

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, October 22, 2019, 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)
	Patty James	City Clerk

Others

Present:	Ed Cain	City Planning Consultant
	Gordon Floyd	Streets and Sanitation
	Gary Kelley	Police Chief
	Woody Wheelless	Fire Chief
	Andy Rawls	Parks Superintendent
	Jerry Kelley	Building Inspector

Absent:	James C. Hale III	City Attorney
	David W. Rikard	City Treasurer
	Jim Shempert	Water Superintendent

I.

Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bigger, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2019, Council meeting with one correction under New Business: a Street Sweeper Broom, the minutes be changed from "All Council members present voted in favor of the motion", to "The motion passed with 5 ayes and 1 nay". All Council members present voted in favor of the motion with the change so noted.

II.

Citizens' Concerns: None

### III.

Planning Commission: Ed Cain reported that the Planning Commission met on October 1, 2019, with only four members present, therefore, no business was conducted. There is an agenda for the November 5, 2019, meeting.

Water and Sewer: No Report. At Councilman Spence's request, Mayor Fogleman scheduled a Water and Sewer Committee Meeting for Monday, October 28, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the City Annex.

Parks and Recreation: No Report. At Councilman Wood's request, Mayor Fogleman scheduled a Parks and Recreation Meeting for Monday, October 28, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Annex.

Streets and Drainage: Gordon Floyd reported that the City will not accept the public infrastructure at the Mitchell Clinic until the corrections are made to keep water off of the adjacent property by changing some curb work and completing the drainpipe going into the storm sewer.

Sanitation: Councilman Jackson requested that Gordon Floyd obtain the maintenance records for the garbage truck that Floyd had received a purchase agreement on from River City Hydraulics.

Building Inspector: Jerry Kelley reported 6 new house permits, 0 commercial permits and 32 miscellaneous permits were issued for the month of October. That brings year-to-date totals to 29 new house permits, 6 commercial permits and 231 miscellaneous permits.

Police and Fire: Councilman O'Neal reported that the Police and Fire Committee met on October 21, 2019. Items discussed were the plans for Fire Station One and the progress of Fire Station Two.

### IV.

Old Business: Jerry Kelley reported that he is waiting on some cabinets and two blinds to be installed and the Police Station addition will be completed. The brick work should be completed within the week on the Fire Station addition.

Mayor Fogleman advised there is no update on the Overpass Project.

V.

New Business: Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spence, to approve the Municipal League Service Charge and Municipal League Legal Defense Program for an annual amount of \$28,186.60. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Holliman, to authorize the necessary parties to sign the necessary paperwork to pay Marion's portion (\$11,730.00) of the District Judge's salary. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Garbage Truck – was covered under Sanitation.

Mayor Fogleman reported that the City of Marion has been selected to receive the \$250,000.00 Highway federal grant for the Military Road Streetscape project. This project will include a bike and walking trail. A program kick-off meeting will be held Thursday, October 24, 2019, in Little Rock.

One late item was added to the agenda. A request has been made for infrastructure improvements for the 8-lot Rustling Oaks 4<sup>th</sup> addition. Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spence, to accept the infrastructure improvements for the 8-lot Rustling Oaks 4<sup>th</sup> addition, contingent on the fire hydrants being open and there being no objections from Jim Shempert. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

VI.

Resolutions and Ordinances: None

VII.

Financial Report: In Treasurer Rikard's absence, Mayor Fogleman read the Treasurer's report. The September financials have been previously distributed to the Council. Sales tax revenue collections for the City portion for September were better than budget by 16.4% and the County portion was better than budget by 7.4%. That results in the year-to-date collections through September better than budget by 5.5% for the City portion and better by 1.1% for the County portion. It was further noted that general

fund revenue collections through September are worse than budget by approximately \$107,000.00 while general fund expenditures are better than budget by approximately \$92,000.00.

Any questions concerning the Financial Report can be addressed by Treasurer Rikard.

VIII.

Departmental Reports:

Ed Cain had nothing further to report.

Jerry Kelley had nothing further to report.

Andy Rawls had nothing further to report.

Chief Kelley had nothing further to report.

Chief Wheelless had nothing further to report.

Gordon Floyd had nothing further to report.

There being no further business to come before the Council and upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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Mayor

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