

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 January 3, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor David Helms, Dr. Jim Gates, Suzanne Jennings, Tricia Spencer, Jim Barker, Bill Weaver, Larry Carter and Avery Cornett Council Members; Town Manager Bill Rush; Town Clerk Cindy Stanley; Town Attorney Mark Fenyk; Smyth County News Representatives Stephanie Porter-Nichols; Police Chief Rex Anders; Assistant Town Manager/Town Engineer Cecil Hicks; Purchasing Agent/Fire Chief Billy Hamm (arriving late).

ABSENT: None.

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

VISITORS: Jeff Spickard, Charles Hayden, Police Officer William Johnson, Police Officer Dalton Marshall, Katie Smith, Kathy Smith, Brenda Griffey, Darlene and Earl Griffey.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Carter and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the meeting held December 19, 2016 were approved as written. Messrs Barker, Dr. Gates, Spencer, Jennings, Weaver, Carter, and Cornett voted affirmatively.

AGENDA: Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the agenda was approved as distributed with one addition under Town Manager's report for Harwood Proposal.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Police Chief Anders introduced the two newest Officers hired, William Johnson and Dalton Marshall. Officer Johnson and Officer Marshall will begin the Police Academy on January 16, 2017. Mayor Helms swore in Officers Johnson and Marshall. Billy Hamm arrived.

Mrs. Jennings had a complaint from a citizen concerning the trash can ordinance.

Mayor Helms reported that the visit to Newport, TN to deliver the toys collected for Operation Rudolph was very nice. The group was very appreciative and the event was very well organized and coordinated. Ms. Shirley Blackwell's funeral services will be tomorrow night at Seaver Brown Funeral Home at 6:00 pm. The Town offices will be closed on January 16, 2017 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Mayor Helms reported that due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday the next council meeting will be rescheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

Ms. Stanley reminded everyone the Statement of Economic Interest forms are due January 17, 2017.

Mr. Rush noted there was one RFP received for the Golf Course Grill.

Chief Anders noted he was appreciative to have helped with the delivery of Operation Rudolph to Newport, TN. Officers Horner and Whisman are working with other officers on their field training.

Mr. Rush reminded everyone of VML Legislative Day January 24 & 25, 2017.

Mr. Hicks noted Matson Drive Culvert is completed. Work on East Chilhowie Street Bridge will begin January 9, 2017. Mr. Hicks is working on compiling the Spring Paving list.

Mr. Rush reported that a change of scope has been submitted to VDOT for the Streetscape Project. Clearing has begun on the driving range. There was one proposal submitted for the Old Harwood Building RFPs. This was from Joe Ellis for an aggressive timeline, beginning work immediately and completing this summer. Discussion ensued regarding parking. Upon motion of Mr. Cornett, seconded by Dr. Gates and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, this proposal was accepted.

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Code of Virginia, as amended, Section 2.2-3711 (A-7) upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Weaver and vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, Town Council entered into Closed Session for consultation with legal counsel. Mrs. Jennings moved that Town Council return to Open Session and identified it be known that only those matters legally exempted from Open Session and identified in the motion were discussed during Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Mr.

Weaver and carried by a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES. The Town Clerk polled the Council Members. Messrs Weaver, Dr. Gates, Carter, Barker, Jennings, Spencer, and Cornett voted affirmatively.

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

Mayor

Clerk