

Minutes of a special called meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Marion, Virginia held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on June 30, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor David Helms, Jim Barker, Tricia Spencer, Bill Weaver, Larry Carter and Avery Cornett Council Members; Town Manager Bill Rush, Town Clerk Cindy Stanley; Town Attorney Mark Fenyk; Smyth County News Representative Linda Burchette; Police Chief John Clair, Police Officer Amber Eades, Economic Development Director Ken Heath and Purchasing Agent Billy Hamm.

**ABSENT:** Vice-Mayor Dr. Jim Gates and Suzanne Jennings.

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

**VISITORS:** Kevin Minton, Brandy Keesee, Holly Carrico and Charles Wassum.

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

Mayor Helms swore in newly hired Police Officer Kevin Minton. He will begin the Police Academy in July.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION:** None.

Mayor Helms noted town offices will be closed Monday, July 5, 2021 for the Holiday and the council meeting for that day has been cancelled. He also noted the town has had a great year and commended employees for all their hard work.

**ADOPTION OF THE VIRGINIA CODE AS AMENDED JULY 1, 2021:** Upon motion of Mr. Cornett, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the Town adopted the Code of Virginia as amended July 1, 2021.

**SET TAX LEVY:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MARION, VIRGINIA; that pursuant to the Town Charter, the following taxes be levied for the necessary and proper management and expenses of the Town of Marion, Virginia for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021:

- (1) Upon all Real Estate (including Mobile Homes) in the Town of Marion, Virginia \$0.17 per \$100.00 of assessed value.
- (2) Upon all tangible Personal Property in the Town of Marion, Virginia \$0.40 per \$100.00 of assessed value.
- (3) Upon all Machinery and Tools within the Town of Marion, Virginia, \$0.40 per \$100.00 of assessed value.
- (4) Upon all property within the Special Tax District of the Town of Marion, Virginia, \$0.17 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Ms. Spencer and vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES item (1) 2021-2022 Tax Levy for Real Estate \$0.17 per \$100 of assessed value was approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Ms. Spencer and vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES item (2) 2021-2022 Tax Levy for Personal Property \$0.40 of \$100 assessed value was approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Ms. Spencer and vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES item (3) 2021-2022 Tax Levy Machinery and Tools \$0.40 per \$100 assessed value was approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Ms. Spencer and vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES item (4) 2021-2022 Tax Levy for Special Tax District \$0.17 per \$100 assessed value was approved.

**ACCOUNTS:** Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the accounts were approved for payment in the amount of \$3,603,128.92. Messrs Barker, Spencer, Weaver, Carter and Cornett voted affirmatively.

Mr. Heath noted the deed has been executed for the approved Bostic land donation on Matson Drive.

Mr. Rush reported the year-end close out today went well. Paving is still ongoing. Martin Contractors are still working in town. The requested ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) proposed project lists were

submitted today by the Department Heads. The first half of the funding was received today. The first ARPA report will be due October 2021. The town will solicit public input.

Mayor Helms noted there will be July 4<sup>th</sup> activities from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm at RiverBend Park.

Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Ms. Spencer and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

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Mayor

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Clerk