

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 June 17, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor David Helms; Dr. Jim Gates, Tricia Spencer, Suzanne Jennings, Bill Weaver, 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; Golf Course General Manager Terry Jennings; Senior Center Director Mindy Dyer; Economic Development Director Ken Heath; Smyth County News Representative Stephanie Porter-Nichols; Town Engineer Assistant Todd Long; Fiscal Technician Paula Ashlin; Town Clerk/Director of Finance Cindy Stanley.

ABSENT: Jim Barker is in Harrisonburg for Planning Commission Training.

Mayor Helms noted that one of the Rolling Thunder Missions is to bring back MIA/POWs. If there is not a family member present to accept the committal flag, then they present it to a locality to keep it in a respectful place. This flag is in memory of Buckley E. Frazier, U S Army Soldier killed February 25, 1945. This flag has been presented to the Town of Marion and Smyth County by Rolling Thunder Inc Tennessee Chapter 4 on May 23, 2013.

A moment of silence was observed in respect for this Soldier.

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

VISITORS: Charles Hayden, Jeff Spickard, David Thomas, Brian Reed, Scott Schriefer and Bob Watkins.

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 June 3, 2013 were approved as written. Messrs Gates, Weaver, Owens, Carter, Jennings and Spencer voted affirmatively.

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

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: Mrs. Jennings introduced Bob Watkins, the new Executive Director of the Lifetime Wellness Center.

RESOLUTION HONORING DELEGATE JOSEPH P. JOHNSON, JR. FOR SERVICE IN HOUSE OF DELEGATES: Upon motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, this item was removed from the Agenda.

DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF 2013 - 2014 BUDGET AND RATE SCHEDULE: Mr. Rush noted the budget had been advertised and a Public Hearing had been held as required. Mr. Rush recommended not having the historical meeting on the last business day of the fiscal year. Discussion Ensued. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the Finance and Clerk's offices will continue to be closed on the last business day of the fiscal year and a meeting will be held on June 28, 2013 to adopt the budget, set the tax rates and approve the accounts for the year end.

REQUEST BY DISTRICT III TO APPOINT COMMITTEE MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE: Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Spencer and a vote of 5 AYES, 0 NOES and 1 ABSTENTION (Mr. Carter), Mr. Barker was re-appointed as the representative for the District III Board with Mr. Carter as an alternate.

REQUEST BY WYTHE COUNTY TO ATTEND MUNICIPAL MEETING ON AIRPORT: Wythe County is requesting the four localities meet sometime the week of July 8-12, 2013 to discuss the Airport. Upon motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, Mayor Helms, Bill Rush and Mr. Weaver will attend this meeting as Town of Marion representatives.

ACCOUNTS: Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the accounts were approved for payment in the amount of \$789,716.68.

INVESTMENTS: Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Dr. Gates and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the investment report was accepted. Ms. Stanley left.

Mrs. Jennings gave a report for the Senior Citizen Center. She noted that students from the Blue Ridge Job Corps come to the Senior Citizen Center on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and provide blood pressure checks to the seniors. Two of the Seniors performed on stage at the Lincoln Theatre recently. Mr. David Thomas played the piano and Mr. Gordon Widener sang. There were 602 meals served from the Senior Citizen Center in the month of May.

Mayor Helms noted the Friday Night Art Walk has been very successful. He reminded everyone of a Benefit Fundraising Program that will be held on Saturday June 22, 2013 at 2pm and at 7pm to raise funds for the Song of the Mountains.

Mr. Fenyk noted that in regards to the deed for Stage Street, he is attempting to get another copy of the survey. He also noted that in addition to the School Board signing the deed the Town will need to get Stage Street without a lien against it. Mr. Fenyk is also working on the deed for Crescent Avenue.

Mr. Heath noted that part of the construction for the School of Music is going to be delayed. Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the Town will purchase the shingles and Town employees will do the repairs to the roof on the School of Music. Mr. Heath noted there is an issue over the structure of the Board for the School of Music. DHCD is looking for a larger regional focus & an 8 to 12 member Board. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, this item was continued. The Iron Street Project will hopefully be completed before the Chili Cook-off on July 19, 2013. Fireworks will continue this year, with the Town's appropriation and private donations. The MDRA received a \$2,500 Main Street grant for development of a "Shop Local" Campaign. Marion's own Aaron Barr will paint the logo on the Farmers Market Stage July 4th weekend. There will be a street closure on North Church Street due to installation of water and gas lines and demolition of the Old Jailhouse. This should take approximately 2 weeks. There will be a street party on Broad Street on July 6, 2013. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Owens and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, Broad Street will be closed from 5pm until 11pm for this event.

Mr. Hicks informed staff and Council that the generator for the Co-Gen Project will not be here on June 28th. It should be about another month before delivery. The Edwynne Water Line Project will be advertised this week with the bids due on July 24, 2013. The warranty work for the Parking Garage is close to expiring and there are some areas that need repairs. The Town has applied for a grant for Wilden Street Water Line replacement. The Town of Marion Employee Cook-Out will be July 12, 2013 at noon at RiverBend Park.

Mr. Jennings noted that the ABC Licensure is requesting more information. This has been submitted and should be received around July 15, 2013. Discussion ensued in regards to the grill hours and the availability of parking.

Mr. Rush reminded everyone he will be attending the VLGMA Conference next week and he will be attending the SBA Award presentation with Mr. Heath on Monday June 24, 2013. Discussion ensued with regards to operating guidelines for the RiverBend Park and the Amphitheatre. Mr. Rush recommended the purchase of a finishing mower for the Public Works Department. Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, this purchase for a finishing mower was approved. Mr. Rush also noted receipt of a letter in regards to the condition of the cemetery and he has already addressed this citizen concern.

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Code of Virginia, as amended, Section 2.2-3711 (A-7) and (A-1) 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 legal consultation and 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 vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES. The Council Members were polled. Messrs Owens, Weaver, Carter, Dr. Gates, Jennings and Spencer voted affirmatively.

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

Mayor

Clerk
