

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARION, ARKANSAS

The Council of the City of Marion, Arkansas met in regular session Tuesday, March 26, 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 Hale III | City Attorney |
| | David W. Rikard | City Treasurer |
| | Patty James | City Clerk |

Others

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| 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 |

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| Absent: | Phyllis May | City Bookkeeper |
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I.

Councilman Jackson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bigger, to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019, Council meeting. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

II.

Citizens' Concerns: Cassey Clayman, City Librarian addressed the Council. She advised that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt would be Saturday, March 30, 2019. Clayman requested that Currie Street be closed from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for the Easter Egg Hunt for the safety of the children

participating in the hunt. Chief Kelley advised that his department would handle the closing of Currie Street.

III.

Planning Commission: Ed Cain reported there was no Planning Commission meeting in March. Cain advised there is an agenda for the April 2, 2019, Planning Commission meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Annex.

Water and Sewer: This report was covered under Old Business.

Parks and Recreation: No Report

Streets and Drainage: Gordon Floyd reported that his department will start laying asphalt this week. Councilwoman Holliman expressed the need to have a Streets and Drainage Committee Meeting. A Streets and Drainage Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Annex.

Sanitation: No Report

Fire and Police: Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to authorize Chief Wheelless to order a Pierce Pumper Fire Truck at a cost of \$560,174.00. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Building Inspector: Jerry Kelley reported 5 new house permits, 0 commercial permits and 11 miscellaneous permits were issued for the month of March. That brings year-to-date totals to 7 new house permits, 0 commercial permits and 41 miscellaneous permits.

IV.

Old Business: The invoice from B & B Utility Construction billing the City for twelve extra days of renting the bypass pump has been put on hold until the Water and Sewer Committee can meet with Jack Bond of Bond Engineers.

Councilman O'Neal made a motion as a recommendation from the Fire and Police Committee, and Councilman Wood seconded, to authorize Jerry Kelley, Building Inspector, to serve as Contractor on behalf of the City for the Police

Station and Fire Station Additions. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Councilman O'Neal made an inquiry concerning the total amount that has been paid to F & F Construction thus far, for the plans for the Police and Fire Station additions. Treasurer Rikard responded that \$47,000.00 has been spent thus far for the work.

Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spence, to authorize Mayor Fogleman to sign all necessary paperwork for the payment of \$18,000.00 to F & F Construction for the work provided by F & F Construction for developing plans for additions to both Fire Station #2 and the Police Department and to sign a hold harmless agreement with F & F Construction. Upon voting, there were 5 ayes, and 1 nay, the motion carried.

Councilman O'Neal expressed the need to schedule another Fire and Police Committee Meeting. A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. at the City Annex.

V.

New Business: Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to authorize Mayor Fogleman to sign all necessary paperwork for the renewal of property insurance with Insight Risk Management. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

VI.

Resolutions and Ordinances: None

VII.

Financial Report: Treasurer Rikard reported the February financials have been previously distributed to the Council. Rikard pointed out that sales tax revenue collections for February for the City portion were better than budget by 15.8% and the County portion was better than budget by 4.7%. The March numbers were just released and the City's portion is better than budget by 9.0% and the County portion is worse than budget by 1.7%. That leaves the year-to-date collections through March better than budget by 11.5% for the City portion and 2.9% for the County portion. Rikard further pointed out that the general fund revenue collections through February are

better than budget by \$50,000.00 while the general fund expenditures are better than budget by \$77,000.00.

Rikard then opened the floor for questions.

VIII.

Departmental Reports:

Ed Cain had nothing further to report.

Jim Shempert had nothing further to report.

Andy Rawls advised that the contract mowing will start this week.

Gordon Floyd advised there are a lot of problems with the recycling.

Chief Wheelless advised that the AWIN system is running behind. The Motorola radios may be in before the system is up and running.

Jerry Kelley had nothing further to report.

Chief Kelley advised that the three Skycop cameras have been delivered.

There being no further business to come before the Council and upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk