

Minutes of a special called meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Marion, Virginia held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on June 30, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor David Helms, Jim Barker, Tricia Spencer, Bill Weaver, Larry Carter and Avery Cornett Council Members; Town Manager Bill Rush, Town Clerk Cindy Stanley; Town Attorney Mark Fenyk; Police Chief John Clair and Purchasing Agent/Fire Chief Billy Hamm.

ABSENT: Vice-Mayor Dr. Jim Gates and Suzanne Jennings.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Chief Clair rendered the invocation. Mayor Helms led the Pledge to the Flag.

VISITORS: None.

AGENDA: Upon motion of Ms. Spencer, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the agenda was approved as distributed.

ACCOUNTS: Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Ms. Spencer and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the accounts were approved for payment in the amount of \$1,092,377.56. Messrs Barker, Spencer, Weaver, Carter and Cornett voted affirmatively.

2020-2021 Budget Adoption: Mr. Rush reviewed the proposed 2020-2021 budget. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Cornett and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the proposed 2020-2021 budget, \$14,097,245, was adopted with an amendment to remove the 2.5% merit increase for the upcoming Fiscal 2020-2021 budget and replace it with a one-time bonus of \$1,000 per each classified full-time employee, with \$500 to be paid on July 1, 2020 and \$500 to be paid on January 1, 2021.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Barker	AYE
Ms. Spencer	AYE
Mr. Weaver	AYE
Mrs. Carter	AYE
Mr. Cornett	AYE

ADOPTION OF THE VIRGINIA CODE AS AMENDED JULY 1, 2020: Upon motion of Mr. Cornett, seconded by Ms. Spencer and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the Town adopted the Code of Virginia as amended July 1, 2020.

SET TAX LEVY:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MARION, VIRGINIA; that pursuant to the Town Charter, the following taxes be levied for the necessary and proper management and expenses of the Town of Marion, Virginia for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020:

- (1) Upon all Real Estate (including Mobile Homes) in the Town of Marion, Virginia \$0.17 per \$100.00 of assessed value.
- (2) Upon all tangible Personal Property in the Town of Marion, Virginia \$0.40 per \$100.00 of assessed value.
- (3) Upon all Machinery and Tools within the Town of Marion, Virginia, \$0.40 per \$100.00 of assessed value.
- (4) Upon all property within the Special Tax District of the Town of Marion, Virginia, \$0.17 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Ms. Spencer and vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES item (1) 2020-2021 Tax Levy for Real Estate \$0.17 per \$100 of assessed value was approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Cornett and vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES item (2) 2020-2021 Tax Levy for Personal Property \$0.40 of \$100 assessed value was approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Ms. Spencer and vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES item (3) 2020-2021 Tax Levy Machinery and Tools \$0.40 per \$100 assessed value was approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Ms. Spencer and vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES item (4) 2020-2021s Tax Levy for Special Tax District \$0.17 per \$100 assessed value was approved.

Mr. Barker reported he met with Richard Keesling with the Fire/EMS Department and he has agreed to serve as interim Fire Chief for a period of 90 to 120 days. Mr. Barker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weaver, to appoint Richard Keesling as Interim Fire Chief for 90 to 120 days at \$500 per month. Discussion ensued. Mr. Rush has talked to the Virginia Fire Programs and unlike the Police world, that program does not provide interim Fire Chiefs. Mr. Barker will oversee the Fire/EMS Department during this time of recruiting another Chief. With a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, Richard Keesling was appointed as the Interim Fire Chief for a period of 90 to 120 days at \$500 per month. Mayor Helms thanked retiring Fire Chief Billy Hamm for his service.

Chief Clair reviewed the upcoming protests to be held Friday, July 3, 2020. There was a stakeholders meeting today at 1:00 pm with about 60 stakeholders. It appears there will be approximately 175 Police Officers from local agencies available to assist with the protest.

Mr. Rush noted our new insurance company VACORP has been contacted about the rallies and they are glad we preemptively contacted them. Some Downtown Businesses will alter their hours Friday due to the protests.

Upon motion, duly seconded and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Mayor

Clerk