

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 October 21, 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 (arriving late) Council Members; Town Manager Bill Rush; Town Attorney Mark Fenyk; Assistant Town Manager/Town Engineer Cecil Hicks; Police Lieutenant Rex Anders; Purchasing Agent Billy Hamm; Economic Development Director Ken Heath; Smyth County News Representative Stephanie Porter-Nichols; Town Clerk/Director of Finance Cindy Stanley.

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Former Mayor Marshall Guy. Mr. Heath rendered the invocation. Mayor Helms led the Pledge to the Flag.

VISITORS: Charles Wassum, Jeff Spickard, Kent Stallard, Aaron Coalson and Olivia Hall.

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

AGENDA: Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the Abbreviated Agenda was approved.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: Kent Stallard with Act II Boutique presented to Council a proposal to close Main Street from Commerce Street to Church Street on Thursday December 5, 2013 to have a Town Christmas Holiday Gathering. He asked that the Town help with the road closure and the cleanup. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, Mr. Heath is to work with Kent Stallard and Aaron Coalson to assist with helping this event to take place.

ACCOUNTS: Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Ms. Spencer and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the accounts were approved for payment in the amount of \$941,938.83.

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

Mrs. Jennings was appreciative for the opportunity to attend the VML Conference in Arlington. The Senior Citizen Center is continuing to work hard to help the Seniors. Kristen Untiedt-Barnett said there is space available in the Usher Room at the Lincoln Theatre for the Director of the Wayne Henderson Appalachian School of Arts.

Mr. Owens was also appreciative of the opportunity to attend the VML Conference in Arlington.

Mayor Helms noted there was about 400 elected officials in attendance at the VML Conference in Arlington. The speakers there did a great job. Ed McMahon of the Urban Land Institute is coming to the Higher Ed Center in January. Mayor Helms received an Appreciation Letter from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy for our support in the Appalachian Trail Community designation ceremony. This event will be planned around Memorial Day.

Mrs. Jennings announced that Mayor Helms was inducted as the new VML President. Mayor Helms noted he looks forward to serving as the President of VML this upcoming year.

Mr. Heath noted the Wayne Henderson School of Appalachian Arts Director position has been advertised and the deadline for applications is November 15, 2013.

Mr. Hicks noted there is a picture on page 29 of the packet of the Generator for the Co-Gen Project after it has been installed. A representative from the Manufacturer will be here to help get the generator started and online. Pay Request #19 in the amount of \$120,619.34 for the Go-Gen Project is on page 31. There will be one more pay request which will be the final pay request for this project. The final pay request will reflect and address any issues in regards to the time extension, which the Town has the rights to any liquidated damages if we so choose. Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Carter and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, pay request #19 in the amount of \$120,619.34 was approved for payment.

Mr. Hicks noted the Edwynne Water Line Project is moving along and there will be a tie in at Prater Lane. Mr. Rush noted the final section needs to be replaced with 6 inch ductile. The funding agencies will not allow anything smaller than 6 inch lines due to fire flow to hydrants. To replace this 2 inch line with 6 inch ductile will be an additional cost of approximately \$2,500. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Owens and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, a change order to include this additional project proposal not to exceed \$2,500 was approved.

Mr. Rush noted the asbestos removal quote was \$27,000 to \$35,000. The funding agency allowed us to retest and after re-bid the asbestos removal quote is now \$9,300. Mr. Rush met with Tim White to discuss the Marion Mural. A draft for review will be submitted at next Council meeting. Mr. Hicks inspected the bridge on Water Mill Road and made a decision to close this bridge due to safety issues. The boards to replace this bridge decking have been ordered and will be treated and replaced next spring. Mr. Rush noted the Applications for Police Chief have been received and the review process needs to begin. This could be referred to a joint Police/Personnel Committee. It has been requested that a list of names and addresses of those that applied to be compiled. Upon motion of Ms. Spencer, seconded by Mr. Owens and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, a joint Police/Personnel Committee will review the applications and submit 8 applications for Councils review. Mayor Helms requested that the information of the applicants please be handled very confidentially.

Mr. Jennings noted that a citizen had a concern about the handicap accessibility for the Golf Course. Mr. Rush noted he will assess this item tomorrow.

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

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