

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, May 26, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at Marion City Hall.

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 C. Hale III	City Attorney
	David W. Rikard	City Treasurer
	Patty James	City Clerk

I.

Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2020, Council meeting. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

II.

Citizens' Concerns: None

III.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: The May 5, 2020, Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19 safety concerns and meeting restrictions included in Governor Hutchinson's COVID-19 statewide directives.

There is an agenda for the June 2, 2020, Planning Commission meeting. Guidelines will be followed concerning meeting restrictions due to the COVID-19 virus.

Water and Sewer: No Report.

Parks and Recreation: No Report.

Streets and Drainage: No Report.

Sanitation: Covered under New Business.

Building Inspector: No Report.

Fire and Police: Councilman O'Neal reported that May 29, 2020, Assistant Chief Dennis Burns and Corporal Howard Tankersley will be retiring. There will be a ceremony on May 29, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. at the Police Department; all Council members are invited to attend.

IV.

Old Business: Mayor Fogleman reported that the check for \$35,037.10 has been sent to ArDot. This will cover the City's portion of the cost of the overlay work to be completed on Block Street and Judge Smith Drive by Crisp Contractors. Once the contract is signed, ArDot will schedule the overlay work.

V.

New Business: At the April Council meeting an ordinance was passed approving a replat of Angelo's Grove. Two additional medians are to be surveyed and added to the new plat. City Attorney Hale is working on the addition to the paperwork and Mr. Farrell has been notified of the progress.

Dr. Fenter has accepted and signed the agreement to donate the Marion School Gymnasium on the Herbert Carter Global Community Magnet Campus at 133 Military Road, Marion, Arkansas to the City of Marion.

Dr. Fenter has also signed the lease agreement between the Marion School District and the City of Marion for the use of the "red" field at the Marion Sports Complex. The "red" field will become the new home field for the Marion Patriots Girls Softball Team. The Marion School District will make multiple improvements to the field and the softball team will have priority use of the field throughout the softball team's season. This use by the girl's softball team will be for practice, regular season, post season games, tournaments, district and state championship tournaments. Otherwise, the field will be used by the City for other softball/baseball related events.

Mayor Delaney of Gilmore, Arkansas, has turned down the offer of \$12,500.00, per unit, to purchase two of the City's police vehicles.

Mrs. Connie Hale has accepted the City's offer of \$325,000.00 for both of her parcels on Highway 77 adjacent to Brunetti Park, and the paperwork is proceeding.

Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Holliman, to accept the purchase agreement with River City Hydraulics, Inc. for (2) 2020 Freightliner TL3 Lightning Knuckleboom trucks for \$306,991.40, with a guarantee buyback after 24 months; have the necessary parties sign the necessary paperwork and do the financing with BancorpSouth, unless better financing is available. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

VI.

Resolutions and Ordinances: None

VII.

Financial Report: The financials have been distributed; if anyone has any questions, contact Treasurer Rikard.

VIII.

Departmental Reports: No Report.

There being no further business to come before the Council and upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk