

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 September 2, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor David Helms, Dr. Jim Gates, Jim Barker, Jim Owens, 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 Linda Burchette; Assistant Town Manager/Town Engineer Cecil Hicks; Town Engineer Assistant Todd Long; Police Lieutenant Rusty Hamm; Economic Development Director Ken Heath; Marion Downtown Director Olivia Hall McDonald; Golf Course Manager Terry Jennings; Wayne Henderson Appalachian School of Arts Director Catherine Poole; Senior Citizen Center Program Support Technician Amy Baldwin; and Purchasing Agent/Fire Chief Billy Hamm.

ABSENT: None.

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

VISITORS: Mike Edwards, Jeff Spickard and Charles Harrington.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the meeting held August 18, 2014 were approved as written. Messrs Gates, Weaver, Barker, Owens, Carter, Spencer and Jennings voted affirmatively.

AGENDA: Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Owens and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the Agenda was approved with the addition of Air Med Proposal under the Town Manager's report and 2.2-3711 (A-7) addition under closed session and the deletion of the Public Hearing for the Taxi Cab Request.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: Mr. Heath introduced Catherine Poole, the newly hired Director for the Wayne Henderson Appalachian School of Arts.

PUBLIC HEARING EMS ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION: Mayor Helms opened the Public Hearing. Mr. Rush reviewed the Proposed EMS Ordinance. He also noted this is the next legal step to proceed with the merger with the Marion Life Saving Crew. Mr. Harrington noted the merger is extremely necessary due to declining volunteerism and planning for the future. Mr. Edwards arrived. With no more comments from the Public, Mayor Helms closed the Public Hearing. The final draft of this Ordinance will be considered at the next Council meeting on September 15, 2014.

Mrs. Jennings noted the Lincoln Theatre marquee needs some repairs and the Board is considering the possibility of converting from neon to LED. She also noted the Bank of Marion has agreed to help fund the repairs.

Mayor Helms noted Mr. Rush will be handling the United Way Campaign in September. Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the Town will participate in the United Way Campaign. Mayor Helms noted the Relay for Life Event will be held in Chilhowie again this

year and Paula McIntosh and Amy Baldwin have agreed to help with the event. Upon motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, Amy Baldwin will report at the next Council meeting regarding volunteers and willing participation of Town employees for a Relay for Life Team.

Mr. Jennings received positive comments from tournament participants regarding the Golf Course. He also reviewed proposed guidelines to be distributed to citizens choosing to walk their dogs at the Golf Course. In regards to the Recreation Department, Mr. Jennings reviewed a proposed screening process for volunteers. Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, a screening/background check will be put in place for youth league volunteers.

Lieutenant Hamm noted that Chief Anders was at a Chief's Conference. Lieutenant Hamm reviewed a request from Ted Hayes for a street closure for a church event. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Carter and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, Iron Street from High Street to Orange Street will be closed from 10:00 am until 4:30 pm on Sunday, September 14, 2014 for the Annual Mt Zion Church Event. Mr. Carter noted additional patrol may need to be in place at the Farmers Market to prevent loitering.

Mrs. McDonald reported that 19 participants are registered for the upcoming 7th round of the Pop Up Class. She also noted Scarecrow Lane and Halloween Madness will be held again this fall. An ABC (Alcohol Beverage Control) Workshop Titled "Responsible Servers and Sellers" will be held September 20, 2014 from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm at the Town Hall. Appalachian Mountain Spirits will be holding an Open House at 5:00 pm on September 11, 2014.

Mr. Heath noted the Patriots Day Program will be held September 11, 2014 at 7:30 pm at the Marion Fire Department. Mr. Heath will present a program about Streetscape Projects to the Virginia Department of Transportation on September 17, 2014 in Roanoke. Virginia Tourism members will be here September 18 & 19, 2014 for a series about Marion, VA. The Marion Music Heritage Mural donations are about \$5,000 short at this time. The Mural will take 60 days to complete.

Mr. Hicks noted there will be a meeting on September 10, 2014 on the Co Gen Project at the Sewer Treatment Plant. Baughman Avenue Bridge is scheduled to be paved next Monday. He also noted a property owner on Matson Drive has submitted a guardrail installation request. This was previously submitted in April. Mr. Hicks reviewed a rezoning request for 410 East Main Street by Property owner Mrs. Charles Chambers. The property is currently zoned R-1 and the request is for the property to be rezoned to Medical Arts. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Owens and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, this request was referred to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Edwards reported on the Smyth-Wythe Airport Commission summit meeting.

Mr. Rush noted that after the public meeting on the Airport, administrators from the four entities met and agreed to meet more often and the 2% involvement was a great deal. The GPS installs are still being beta tested. Mr. Rush will be attending a meeting in Richmond on Monday September 8, 2014 at 10:00 am on the Boundary Adjustment. Another Public Hearing will need to be set at a later date regarding the

Boundary Adjustment. Mr. Rush reviewed information about Air Med Care insurance. He also noted the heating and cooling unit for the upstairs of the Municipal Building is out of service. Upon motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, Mr. Rush is to accept bids/proposals to replace the heat pump. The Request for Proposals for Engineering Services for the planning grant have been received and the Town Manager recommends The Lane Group. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Owens and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, The Town Manager is to enter into a contract with The Lane Group for Engineering Services for a Master Replacement Plan for three years. Ms. Spencer left.

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Code of Virginia, as amended, Section 2.2-3711 (A-1), (A-6) and (A-7) upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Dr. Gates and vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, Town Council entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion or consideration of personnel matters, discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds and consultation with legal counsel. 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 Gates, Weaver, Carter, Barker, Jennings and Owens voted affirmatively.

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

Mayor

Clerk