

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 May 20, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor David Helms; Dr. Jim Gates, 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; Police Chief Mike Roberts; Police Lieutenant Rex Anders; Purchasing Agent Billy Hamm; Police Officer Steve Hagy; Public Works Director Jackie Perry; Senior Center Director Mindy Dyer; Economic Development Director Ken Heath; Smyth County News Representative Renss Greene; Town Engineer Assistant Todd Long; Town Clerk/Director of Finance Cindy Stanley.

ABSENT: None.

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

VISITORS: Charles Wassum, Charles Hayden, Jeff Spickard, Lyn Thompson, Deana Landers, Matt Reid, David Thomas, Allan Long, James McNeil, Bob Lincoln, Joanna Kelly, Sandip Patel and Bill Huber.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Barker and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the meeting held May 6, 2013 were approved as written. Messrs Gates, Weaver, Owens, Carter, Jennings, Spencer and Barker voted affirmatively.

AGENDA: Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Owens and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the Agenda was approved.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: None

ADVERTISEMENT ON SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY ON CRESCENT: Mr. Rush noted bids will be opened on May 28, 2013. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, this item was continued.

RESOLUTION HONORING DELEGATE JOSEPH P. JOHNSON, JR. FOR SERVICE IN HOUSE OF DELEGATES: Upon motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Barker and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, this item was continued.

AIRPORT COMMISSION - LETTER FROM WYTHE COUNTY - WYTHE COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING MAY 28, 2013 AT 9:05 A.M.: Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, this item was continued.

ETF TRANSACTION PROPOSAL: Mr. Rush noted the convenience fee for using credit and debit cards to process payments will be 4% through the Bank of Marion. The customer will be responsible for the convenience fee. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Carter and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, staff will continue with implementing the process of being able to accept credit and debit cards as a form of payment.

FRIENDS OF RIVERBEND PARK - DEANA LANDERS: Mrs. Landers thanked Council and Mayor Helms for the crosswalk that was installed between Riverbend Park and the playground/tennis courts. Mrs. Landers is concerned about some safety issues. She is requesting new hours be set for the Park to close at dark, request for town crew to trim the shrubs and also appoint a committee of friends of the Riverbend Park. Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, this item was referred to the Recreation Committee.

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO MDRA BOARD: The current representative is Mayor Helms. Mayor Helms asked for someone else to volunteer. Ms. Spencer volunteered to be the new representative. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Dr. Gates and a vote of 6 AYES, 0 NOES and 1 ABSTENTION (Spencer), Ms. Spencer was appointed as the representative for the Marion Downtown Revitalization Association.

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNATURE STRUCTURE ON IRON STREET MALL: This portion of the project will be covered by funds from a Virginia Main Street Grant from last

year. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Owens and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the request to install the signature piece at the iron street mall was granted.

JULY 4TH FIREWORKS: Mr. Heath noted the cost of last year's Fireworks was approximately \$4,000. Discussion ensued in regards to keeping costs at a minimum and accepting donations. Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 1 AYES and 6 NOES, the motion to look for an alternative plan not to exceed \$2,000 was defeated. Discussion ensued. Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Owens and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, The Town will contribute \$2,000 toward the Fireworks and pay all other expenses incurred and will continue to accept donations.

IRF GRANT DRAWDOWN #2: Mr. Heath reviewed drawdown #2 for the Wayne C. Henderson School of Music in the amount of \$9,183.00. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, drawdown #2 was approved for payment in the amount of \$9,183.00.

CHATHAM BRIDGE CLOSURE RESOLUTION: Mr. Hicks noted the Resolution for Closure of Chatham Hill Road Bridge needed to be amended to June 1, 2013 until August 15, 2013. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Barker and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the modification to this Resolution was accepted.

MATT REID - VML: Matt Reid, Safety Consultant with VML presented an award recognizing Todd Long, Jackie Perry and Steve Hagy as Instructor Trainers for the program "Where the Rubber Meets the Road". The Town met the requirements of this program by having 90% of the staff trained. This program allows a 5% discount on the Town's Liability Insurance.

WAYNE HENDERSON SCHOOL OF MUSIC - BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION: Mr. Huber reviewed the bid tabulation from April 23, 2013. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Owens and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, all bids received were rejected and the project is to be re- scoped and re-bid.

ACCOUNTS: Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the accounts were approved for payment in the amount of \$752,536.58.

INVESTMENTS: Upon motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the investment report was accepted.

BUDGET COMMITTEE - DR. GATES - PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET SET FOR JUNE 3, 2013: Dr. Gates noted the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2013 - 2014 budget will be held June 3, 2013 at 5:30pm.

Mrs. Jennings would like to request a Personnel Committee meeting. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Dr. Gates and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, a Personnel Committee meeting will be scheduled.

Mr. Rush noted that VDOT is not interested in changing the speed limit on Pearl Avenue. Most thru streets the speed limit is 25 miles per hour. The 15 miles per hour designation is mostly used for dead end streets. Mr. Rush will notify Mr. Dennison of the VDOT recommendation.

Mr. Weaver noted the list of streets for paving for 2013 comes to \$177,345.00. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the street list for paving was approved in the amount of \$177,345.00.

Mayor Helms noted there was a great group of students participating in Student Government Day last Thursday. Older Americans Day was also held last Thursday in Chilhowie. A POW-MIA monument will be erected on the lawn of the Courthouse. Mr. Gordon Widner, a 92 year old WWII Veteran will sing the National Anthem.

Ms. Stanley noted the 2013 - 2014 Proposed Budget Synopsis will be advertised in Saturday May 25, 2013 issue of the Smyth County News.

Mr. Heath noted the entry for the 2013 VML Achievement Award has been submitted. There will be a meeting on Tuesday May 28, 2013 at 2pm regarding the Wayne Henderson School of Music Tax Credits.

Chief Roberts introduced Demetry Sawyers, a graduate of Ferum College. He is doing an internship with the Marion Police Department. Mr. Sawyers thanked everyone for this opportunity.

Mr. Hicks noted receipt of an acceptance letter from the City of Bristol Landfill for sludge disposal. A draft letter will be sent to the Department of Environmental Quality including the haul rate, test results and a copy of the acceptance letter.

Mr. Rush enjoyed Youth Government Day with the Council and Manager Students.

Mr. Long noted the Website should be live in about two more weeks.

Mr. Fenyk reported that the Court Case regarding pending litigations had been dismissed.

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

Mayor

Clerk