

Minutes of a special called informational meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Marion, Virginia held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on September 28, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor David Helms; Jane Hale, Tricia Spencer, Suzanne Jennings, Dr. James Gates, Jim Owens, Bill Weaver and Jim Barker, Council Members; Town Manager John E. B. Clark, Jr.; Town Attorney Mark Fenyk; Police Lieutenant Rex Anders; Police Chief Mike Roberts; Dan Kegley; Purchasing Agent Billy Hamm, Economic Development Director Ken Heath; Deputy Clerk Anita Catron; Town Clerk/Director of Finance Cindy Stanley; Linda Pennington, Paula Ashlin, Olivia Hall, Todd Long, Mindy Dyer and Andrew Moss.

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

VISITORS: Susan Ferraro, Andrew King, Joe Ferraro, Greg Berry, Pat Berry, George Blevins, Jim Mellinger, Chris Gandhi, Marvin Craig, Jim Kelly, Sally Morgan, Charlie, Clark, Doug Covington, Bob Shultz, Mike Smythe, Kary Richardson, Luke Richardson, David Richardson, Terri Blankenship, Johnathan Dale Blevins, David Kiser, Eric Pennington, Rachel Pennington, Chloe Pennington, Pat Purser, Mike Sage, Jay Overbay, Patty Warren, Bob Rigley, Bill Greenwood, Mike Albano, Christy Moss, Bill Huber, Robert Shultz, Dennis Jennings, David Halsey, Jane Tate, Brian Burgess, Laura Robinson, Derek Rhea, Keith Hungate, Mark Groseclose, Charles Halsey, Joe Rogers, Hurbert Johnson, Beth Gates, Bunni Olinger, Billy Olinger, Alvin Crowder, Charles, Dickson, Dickie Jennings, Dixie Sheets, Anthony Clary, David Thomas, Herb Hale, Ron Thomason, Frankie Ferrell, Nancy Wolfe, Rodney Ford, Neal Hylton, Amanda Currin, Dwayne Hayes, Moe Weaver, Carl Schwartz, Ron Bales, Mike Keene, Gary Peacock, Marilynn Peacock, Berbie Clay, Ann Burton, Libby Mitchell, John Geib, Tom Copenhaver, Blake Frazier, Alice Freeman, Bill Gullion, Dan Surface, Benny Young, Rodney Young, Brian Steifel, Ken Fox, Dale Powers, JC Franks, Ralph Price, Marvin Leslie, Joan McCleary, Harold Slemple, Kyle Robinson, Hayley Ray, Sherry Hale, Lisa Murphy, Dennis Parnell, Betty Campbell, Mary Lou Waak, Carol Trammell, Charles Sturgill, Jack McCarty, Bob Lincoln, Justin Gates, Howard Burton, Gene Hendrick, Letitia Hendrick, Douglas Grubb, Susan Martin, Shirley Burton, Rita Copenhaver, David Fields, Gilda Powers, Joyce Edminston, Juanita Shields, Ellen Hull, Delores Bellamy, Sam Burkett, Don Wampler, Frank Detweiler and Mike Davidson.

Mr. Heath reviewed the information with the public. Marion Town Council was approached by the Board of Directors of Holston Hills Country Club earlier this summer about the possibility of the Town purchasing the Golf Course and Facilities. The information in the Proforma came from financial information provided by the Holston Hills Country Club. Council decided to also host this community information meeting to hear from the citizens.

Dr. Gates gave a presentation of the historical basis for the Town to consider purchasing the Golf Course. Dr. Gates noted this would not be possible without the help of the Smyth County Community Foundation. If purchased the Town plans to manage the Golf Course for up to five years.

The following is a list of citizens that spoke: Gilda Powers, Ellen Hull, Frank Detweiler, Mike Davidson, Justin Gates, Gene Hendrick, Susan Martin, Dave Fields, Bob Lincoln, Ralph Price, Marvin Leslie, Brian Steifel, Carol Schwartz, Ron Bales, Gary Peacock, David Thomas, Ron Thomason, Amanda Currin, Dickie

Jennings, Dixie Sheets, Laura Robinson, Keith Hungate, Mike Albano, David Kiser, David Richardson, Charlie Clark, Jim Mellinger, Harold Slemph, Frankie Ferrell, Bob Shultz and Juanita Shields. With a total of thirty-one speakers, there were twenty-one in favor, eight opposed and two undetermined.

With no further comments Mayor Helms closed the Informational Meeting.

The next Council Meeting will be Thursday October 6, 2011. There will not be a vote during this meeting due to some members being absent. The public is welcome to attend any meeting, and will be advised when this item will be on the agenda again.

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

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Mayor

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Clerk