

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Marion, Virginia held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on March 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor David Helms, Dr. Jim Gates, Jim Barker, Larry Carter, Suzanne Jennings, and Bill Weaver Council Members; Town Manager Bill Rush; Town Clerk/Director of Finance Cindy Stanley; Town Attorney Mark Fenyk; Smyth County News Representative Stephanie Porter-Nichols; Assistant Town Manager/Town Engineer Cecil Hicks; Purchasing Agent Billy Hamm; Police Chief Rex Anders and Economic Development Director Ken Heath .

ABSENT: Tricia Spencer.

Mayor Helms opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Councilman Jim Owens.

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

VISITORS: Heather Ritchie.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the meeting held March 2, 2015 were approved as written. Messrs Weaver, Barker, Carter, Dr. Gates and Jennings voted affirmatively.

AGENDA: Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Barker and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the Agenda was approved as abbreviated.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: None.

PUBLIC HEARING SPECIAL USE PERMIT 255 GILMAN STREET: Mr. Hicks reviewed the special use permit for 255 Gilman Street for a Home Based Business. Mayor Helms opened the Public Hearing. With no public comments the Public Hearing was closed. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the special use permit for 255 Gilman Street for a Home Occupation was approved with the restrictions as stated.

ACCOUNTS: Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the accounts were approved for payment in the amount of \$928,458.95.

Upon motion, duly seconded and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was continued until Monday, March 23, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

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Mayor

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Clerk