

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 August 18, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor David Helms, Dr. Jim Gates, Jim Barker, Suzanne Jennings, Tricia Spencer, Larry Carter 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; Town Engineer Assistant Todd Long; Police Chief Rex Anders; Economic Development Director Ken Heath; Marion Downtown Director Olivia Hall McDonald and Purchasing Agent/Fire Chief Billy Hamm.

ABSENT: Jim Owens.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: David Woody, the new Pastor of the First United Methodist Church rendered the invocation. Mayor Helms led the Pledge to the Flag.

VISITORS: Bob Lincoln, Charles Wassum, Charlie Trail, Mike Edwards, Jeff Spickard, William Fields, Kristin Untiedt-Barnett, Sarah Gillespie, Herbert & Emma Johnson, India Jackson, Rebeca Montufar, Suzan Widener, Hope Doss, Robert Francis, Deb Harlan, Ann Wynn, Ed Blair, Bridget Anderson, Tommy Trent, John Crabtree, Joe Pickett, Linda Burchette, and Sandip Patel.

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 August 4, 2014 were approved as written. Messrs Gates, Weaver, Barker, Carter, Spencer and Jennings voted affirmatively.

AGENDA: Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the Agenda was approved as distributed.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: Kristin Untiedt-Barnett, Lincoln Theatre Director, distributed the Fall 2014 Performance Schedule and reviewed some of the programs.

Sarah Gillespie, Smyth County Chamber of Commerce Director, distributed a Smyth County Tourism proposed map. The map will be distributed to town Businesses and will be place in the Emory & Henry relocation packages. A price guide for advertisements was also distributed. The other two localities, Saltville and Chilhowie, have already selected an advertisement. Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Carter and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, Town of Marion will contract the same size ad as the other two localities have chosen.

Mike Edwards, Smyth-Wythe Airport Commission Representative, reported on the Public Hearings at the Airport. He also noted the next meeting will be August 28, 2014 at 1:00 pm at the Airport.

Francis Brothers Resolution: Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, A Resolution in Appreciation for Francis Brothers Hardware was accepted. Mayor Helms read and presented the Resolution to Mr. Robert Francis and his employees. Mr. Herbert Johnson presented Mr. Francis with a letter of Appreciation from the VFW Post 4667.

Job Corps Resolution: Mayor Helms noted A Resolution in Recognition of the 50th Anniversary of Job Corps will be presented to the Job Corps on Wednesday. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the Resolution was accepted. Ms. Widener, the new Director for the Job Corps, invited Council to the Open House Wednesday at noon.

Mr. Barker noted the Ordinance Committee met Friday and recommends no changes to the Ordinance at this time, just stricter enforcement.

Mr. Rush reviewed the need to upgrade Holston Hills Lane.

Mrs. Jennings gave an update on Song of the Mountains. She also noted that Tim White has been nominated for Broadcast Personality of the Year Award by the International Bluegrass Music Association.

Mayor Helms reminded everyone of the Town and County BBQ Thursday night at 6:30 pm at the Chilhowie Land Company. Mr. Rush will be handling the United Way Campaign in September. Mayor Helms read a Thank You Letter from Dianne Tibbs for the Town's support of the Summer Enrichment Program. The Spirit '45 Day was well attended. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 2, 2014 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Mr. Fenyk noted he will work to reschedule a FOIA meeting.

ACCOUNTS: Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the accounts were approved for payment in the amount of \$716,841.88.

Chief Anders presented Council with an application for a Taxi Cab Service on Broad Street. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, a Public Hearing will be set for September 2, 2014 to consider an application for a Taxi Cab Service on Broad Street.

Mr. Hamm gave an update on the Fire/EMS merger. The Resolution from the County has been approved and the Town Ordinance should be updated soon. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Barker and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, a Public Hearing was set for September 2, 2014 for consideration of a proposal to amend Ordinance Section 34-31 et. seq. to allow the Town of Marion to incorporate Emergency Medical Services within the Fire Department.

Mrs. McDonald reported on the opening of a new store Downtown called Bruce Manor. She noted there are several workshops scheduled over the next few weeks. A Downtown Investment Grant is due August 29, 2014. Mrs. McDonald will be in Winchester September 8, 9, and 10, 2014 for a workshop. Thursday night is Meet the Team Night at the Farmers Market. The Great American Main Street Award is due September 17, 2014. A Letter of Support is needed from Council.

Mr. Heath noted the construction on the Schoolhouse continues to move forward. Mr. Heath also noted the new Director for the Schoolhouse has been selected, Catherine Poole will be introduced at the next Council meeting. Mr. Heath reviewed the documentation regarding the tax credits for the Schoolhouse. Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, Mr. Heath and

Mr. Rush have authorization to sign the agreement with Carter Bank regarding the tax credits for the Schoolhouse Project.

Mr. Hicks noted the Co-Gen project is working and the contractor is working on a punch list. Water accountability is at 52%. The Town Picnic is set for this Friday at 12:0 noon at RiverBend Park.

Mr. Rush noted the GPS install for the original 15 vehicles is complete. There were seven submittals for the Request for Proposals for Engineering Services for the planning grant. A recommendation will be presented at a future Council meeting.

Mr. Johnson presented a Letter of Appreciation to the Town Council from the VFW Post 4667.

Upon motion, duly seconded and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned.

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