

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

The City of Marion, Arkansas met in special session on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 5:00 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)
	David W. Rikard	City Treasurer
	Patty James	City Clerk
Absent:	James C. Hale III	City Attorney

I.

Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wood, 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: Jack Bond of Bond Engineering, recommends that the City accept the low bid that was submitted by J & R Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$200,976.00 for a water line extension from Gammon Road along the east boundary of Delta Acres to the north boundary of Delta Acres. Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to accept Jack Bond's recommendation for J & R Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$200,976.00 for a water line extension from Gammon Road along the east boundary of Delta Acres to the north boundary of Delta Acres and to allow David Rikard to use his discretion on the financial funding of the project with either water access fees or bond money. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

A Water and Sewer Committee meeting has been scheduled for November 24, 2020, at 5:45 p.m. at the City Annex to discuss the Suez Proposal for water-tank-cleaning maintenance.

Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spence, to authorize Mayor Fogleman and David Rikard to use their discretion on the financial funding of the \$549,000.00 for the new Fire Department Rescue truck. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Chief Kelley will be retiring February 28, 2021. Mayor Fogleman has chosen Brannon Hinkle to succeed Chief Kelley and would like the Council to affirm his appointee. Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spence, to approve the appointment of Brannon Hinkle to succeed Chief Gary Kelley as the new Police Chief, effective, March 1, 2021. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman O'Neal, to approve the Judge's salary for 2021 in the amount of \$11,290.13. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Councilman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wood, to accept the quote of \$29,250.00 from Ecological Design Group of Wynne Arkansas to provide an updated city master park plan which will include the recently property at 139 & 145 State Hwy. 77, (AKA the Connie Hale property) adjacent to Brunetti Park, as well as updating the Brunetti Park plan and to authorize David Rikard to use his discretion on the financial funding of the project either with park funds or bond money. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

## II.

Resolutions and Ordinances: Mayor Fogleman brought before the Council an ordinance waiving competitive bidding of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bigger, to read the proposed ordinance by title only. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Fogleman read the following Ordinance by title only:

**ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF MARION**

Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bigger, that the proposed ordinance be adopted on the first reading. On roll call, the following votes were recorded: Wood-aye, O’Neal-aye, Spence-aye, Bigger-aye, Holliman-aye, and Jackson-aye.

Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bigger, that the rules be suspended and the proposed ordinance be read by title only a second time. All Council member present voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Fogleman read the following Ordinance by title only:

**ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF MARION**

Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bigger, that the proposed ordinance be adopted on the second reading. On roll call, the following votes were recorded: O’Neal-aye, Spence-aye, Bigger-aye, Holliman-aye, Jackson-aye, and Wood-aye.

Councilman Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Holliman, that the rules be suspended and the proposed ordinance be read by title only a third time. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Foglelman read the following Ordinance by title only:

**ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF MARION**

Councilman Spence made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bigger, that the proposed ordinance be adopted on the third reading. On roll call, the following votes were recorded: Spence-aye, Bigger-aye, Holliman-aye, Jackson-aye, Wood-aye, and O’Neal-aye.

Councilman Spence made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bigger, that the ordinance be adopted on the emergency clause. On roll call, the

following votes were recorded: Bigger-aye, Holliman-aye, Jackson-aye, Wood-aye, O'Neal-aye, and Spence-aye.

The Ordinance was numbered 588.

There being no further business to come before the Council and upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

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Mayor

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

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