

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 January 6, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Dr. Jim Gates.

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

VISITORS: David Thomas and J. Howard Burton.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the meeting held December 16, 2013 were approved as written. Messrs Weaver, Owens, Carter, Spencer, Jennings and Barker voted affirmatively.

AGENDA: Upon motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the Agenda was approved with some items moved to the next meeting due to weather.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: Mr. Burton, 725 Mitchell Valley Drive, expressed his concern about the Senior Citizen Center being downsized and possible other intended uses. He would like to request an informational meeting or a Public Hearing before the use of this building is changed. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Jennings thanked the staff for the Christmas Dinner for the employees and retirees. She also noted Mayor Helms was on the cover of the recent edition of the VML Magazine.

Mr. Carter attended a District III Senior Citizen meeting and noted funding for most agencies is being cut back and a good job is still being done with the funds available.

Mayor Helms noted a thank letter had been received from the Mel Leaman Free Clinic for our appropriation. Oak Point School has requested their \$600 appropriation for the year. Please submit form to Ms. Stanley by Friday if you are planning to attend the VML Legislative event in February. Economic Interest forms are due to Ms. Stanley by January 15, 2014.

Mr. Heath noted Ed McMann will be the Keynote Speaker about Sustainable Communities next Monday, January 13, 2014 in Abingdon at the Higher Ed Center. Ms. Hall will be leading the team during this workshop January 14 - 16, 2014. Mayor Helms noted the Town has received a matching Grant for Fishing and Trails.

Mr. Fenyk noted that he is working on the Title for the Old Harwood Building on Cherry and Commerce Street.

Ms. Hall noted the next Small Business Boot Camp will begin next Tuesday. There have been 15 people to register for this class. The 3rd Annual Wedding Showcase is scheduled for February 22, 2014. A Design Committee is looking into the possibility of new Christmas Lights and Banners. Ms. Hall will be attending her first Main Street Managers Retreat in Stanton in January.

Lieutenant Anders thanked town staff for the good job on snow removal today.

Mayor Helms noted the next Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 5:30pm.

Mr. Heath noted the position for the Director of the Wayne Henderson School of Appalachian Arts has been put on hold and a recommendation will be made to Council in February. Mr. Heath noted that Dr. Haney with the Emory & Henry College plans to attend the next Council meeting. Town Council has approved a Resolution in Support of the CPV Smyth Energy Center at a previous meeting. CPV is now asking for individual letters of support. The Barter Youth Academy is planning to expand to Marion

utilizing the Lincoln Theatre. A Feasibility Study Grant has been awarded to Marion for the Center Building in the amount of \$30,000. Mr. Rush noted this grant is in addition to the grant noted at the previous meeting.

Mr. Hicks noted the Generator Manufacturer and the Contractor with the Co Gen Project will start the Generator the week of January 20, 2014.

Mr. Rush noted in regards to the Gateway IT Project the install dates have been moved back due to the firewall not being in place yet. Mr. Rush noted the Boundary Adjustment Submittal to the Commission of Local Governments was favorably received this morning and he has already received a notice of acceptance of the package with a date for tentative formal review of the second or third week in February. The Commission will tour the area on May 13, 2014 and a Public Hearing will be set for May 14, 2014. Mr. Rush will schedule mid-year update meetings with all committees before the budget cycle.

Mayor Helms thanked the citizens and staff for attendance.

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Code of Virginia, as amended, Section 2.2-3711 (A-1) upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Weaver and vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, Town Council entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel matters. Mrs. Jennings moved that Town Council return to Open Session and identified it be known that only those matters legally exempted from Open Session and identified in the motion were discussed during Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weaver and carried by a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES. The Town Clerk polled the Council Members. Messrs Weaver, Carter, Barker, Owens, Jennings and Spencer voted affirmatively.

Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, this meeting will be continued until Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 4:00 pm.

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Minutes of a continued meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Marion, Virginia held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on January 9, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor David Helms; Tricia Spencer, Suzanne Jennings, Dr. Jim Gates, Bill Weaver, Jim Barker, Jim Owens and Larry Carter Council Members; Town Manager Bill Rush; Town Attorney Mark Fenyk; Police Lieutenant Rex Anders; Smyth County News Representative Stephanie Porter-Nichols; Town Clerk/Director of Finance Cindy Stanley.

Mayor Helms called the meeting to order.

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Code of Virginia, as amended, Section 2.2-3711 (A-1) upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Weaver and vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, Town Council entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel matters. Mrs. Jennings moved that Town Council return to Open Session and identified it be known that only those matters legally exempted from Open Session and identified in the motion were discussed during Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and carried by a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES. The Town Clerk polled the Council Members. Messrs Weaver, Carter, Barker, Owens, Dr. Gates, Jennings and Spencer voted affirmatively.

Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 6 AYES and 1 NO, Council will offer the position of Police Chief to Lieutenant Rex Anders and instruct the Police Committee and the Town Manager to meet with Lieutenant Anders to present the compensation package, expectations and operational changes expected of the New Chief.

Upon motion, duly seconded and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned.

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