

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 Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Marion City Hall.

Present:	Frank A. Fogleman	Mayor
	Kelly O'Neal	Councilman (1-1)
	Cliff Wood	Councilman (2-1)
	Jim Spence	Councilman (2-2)
	Bryan Jackson	Councilman (3-1)
	Don Hanks	Councilman (3-2)
	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
	Woody Wheelless	Fire Chief
	Jerry Kelley	Building Inspector
	Phyllis May	City Bookkeeper

Absent:	David Bigger	Councilman (1-2)
	James Hale III	City Attorney

I.

Councilman Hanks made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wood, to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2018, Council meeting. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

II.

Citizens' Concerns: None

III.

Planning Commission: Ed Cain reported that the Planning Commission had no agenda for the March 6, 2018 meeting, therefore, there was not a meeting in March. Cain advised, there is an agenda for the April 3, 2018, Planning Commission meeting.

Water and Sewer: No Report. A Water and Sewer Committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the Annex. Mayor Fogleman added that there is an issue with the pump at the Sartini station and this will need to be discussed at the Water and Sewer Committee on April 3, 2018.

Parks and Recreation: Andy Rawls reported that his department has been very busy with tournaments. There have been tournaments the past three weeks and there are tournaments scheduled for the first and last weekends in April. He also reported that MYSA is getting ready to start their season. A Parks and Recreation Committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Annex.

Streets and Drainage: Councilman Hanks reported that Gordon Floyd's department has been blowing out culverts and patching asphalt throughout the City. A Streets and Drainage Committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at the Annex. In addition to the Street and Drainage report, Mayor Fogleman added that the traffic light at Hino Road was damaged during a storm and needs to be replaced. This item will be discussed at the Streets and Drainage meeting on April 24, 2018.

Sanitation: No Report. A Sanitation Committee meeting will be held in conjunction with the Streets and Drainage Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at the Annex.

Building Inspector: Jerry Kelley reported 5 new house permits, 1 commercial permits, and 35 miscellaneous permits were issued for March. That brings the year-to-date totals to 9 new house permits, 4 commercial permits, and 60 miscellaneous permits.

Fire and Police: No Report.

IV.

Old Business: Councilman Jackson brought before the Council the issue on Charleston Cove brought to the City's attention by residents Scott and

Suzanne Thompson. The Thompsons have been dealing with this issue for 12 years. Gordon Floyd advised when homes were first built there the area had a wetland problem. The developers put in a temporary culvert going back to the ditch. Throughout the years the temporary culvert has developed multiple sinkholes, mostly in this one yard. The City has fixed several of them, but as soon as one is fixed another one springs up. Floyd has spoken with Jack Bond of Bond Engineering about the drainage and he (Floyd) will block both ends of the pipe and Floyd will wait to see what happens with the next rain. The plan is to hold off on doing anything until then.

Next, under Old Business, was the filter plant update. Mayor Fogleman advised, that he had received a letter from Tonka Water Treatment Solutions stating basically, that they don't feel they have any responsibility. Tonka does not feel that their equipment is the cause of the problem. However, they would like to be present when the repairs are made. If it is proven that the issue is a manufacturing defect they will work with the City to immediately fix the problem. The City has contacted B & B Utility Contractors as well, but has not gotten a response from them. Mayor Fogleman feels the problem is going to fall on the City to fix. In response to this issue, Councilman Jackson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hanks, to make restitution to East Arkansas Youth Services in the amount of approximately \$4,500.00 for the repairs of the damage suffered from the problem of the filter plant. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Lastly, under Old Business, was the 206 Shiloh condemnation update. Mayor Fogleman advised that the lender is requesting more time to come up with a plan of action. The lender has to submit a course of action and a timeframe to the City by the next Council meeting on April 24, 2018. Someone has boarded up the windows, but there is concern regarding the yard maintenance.

V.

New Business: The property and casualty insurance renewal is due. Councilman O'Neal reported that there was one bid from Pearson Insurance and the bid is slightly higher than last year because of significant claims for this past year. Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wood to renew the property and casualty insurance coverage with Pearson Insurance. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion

Resolutions and Ordinances: None

VII.

Financial Report: Treasure Rikard advised that changes are needed to the structure of the manner in which financial information is presented to the auditors. These changes will make the financials more effective. Rikard wanted approval from the Council regarding these changes. Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson to approve the financial structures needed for the auditors. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Treasurer Rikard reported that the February financials have been previously distributed to the Council. Rikard also noted that a summary of bond expenditures through January was distributed to the Council before the meeting. Rikard pointed out that sales tax revenue collections for February were worse than budget by 16.0% for the City and worse than budget by 6.7% for the County. Rikard also noted that the March sales tax numbers for the County portion was better than budget for March. Through March, the City sales tax collections are worse than budget by 7.75% and the County portion of the collections are worse than 2.5%. Rikard then opened the floor for questions.

VIII.

Departmental Reports:

Chief Wheelless had nothing further to report.

Chief Kelley had nothing further to report.

Ed Cain had nothing further to report.

Jerry Kelley reported that, thus far this year, there has been a total of \$12.5 million spent on residential, commercial, and miscellaneous growth. The breakdown is \$10.5 million for commercial and miscellaneous and \$2.0 million on residential growth.

Andy Rawls had nothing further to report.

Gordon Floyd had nothing further to report.

Jim Shempert had nothing further to report.

There being no further business to come before the Council and upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk

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