

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 28, 2017, 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)
	James Hale III	City Attorney
	David W. Rikard	City Treasurer
	Patty James	City Clerk
Others		
Present:	Ed Cain	City Planning Consultant
	Jim Shempert	Water Superintendent
	Gordon Floyd	Streets and Sanitation
	Andy Rawls	Parks Superintendent
	Jerry Kelley	Building Inspector
	Gary Kelley	Police Chief
	Phyllis Mays	City Bookkeeper
Absent:	David Bigger	Councilman (1-2)
	Woody Wheelless	Fire Chief

I.

Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hanks, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2017, Council meeting. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

II.

Citizens' Concerns: None

III.

Planning Commission: Ed Cain reported there was an agenda for the

February 7, 2017 meeting, however, there were not enough members present; therefore, no business was conducted. There is an agenda for the April 4, 2017 meeting.

Water and Sewer: Mayor Fogleman reported that the bids for improvements to Bayou Vista, Sartini, and Neely pump stations will be open on April 20, 2017. Also, the Water and Sewer Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at the Annex.

Parks and Recreation: Andy Rawls reported that the baseball tournaments are going very well this season, and that attendance seems to be up this year. Rawls also advised that the mowers have started mowing around town, and if anyone sees any issues to contact him.

Street and Drainage: Councilman Hanks reported that Medel Marconi railroad crossing will be finished soon. Gordon's department just received a big shipment of asphalt and will soon be starting more street overlay work.

Sanitation: None

Building Inspector: Jerry Kelley reported 1 new house permit, 1 commercial permit, and 12 miscellaneous permits were issued for March. That brings year to date totals to 7 new house permits, 2 commercial permits, and 36 miscellaneous permits.

Fire and Police: Councilman O'Neal reported that the new vehicles are coming in.

#### IV.

Old Business: Mayor Fogleman reported that Mr. Hudson had contacted him concerning his desire to have the City provide him a letter giving him permission to install a pole and skycop on his property. After much discussion, the Council decided that the City has no position on the matter because this is being installed on private property.

Next under Old Business, Councilman O'Neal asked about the purchase of the old residential water meters. Mayor Fogleman advised that Mr. Marks purchased all but about 1500 of the old residential water meters and that a

different purchaser had come forward and purchased the remaining meters for \$3.00 per meter.

V.

New Business: Mayor Fogleman reported that Dr. James Johnston had tenured his resignation on the Planning Commission. With his resignation, Mayor Fogleman nominated Donnaire Granger to the Planning Commission. Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wood, to accept the nomination of Donnaire Granger to serve on the Planning Commission. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

The next item under New Business, was the state bids for a Dodge ½ Ton Extended Cab 4x4 Wheel Truck, at \$23,342.00, and a John Deere R200 Disc Mower at \$8,380.00. Both items have been approved in the capital improvement budget for the Sewer Department. Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman O'Neal to approve the purchase of the Dodge ½ Ton Extended Cab 4x4 Wheel Truck, and the John Deere R200 Disc Mower. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Lastly, under New Business, Mayor Fogleman reported that the March 14, 2017, bond election results have been certified as passed and that City Clerk Patty James had arranged for publication of the election results in the local newspaper, *Evening Times*. Proof of publication has been provided to Mr. Shep Russell, Friday Eldredge & Clark LLP, the City's bond attorney.

VI.

Resolutions and Ordinances: None

VII.

Financial Report: Treasurer Rikard reported that the financials have been previously distributed to the Council. Rikard noted that sales tax revenue collections were up for the year-to-date period ended March for both the City and County portions compared to budget. The year-to-date sales tax collections are better than budget by 15.7% for the City's receipts and by 0.6% for the County portion. Rikard also noted that the budget has not been input to the financial statement system, but should be in before the next council meeting. Rikard then opened the floor for questions.

VIII.

Departmental Reports:

Ed Cain had nothing further to report.

Gordon Floyd had nothing further to report.

Jim Shempert had nothing further to report.

Andy Rawls had nothing further to report.

Chief Kelley had nothing further to report.

Jerry Kelley had nothing further to report.

There being no further business to come before the Council and upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Mayor

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

