

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 Monday, September 16, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Marion City Hall.

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| 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) |
| | Sherry Holliman | Councilwoman (3-2) |
| | James C. Hale III | City Attorney |
| | David W. Rikard | City Treasurer |
| | Patty James | City Clerk |

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| Others Present: | Ed Cain | City Planning Consultant |
| | Gordon Floyd | Streets and Sanitation |
| | Dennis Burns | Asst. Police Chief |
| | Andy Rawls | Parks Superintendent |
| | Jerry Kelley | Building Inspector |

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| Absent: | Gary Kelley | Police Chief |
| | Woody Wheelless | Fire Chief |
| | Jim Shempert | Water Superintendent |

I.

Councilwoman Holliman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2019, Council meeting. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

II.

Citizens' Concerns: Casandra Meyer of Lakeshore addressed the Council concerning her request under the Freedom of Information Act. She specifically requested information regarding water meters that the City has disposed of. The City has provided her the original sewer agreement

between the City of Marion and The William L. Johnson Company of West Memphis. Mayor Fogleman advised the City will get the additional information as soon as possible.

III.

Planning Commission: Ed Cain reported that the Planning Commission met on September 3, 2019. The Planning Commission approved, with contingencies, the Final Plat, consisting of 19 lots, for the Fifth Addition to Marion Lake Estates Subdivision. Also approved, with contingencies, was the Final Plat, consisting of 40 lots, for The Reserve Subdivision. The Commission voted to withhold objection to a request to locate a drop yard and a heavy-duty towing service at 380 Bob Taylor Road. This is a location outside the Marion City Limits, but within our planning area. The petitioner was told that permits for new buildings on this site would have to be issued by Crittenden County.

At this point, there are no agenda items for the October 1, 2019, meeting. The agenda cut-off date is September 21, 2019.

Water and Sewer: No Report

Parks and Recreation: No Report

Streets and Drainage: No Report

Sanitation: No Report

Building Inspector: Jerry Kelley reported 1 new house permit, 0 commercial permits and 16 miscellaneous permits were issued for the month of September. That brings year-to-date totals to 23 new house permits, 6 commercial permits and 199 miscellaneous permits.

Police and Fire: Mayor Fogleman expressed the need to have a Police and Fire Committee Meeting to discuss the list from Chief Wheelless for Fire station #2 addition. A Police and Fire Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. at the City Annex.

IV.

Old Business: Jerry Kelley reported that the Police station addition is completed, except for the installation of some cabinets and striping on the parking lot. The Fire station#2 addition is currently under construction and should be completed in approximately three months.

There is no new information on the Overpass project. Mayor Fogleman advised that a meeting he attended with ArDot was not about the Overpass project as he had expected, but instead, about some possible funding through a grant for State Aid through the Streets Program. Next year, the City may receive approximately \$250,000.00, in grant funds to do some street repairs for Block Street, Judge Smith Drive, a section of Military Road, Gammon Road or Marion Lake Road.

V.

New Business: A Street Sweeper Broom has been previously approved in the 2019 budget. Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to authorize up to \$25,000.00 for the purchase of a 2007 Broce Model RJ-350 Self-propelled Sweeper. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Councilwoman Holliman reported that she had attended a meeting at the Civil Rights Museum in Memphis on September 10, 2019. The meeting topic was workforce investment. Two items discussed were transportation and childcare. Councilwoman Holliman wanted input from Council members regarding rentable scooters as a means of transportation. She will be meeting with the company (Birds) that provides scooter rental. The costs are \$1 to rent, .15 per minute and they travel 15 mph with a 20-mile range.

Councilman Jackson and Councilman O'Neal thanked the Council for changing the Council Meeting dates for August, September and October.

VI.

Resolutions and Ordinances: None

VII.

Financial Report: Treasurer Rikard reported that the August financials have been previously distributed to the Council. Rikard pointed out that sales tax revenue collections for the City portion for August were worse than budget

by 1.7% and the County portion was better than budget by 5.3%. That results in the year-to-date collections through August better than budget by 4.4% for the City portion and better by 0.3% for the County portion. Rikard further pointed out that general fund revenue collections through August are worse than budget by approximately \$52,000.00 while general fund expenditures are better than budget by approximately \$207,000.00.

Rikard then opened the floor for questions.

VIII.

Departmental Reports:

Ed Cain had nothing further to report.

Jerry Kelly had nothing further to report.

Dennis Burns had nothing further to report.

Andy Rawls had nothing further to report.

There being no further business to come before the Council and upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk