

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 February 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor David Helms, Vice-Mayor Dr. Jim Gates (arrived late), Tricia Spencer, Suzanne Jennings, Bill Weaver, Larry Carter and Avery Cornett Council Members; Chairman Cameron Wolfe, Vice-Chairman Bob Ramsey, Ben Reedy and Kimberly Austin Planning Commission Members; Town Manager Bill Rush, Town Clerk Cindy Stanley; Town Attorney Mark Fenyk; Smyth County News Representative Stephanie Porter-Nichols; Police Chief John Clair; Assistant Town Manager/Town Engineer Cecil Hicks; Economic Development Director Ken Heath; Public Works Director Tony Muncy and Purchasing Agent/Fire Chief Billy Hamm.

ABSENT: Jim Barker Council Member, Trey White and Alice Freeman Planning Commission Members.

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

VISITORS: Jeff Spickard, Kathy Smith, Katie Smith, Joe Naff, C. B. Gwynn, Greg Tucker, Bob Brandenburg, Alexandra Veatch, Brian Tibbs and Linda Burchette.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the meeting held February 4, 2019 were approved as written. Messrs Spencer, Jennings, Weaver, Carter and Cornett voted affirmatively.

AGENDA: Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the agenda was approved as distributed.

PUBLIC HEARING HEALTH AND SANITATION ORDINANCE: Mayor Helms opened the Public Hearing. Chief Clair reviewed the proposed ordinance changes for Chapter 38. Chief Clair noted there are no changes to the substance of sections 1, 2 and 3, only clearer guidelines and enforcements. He noted Chapter 1 is on Maintenance of Properties, Chapter 2 is on Accumulations on Properties and Chapter 3 is on Notice, Enforcement and Penalties. With no public comments, the Public Hearing was closed. Upon motion of Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Reedy and a vote of 4 AYES and 0 NOES, the proposed Health and Sanitation ordinance was recommended for approval by Planning Commission. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the proposed amendments to the Health and Sanitation ordinance were adopted as distributed.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Cornett	AYE
Mr. Carter	AYE
Mr. Weaver	AYE
Mrs. Jennings	AYE
Ms. Spencer	AYE

Planning Commission Members left and Dr. Gates arrived.

PUBLIC HEARING VDH FUNDING PHASE III & IV WATER: Mr. Rush reviewed the Authorizing Resolution for VDH. Mayor Helms opened the Public Hearing. With no further public comment Mayor Helms closed the Public Hearing. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation and Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds of the Town of Marion in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,149,000 and providing for the form, details and payment of the Bonds was adopted.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Cornett	AYE
Mr. Carter	AYE
Mr. Weaver	AYE
Mrs. Jennings	AYE
Ms. Spencer	AYE
Dr. Gates	AYE

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Brian Tibbs gave an update on the Lincoln Theatre, noting they are preparing for the 90th Anniversary. The Theatre continues to focus on community programs. They will be updating their branding and logo. Spring fund raising activities are planned. He reviewed upcoming performances.

Mayor Helms reviewed a resolution of Spencer Nave noting he was responsible for bringing the Rolling Thunder to Marion. Mr. Nave celebrated his 75th birthday Saturday and Mayor Helms was present and presented Mr. Nave with this resolution. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, a Resolution in Appreciation of Spencer David Nave, Jr. was accepted.

Greg Tucker, representative for Bostic, Tucker & Company, PC, presented the June 30, 2018 Financial Statement to council and staff. He noted the audit went well and there were no findings. He reviewed some of the highlights. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Cornett and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the financial statement acknowledgement letter was accepted.

Mrs. Jennings thanked Chief Clair for the Drug Seminar that was presented at the Police Department.

Mr. Cornett attended the Marion Downtown meeting last week.

Mayor Helms noted the committee meeting schedule was in the agenda packet. The Blue Ridge Job Corps graduation will be Friday, February 22, 2019 at 2:00 pm. A Memorial Day planning meeting will be held Thursday night at the VFW.

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 \$1,482,214.57. Messrs Dr. Gates, Spencer, Jennings, Weaver, Carter and Cornett voted affirmatively.

Chief Clair thanked Mr. Muncy and his crew for all the help cleaning out the Police Department building on South Main. Chief Clair noted the opioid problem is not as bad in and around Marion as much as in other areas close by.

Mr. Heath introduced Alexandra Veatch, Assistant Director of Economic Development. Mr. Heath has been accepted into the next round of the Sorenson Institute program.

Mr. Hicks noted bids for State of Good Repair paving have been advertised. This must be completed by June 1, 2019. He reviewed the plans for calibrating and/or replacing industrial meters.

Mr. Rush reported the old Police Department on South Main has been cleaned out and painted. Plans for repurposing or declaring as surplus will be determined. CIRP Financials for Phase III & IV Water will close on February 26, 2019. Mr. Rush reviewed the possibilities of backup and replication of our AS400 system. He also reviewed the Police Department server being down at this time and this will be approximately \$18,000 for replacement. Mr. Rush reported Jeff Spickard has been hired as CIRP Engineer and will begin employment with the Town on February 28, 2019.

Upon motion, duly seconded and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Mayor

Clerk