

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

The City Council of the City of Marion, Arkansas met in special session on Tuesday, December 30, 2019, at 4:00 PM at Marion City Hall Annex.

Present:	Frank A. Fogleman Kelly O'Neal David Bigger Bryan Jackson Sherry Holliman David W. Rikard	Mayor Councilman (1-1) Councilman (1-2) Councilman (3-1) Councilman (3-2) Clerk/Treasurer
Absent:	James C. Hale III Jim Spence Cliff Wood	City Attorney Councilman (2-2) Councilman (2-1)
Others Present:	Robert Mclvor Jonnye Wisniewski Ed Cain	Parsons Transportation Group Parsons Transportation Group City Planner

I
Councilman Jackson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bigger to waive the reading and the approval of the previous Council minutes. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

II

New Business

Fogleman advised that Robert Mclvor and Jonnye Wisniewski of Parsons Transportation Group (PTG) were in attendance to request that the Council consider entering into a \$164,072.75 Supplement Agreement (SA) for additional payment, beyond the original agreement with PTG, and support the SA when presented to ArDot for approval. The \$164,072.75 SA includes \$26,305.11 for Brawley Engineering of West Memphis (BE), for work that has been completed and some work yet to be done by BE. Mclvor explained that changes in the overpass location, the changed length of the overpass, drainage relocation work around the roadway intersection with Military Road, and the discovery of more property ownership matters than initially anticipated, all added together to increase the costs to PTG and BE and thus the request for additional payment(s). Mclvor and Wisniewski provided detailed information concerning their request and answered questions from the Council members present. The Council declined to make any decision at this time and deferred the matter to the January Council meeting.

Fogleman advised that David Rikard has solicited financing bids from local lenders and that he, Rikard, had received one local proposal that included an interest rate of 3.5% for five years. Fogleman reported that he and Rikard, as permitted by the Council at the November Council meeting, were moving forward to finance the \$196,000+ garbage truck with U S Bank of North Little Rock at an interest rate of 2.65% for five years. Fogleman also advised that RiverCity Hydraulics requested to be paid for the new garbage truck by January 3, 2020, and that a resolution declaring the Council's intention to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the U S Bank financing agreement if the City should advance its' funds to pay RiverCity Hydraulics for the garbage truck while the loan paperwork with U S Bank is being completed. Following discussion, O'Neal moved, with Bigger seconding, to approve the resolution. All present voted aye. The resolution is numbered 2019-9.

Fogleman reminded the Council of Lisa O'Neal's presentation at the November Council meeting concerning the availability of Ms. Connie Hale's properties at 139 and 145 State Highway 77, Marion and asked for Council thoughts concerning the purchase of Ms. Hale's property adjacent to and on the east side of Brunetti Park. Following discussion, Bigger moved, with Holliman seconding, to offer \$275,000 for both of Ms. Hale's parcels along Highway 77 with the purchaser and seller to split the cost of the survey, recording stamps and closing costs, The seller is to provide title insurance, pay any commissions due a real estate agent, and provide satisfactory evidence of environmentally clean property. With Kelly O'Neal abstaining from the vote, Bigger, Holliman and Jackson voted for the motion and Fogleman cast a yes vote causing the motion to pass 4 – 0.

Fogleman reported that an ad had run soliciting qualifications for services related to the \$250,000 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant the city had received from ArDot for such things as pedestrian street lighting, bike lane dividers and street trees among others. Ecological Design Group (EDG) submitted their qualifications and as EDG had worked with the City previously on planning downtown improvements, Fogleman recommended that EDG be hired to assist in implementing the grant. Following discussion, O'Neal moved, with Holliman seconding, to request that EDG provide a contract proposal for the Council's consideration. All present voted aye.

There being no further business, and upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Frank A. Fogleman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty James, Clerk