

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

The City of Marion, Arkansas met in special session on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at Marion City Hall.

Present: Frank A. Fogleman Mayor  
Kelsey Hensley Councilwoman (1-1)  
David Bigger Councilman (1-2)  
Jim Spence Councilman (2-2)  
Bryan Jackson Councilman (3-1)  
Sherry Holliman Councilwoman (3-2)  
Patty James City Clerk

Absent: Cliff Wood Councilman (2-1)  
James C. Hale III City Attorney  
David W. Rikard City Treasurer

Citizens

Present: Debbie Reginelli  
Leslie Brick  
Tracy Brick  
Kathy Bond Pirani  
Dana Robbins  
Mary Williams  
Leven Williams  
Debbie Shivers

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Mayor Fogleman advised the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the closing of Cherry Street. Neither the requested School District representative nor the contractor were in attendance at the meeting.

Dr. Glen Fenter, Superintendent of the Marion School District has made a request to have Cherry Street temporarily closed for construction of the new gymnasium for the Herbert Carter Global Community School. This construction and street closure would take approximately 14 months. School will begin July 26, 2021. The contractor would like to have materials delivered as soon as possible.

Residents in attendance voiced their concerns and opposition to the project. Some of their concerns were first responders' inability to get to residents in this area, traffic flow in and out of their streets, along with the heavy equipment and possible damage to their streets.

Councilman Jackson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spence, to reject the School's request for temporary closure of Cherry Street, with the stipulation that the School representative and the contractor must attend a meeting advising the Council and concerned citizens/residents of their detailed plans for this closure and construction. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business to come before the Council and upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk