

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 28, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Vice-Mayor Dr. Jim Gates, Jim Barker, Tricia Spencer, Suzanne Jennings, Bill Weaver, Larry Carter and Avery Cornett (arrived late) Council Members; Town Manager Bill Rush, Town Clerk Cindy Stanley; Smyth County News Representative Linda Burchette; Police Chief John Clair and Purchasing Agent/Fire Chief Billy Hamm.

ABSENT: Mayor David Helms.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Chief Clair rendered the invocation. Vice-Mayor Gates led the Pledge to the Flag.

VISITORS: Kathy Smith, Joe Naff and Jennifer Bralley.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Carter and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the meeting held June 17, 2019 were approved as written. Messrs Gates, Barker, Spencer, Jennings, Weaver and Carter voted affirmatively.

AGENDA: Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the agenda was approved as distributed with the addition of tax levy under Town Clerk.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Jennifer Bralley, 222 Wolfe Avenue, thanked council for their allocation for the Smyth County Humane Society for the TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) Program.

ADOPTION OF THE VIRGINIA CODE AS AMENDED JULY 1, 2019: Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the Town adopted the Code of Virginia as amended July 1, 2019.

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, 2019:

- (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 Mrs. Jennings and vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES item (1) 2019-2020 Tax Levy for Real Estate \$0.17 per \$100 of assessed value was approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES item (2) 2019-2020 Tax Levy for Personal Property \$0.40 of \$100 assessed value was approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES item (3) 2019-2020 Tax Levy Machinery and Tools \$0.40 per \$100 assessed value was approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES item (4) 2019-2020 Tax Levy for Special Tax District \$0.17 per \$100 assessed value was approved.

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 \$450,364.89. Messrs Dr. Gates, Barker, Spencer, Jennings, Weaver and Carter voted affirmatively.

Mr. Rush noted the Quarry Recreation Park Grant Application was delivered by the deadline. The Church Street Drainage Project scope has changed, was re-bid and is still over the VDOT budget of \$400,000. (Mr. Cornett arrived). Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Carter and a vote of 6 AYES, 0 NOES and 1 ABSTENTION, the Church Street Drainage Project re-bid was awarded to Ramirez Contracting, LLC. Callan Drive will remain closed until approximately the end of next week.

Upon motion, duly seconded and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Mayor

Clerk