

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 November 4, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor David Helms; Dr. Jim Gates, Tricia Spencer, 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; Town Engineer Assistant Todd Long; Police Lieutenant Andrew Moss; Economic Development Director Ken Heath; Smyth County News Representative Stephanie Porter-Nichols; Town Clerk/Director of Finance Cindy Stanley.

ABSENT: Suzanne Jennings

INVOCATION/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Mr. Hicks rendered the invocation. Members of the Boy Scout Troop #832 led the Pledge to the Flag.

VISITORS: Charles Wassum, Jeff Spickard, Addisen Pruitt, James Pruitt, Mike & Susan Edwards, Luke Hicks, Hunter Cregger, Brendyn Hayden, Jake Robinson, Michael Cregger, Timothy Fowles, Jean Pierce, Valerie Hicks, Dawn Robinson, Mike Albano and J. Howard Burton.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Owens and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the meeting held October 21, 2013 were approved as written. Messrs Gates, Weaver, Owens, Carter, Spencer and Barker voted affirmatively.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Carter and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the Joint Public Hearing with Smyth County held October 17, 2013 were approved as written. Messrs Gates, Weaver, Owens, Carter, Spencer and Barker voted affirmatively.

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

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: Mike Albano requested permission for the 3rd Annual Gobbler Gallop to be held on November 28, 2013. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Barker and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the 3rd Annual Gobbler Gallop to be held on November 28, 2013 was approved. Mr. Albano is to work with the Police Department to establish the route.

Mr. Heath reviewed the Extra Mile Program. Mayor Helms nominated Vincent Groseclose. Mr. Weaver nominated Mike Albano.

Mr. Owens thanked everyone that helped with the Trunk or Treat at the Farmers market.

Mayor Helms noted the Smyth County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner will be held November 21, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the General Francis Marion Hotel. Please let Ms. Stanley know if you plan to attend. A Legislative Reception will be held on November 13, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Martha Washington Inn. The 2013 Southwest Virginia Legislative Breakfast will be held on Monday, November 25, 2013 at 8:30 am at the New River Community College. Mayor Helms received a Thank You note from the family of Former Mayor Marshall Guy. Senator Warner was in Town Saturday and toured the Lincoln Theatre and visited Wolfe's BBQ.

Mr. Heath noted he received a press release late this afternoon stating that the Appalachian Mountain Spirits Distillery has received two Gold Awards from a competition in Portland, Oregon. There are two new expansions and two new businesses locating Downtown as a result of the Pop Up Program. The Wayne C. Henderson School of Appalachian Arts is moving along well. This project will be rebid in March 2014. The School Director Position advertisement closed on Friday. Recommendation will be brought to Council for approval. Iron Street Mall sign has been installed. There will be an Appalachian Regional Workshop held at the Heartwood Center in Abingdon January 14 - 16, 2014. There is a \$500 fee to enter a team of 4 to 7 members. Mr. Rush recommends this as a good networking/training tool. Upon motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Dr. Gates and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the Town will participate in this conference for a fee of \$500 and enter a team of 4 to 7 members.

Mr. Hicks gave an update on the Co-Gen Project at the Sewer Treatment Plant as he felt this would be an interesting concept for the Boy Scout Troop that was present. A representative from the

Manufacturer will be here to help get the generator started and online. Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$41,123.57 for the Edwynne Water Line Replacement is included in the packet on page 49. Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, pay request #2 in the amount of \$41,123.57 was approved for payment. The Chatham Hill Road Bridge plaque is ready to be installed. The Board of Zoning Appeals has two vacancies. Brian Reed with the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission has agreed to serve on this board. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Carter and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, Brian Reed was recommended to be appointed by the Judge to the Board of Zoning Appeals. A fire truck received some damage last night as a result of a bridge collapse while responding to a house fire. The bridge has been repaired today. Mr. Rush noted the truck is currently out of commission and C. W. Williams will be onsite tomorrow to evaluate the damage.

Mr. Rush noted the next Golf Committee meeting will be next Monday and the pool and end of season items will be discussed. Mr. Rush noted that the handicap ramp at the Golf Course meets code, however there will be some handrails installed. Ken Taylor with W-L Construction states the cart paths can be paved by renting a piece of equipment. Mr. Rush reported the Gateway IT is progressing, with the rewiring in progress for the new equipment. The CDA Boundary Adjustment Submittals are almost complete. Mr. Rush reminded everyone of the recycling containers located at the Convenience Stations. The Town plans to place a recycling receptacle at the Town Shop. The lumber for the bridge on Water Mill Road has been ordered and there is a plan in place to treat with a wood preservative. The ISO Full Report has been received and the rating has not changed, remaining at a six. A citizen had a concern about trapping muskrats on the Golf Course. Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, this item was referred to the Golf Committee.

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Code of Virginia, as amended, Section 2.2-3711 (A-1), (A-3), (A-6) and (A-7) upon motion of Mr. Barker, seconded by Mr. Owens and vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, Town Council entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel matters, discussion of the disposition of publicly held real property, discussion of investment of public funds and a potential legal issue. Mr. Weaver 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 Dr. Gates and carried by a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES. The Town Clerk polled the Council Members. Messrs Weaver, Carter, Barker, Owens, Dr. Gates, and Spencer voted affirmatively.

Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Owens and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, Ken Heath is authorized to sign an option for the Town of Marion to purchase the Old Holston Harwood Building located at 215 East Cherry Street.

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

Mayor

Clerk