try to improve the situation for recycling.

Fire and Police: Councilman O'Neal reported that Jerry Kelley had met with Michael Rushing and discussed the Police Department addition. Rushing is pricing the plans and should have a quote soon.

Building Inspector: Jerry Kelley reported 2 new house permits, 0 commercial permits and 27 miscellaneous permits were issued for the month of February. That brings year-to-date totals to 2 new house permits, 0 commercial permits and 30 miscellaneous permits.

IV.

Old Business: None

V.

New Business: Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to authorize the Boys and Girls Club to use the Brunetti Park Fieldhouse for the 2019 Summer Program. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

VI.

Resolutions and Ordinances: None

VII.

Financial Report: Treasurer Rikard reported that the January financials have been previously distributed to the Council. Rikard pointed out that sales tax

revenue collections for January for the City portion were better than budget by 9.8% and the County portion was better than budget by 5.6%. The February numbers were just released and the City's portion is better than budget by 15.8% and the County portion is better than budget by 4.7%

Rikard then opened the floor for any questions.

VIII.

Departmental Reports:

Jim Shempert had nothing further to report.

Andy Rawls had nothing further to report.

Gordon Floyd reported that he has met with Mid-South Community College regarding the training class to prepare for taking the test to obtain a CDL license. He has ten employees that need to go to the class. He is looking into the possibility of getting a grant to cover the cost for his employees to take the class.

Jerry Kelley had nothing further to report.

Chief 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 7:45 p.m.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk