

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARION, ARKANSAS

The Council of the City of Marion, Arkansas met in regular session Tuesday, November 27, 2018, 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)
	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
	Gordon Floyd	Streets and Sanitation
	Jim Shempert	Water Superintendent
	Andy Rawls	Parks Superintendent
	Gary Kelley	Police Chief
	Wood Wheelless	Fire Chief
	Phyllis May	City Bookkeeper

Absent:	Jerry Kelley	Building Inspector
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I.

Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hanks, to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2018, Council meeting. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

II.

Citizens' Concerns: On behalf of Jerry Kelley and Gordon Floyd, Floyd expressed his appreciation to the Council, Mayor Fogleman, and Chief Wheelless, for the use of Fire Station Number 3 for the Pancake Breakfast with Santa. The proceeds of the breakfast will go to *Bikes for Tykes*.

III.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission met on November 13, 2018, at which time the Final Subdivision Plat for the Fifth Addition, Bella Terra Subdivision was approved contingent on (1) review and approval of the City's Consulting Engineer of all public improvement plans and related calculations including those related to stormwater drainage and detention, and (2) approval of relevant state agencies.

The Planning Commission also approved the Site, Grading and Drainage Plan for the property at 109 State Highway 77. This approval was also contingent on review and approval of the City's Consulting Engineer.

There is an agenda for the December Planning Commission meeting which will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

Water and Sewer: No Report

Parks and Recreation: Andy Rawls reported that Sandy Baker had approached him with the idea of purchasing a bench as a memorial dedicated to her sister Beverly Warner and to have it placed at the Sports Complex. Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, giving Sandy Baker permission to purchase a memorial bench with placement at the Sports Complex, and the City having editorial rights to any inscription on the bench. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Streets and Drainage: No Report

Sanitation: Councilman Jackson reported that once Gordon Floyd has obtained all the pertinent information, the Sanitation Committee will need to set a meeting regarding employees attending CDL Classes and obtaining their CDL Licenses.

Fire and Police: No Report. Councilman O'Neal requested an update on Fire Station Number Two. Mayor Fogleman reported that he had met with Mr. Evance, and that he would be following up with electronic copies of the plans for both the fire station and police department. Fogleman advised that in the near future there should be information to meet with the Committee regarding recommendation for both projects.

Building Inspector: Ed Cain gave the report in Jerry Kelley's absence. There were 0 new house permits, 0 commercial permits and 11 miscellaneous permits issued for the month of November. That brings year-to-date totals to 26 new house permits, 7 commercial permits and 319 miscellaneous permits.

IV.

Old Business: None

V.

New Business: Andy Rawls reported, if the weather permits, the concrete work will be completed next week for the complex lake repair.

The next item covered was the Worker's Compensation renewal. Cliff Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spence, to renew Workman's Compensation by January 1, 2019, with whomever gives the City the best quote. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

The third item discussed was the 2018 Audit. Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spence, to renew the three year contract with Watson Uberall. The motion carried with five-ayes and one-nay.

Lastly, there will be no December City Council meeting, but Council members will be available if necessary for a special call meeting.

VI.

Resolutions and Ordinances: None

VII.

Financial Report: Treasurer Rikard reminded the Council that the first draft of the budget will be emailed to each of them by the December 1st deadline and meetings can be arranged if any of the Council members would like to meet to go over the budget. Rikard then reported that the October financials have been previously distributed to the Council. Rikard pointed out that sales tax revenue collections for October for the City portion were better than budget by 10.8% and the County portion was better than budget

by 4.1%. The November numbers were recently released and the City portion was better than budget by 3.7% and the County portion was worse than budget by 4.1%. Through November, the City sales tax collections are better than budget by 2.9% and the County portion of the collections are better than budget by 0.2%. Rikard noted that year-to-date revenue for the general fund is better than budget by \$354,000 and general fund expenditures were worse than budget by \$7,000. Rikard then opened the floor for questions.

Rikard advised that the Council needs to consider having a travel and training budget for Council members. Councilman Jackson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bigger, to authorize up to \$2,000.00 annually for nine elected Council officials for travel and training. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

VIII.

Departmental Reports:

Ed Cain had nothing further to report.

Jim Shempert had nothing further to report.

Gordon Floyd reported all garbage routes are caught up.

Andy Rawls reported January 1, 2019, that minimum wage goes up to \$9.25 per hour and January 1, 2020, minimum wage goes to \$10.00 per hour. He advised that this will affect the annual budget for his and Gordon Floyd's departments.

Chief Kelley had nothing further to report.

Mayor Fogleman thanked Councilman Hanks for his service on the City Council.

There being no further business to come before the Council and upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk