

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARION, ARKANSAS

The City of Marion, Arkansas met in special session on Friday, March 13, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. at Marion City Hall Annex.

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)
	Sherry Holliman	Councilwoman (3-2)
	James C. Hale III	City Attorney
	Patty James	City Clerk

Others

Present:	Woody Wheelless	Fire Chief
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Absent:	Bryan Jackson	Councilman (3-1)
	David W. Rikard	City Treasurer

I.

Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spence, to suspend the reading and approval of the minutes from the previous Council meeting. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

II.

New Business:

Mayor Fogleman advised that, at this time, he believed that all Council members are aware of the accident on Monday, March 9, 2020, involving the City's fire department's Rescue Truck. The fire truck involved in the accident will be a total loss and will have to be replaced. Chief Wheelless has been in contact with a company in Clearwater, Florida that builds the fire rescue truck that the City will need. It normally takes 12-14 months to build this fire rescue truck. The company has one that is considered a demo that could be completed in 2-4 months. The City could receive this fire rescue truck by July 2020. Chief Wheelless distributed a sheet that showed the cost

of the new fire rescue truck along with the options that he wanted on this fire rescue truck. The rescue truck that was damaged in the accident responded to all fires and accidents; this new fire rescue truck will do the same. A rescue truck carries all necessary equipment for accidents and fires because the other fire trucks do not have the capability to do so. Fogleman added that not only was the fire rescue truck a total loss, but many of the pieces of equipment used for extrication were damaged as well and will have to be replaced.

Councilwoman Holliman asked about insurance coverage and what the City would recoup with insurance proceeds. At this time, the amount coming from the insurance company is unknown. Mayor Fogleman advised there will probably be a big depreciation factor involved because of the age of the fire rescue truck that was lost. Councilman Bigger asked if bond money would be an option to pay for part of the cost for the replacement of the fire rescue truck. Mayor Fogleman advised, once insurance is all settled that bond money could be an option. There is approximately 1.5 million dollars in bond money available, so this would not have an adverse impact on the City's budget for 2020.

There was discussion regarding the City of Marion responding to fires and accidents that are not in the City limits. This discussion was tabled.

Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wood, to authorize the purchase of the Pearce Fire Truck at a cost of \$491,974.00 and with the following options:

Graphics	\$ 3,478.00
LED Headlights	\$ 2,955.00
American Flag Grill	\$ 3,100.00
Paint Top Half of Cab	\$10,975.00
Paint Top of Box	\$ 3,500.00
Breathing Air Refill System	\$24,785.00
Total Accessories	\$48,793.00

Total Fire Truck and Accessories \$540,767.00

All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bigger, to authorize Chief Wheelless to use ACT-833 Funds to purchase the Holmatro exterication equipment at a cost of \$23,845.00. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Other Business:

Mayor Fogleman reminded the Council of the special meeting held December 30, 2019, concerning Ms. Connie Hale's properties at 139 and 145 State Highway 77, Marion. At that special meeting, a motion was approved to offer Ms. Hale \$275,000,00 for both parcels on Highway 77. She has declined that offer. After much discussion, Councilman Bigger made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spence, to offer up to, but not to exceed \$310,000.00 for both of Ms. Hale's parcels along Highway 77, with the purchaser, (The City) and the seller, (Ms. Hale) to split the cost of the recording stamps and closing costs. In addition, the seller, (Ms. Hale) is to provide title insurance, pay any commissions due to a real estate agent, and provide a survey and as well as satisfactory evidence of environmentally clean property. The motion passed with 4 ayes, and Councilman O'Neal abstaining from the vote.

There being no further business to come before the Council and upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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Mayor

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

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