

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 March 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor David Helms, Vice-Mayor Dr. Jim Gates, Jim Barker, Tricia Spencer, Suzanne Jennings, Bill Weaver, Larry Carter and Avery Cornett Council Members; Town Clerk Cindy Stanley; Town Attorney Mark Fenyk; Smyth County News Representative Stephanie Porter-Nichols; Police Chief John Clair and Economic Development Director Ken Heath.

**ABSENT:** None.

**VISITORS:** Joe Naff, C. B. Gwyn, Carolyn Cooper and Allen Kelly.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** Chief Clair rendered the invocation. Mayor Helms led the Pledge to the Flag.

**MINUTES:** Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the meeting held February 15, 2021 were approved as written. Messrs Dr. Gates, Spencer, Jennings, Weaver, Barker, Cornett and Carter voted affirmatively.

**AGENDA:** Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the agenda was approved as distributed.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:** None.

Mr. Barker reported there were 205 Fire/EMS calls for the month of January.

Mayor Helms noted the vaccine efforts are well organized. He noted the Committee meetings schedule has been set for March.

Mr. Fenyk commended Chief Clair and the Police Department on their contributions to the good outcome of the high speed pursuit through town last week.

Mr. Weaver noted the Personnel Committee is working on updating the Personnel Manual and it will be available for review soon.

Chief Clair noted he will be advertising for Police vacancy. The VFW will be presenting Officer of the Year awards Thursday at 6:00 pm. Brian Sexton is the recipient for the Town of Marion.

Upon motion, duly seconded and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 pm.

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Mayor

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Clerk

