

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

PRESENT: Mayor David Helms, Dr. Jim Gates (arriving late), 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 and Linda Burchette; Police Chief Rex Anders; Assistant Town Manager/Town Engineer Cecil Hicks; Economic Development Director Ken Heath; Purchasing Agent/Fire Chief Billy Hamm (left early); and Golf Course Manager Terry Jennings.

ABSENT: None.

VISITORS: Jeff Spickard, Kathy Smith, Jeff and Anna Leigh DeBord, Jim and Missy May, Walker May, Penny May, Linda Parks, Susan Rutherford, Vikki Blevins, Edwin Hall, Angelina Chatham, Duncan Martin, Brian Davidson, Leslie Stickley, Riana Rutherford, Faith Hannula, Brock Davidson, Luke Sage, Kendall Funk, Jacob Armstrong, Todd Necessary, Charlie Hampton, Damon Mazoff, Dennis Carter, Mike Davidson, Hunter Blevins, Kimberly Williams, Lily Gray, Tom and Lynda Hampton, and Courtney Hampton.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Mr. Heath rendered the invocation. Eagle Scout Walker May led the Pledge to the Flag.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the meeting held March 20, 2017 were approved as written. Messrs Barker, Weaver, Jennings, Spencer, Carter, and Cornett voted affirmatively.

AGENDA: Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the agenda was approved as distributed.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Jennings thanked Walker May for installing the 5 benches at RiverBend Park and the Golf Course, noting this was a very positive impact for the Parks and Recreation Department. Upon motion of Mr. Barker, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, a Resolution in Honor of Thomas Walker May on the Occasion of his Achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout, BSA was accepted. Mayor Helms read and presented the Resolution to Walker May.

Mayor Helms noted the first week of April is Local Government Education Week. Upon motion of Ms. Spencer, seconded by Mr. Barker and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, a Resolution recognizing Local Government Education Week 2017 was accepted. Mayor Helms read and presented the Resolution to school administration that were present. Dr. Gates arrived.

Mayor Helms noted a Resolution that was accepted in December to name the designated walkway on Iron Street to Hurricane Alley. Mayor Helms presented the street signs to the students and administration that were present.

Mayor Helms noted the next Resolution was to recognize the Forensics Team for placing in the State Championships. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the Resolution in Honor of the 2017 Marion Senior High School Forensics Team was accepted. Mayor Helms read and presented the Resolution to the students and coach.

Mrs. DeBord, Representative for the Smyth County Historical & Museum Society, invited everyone to the sneak preview for the museum on Friday, April 21, 2017 from 12:30 pm until 1:30 pm. Sunday, April 23, 2017 Isaac Freeman will be doing storytelling. Mrs. DeBord distributed a cost estimate to hire one employee for 5 hours per day, 5 days a week for 26 weeks. The estimate is \$6,090. She also requested the council consider any funding support possible.

Mayor Helms reviewed a visit planned next week for one day from National SVCNC Keith Harman. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Barker and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the Resolution in Honor of the Visit of National SVCNC Keith Harman was accepted.

PUBLIC HEARING VDH FUNDING PHASE I WATER: Mr. Rush reviewed the Authorizing Resolution for VDH. Mr. Rush noted the Public Hearing serves 3 projects, Water Phase 1 & 2 and Sewer Phase 2. This Resolution is authorizing closing on Phase 1 Water. The other Resolutions should be presented this summer. Mayor Helms opened the Public Hearing. With no public comment Mayor Helms closed the Public Hearing. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Cornett and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a General Obligation and Water and Sewer Revenue Bond of the Town of Marion in an amount not to exceed \$345,870 and providing for the form, details and payment of the Bond was adopted.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Carter attended the Town & County Quarterly meeting. Marion is to host the next Town & County Quarterly meeting.

Mayor Helms reminded everyone that the Town of Marion will be hosting the VML Regional Supper on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Golf Course. The exit 45 southbound entrance ramp will close today for approximately 4 weeks. The RAM Clinic will be held May 5, 6, 7, 2017. The Mt Rogers Planning District Commission Annual meeting will be April 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Holston Hills Community Golf Course. Youth Government Day is May 11, 2017.

Mr. Jennings gave a brief update on the Recreation Department. The Fish On event was this past Saturday, sponsored by Trout Unlimited. National Pools started work on the town swimming pool on March 20, 2017 and repairs are expected to be completed this week.

Mr. Heath noted the 13th round of Pop Up classes ends this week. Shelby Farris has accepted the position of Administrative Assistant for the Economic Development Department.

Mr. Hicks noted the Water Treatment Plant won the Excellence in Waterworks award this year. The East Chilhowie Street Bridge repairs are in process with a scheduled end date of May 17, 2017. The Fairway Drive Road Reconstruction is underway and a 30 inch pipe has been installed. An early paving schedule is being prepared to cover the completed CIRP Project areas.

Mr. Rush reported that the budget process is substantially complete and a Public Hearing will be scheduled in May. Phase 3 & 4 Water applications have been submitted. A Public Hearing will be set for April 17, 2017 for the proposed Solid Waste Ordinance changes. Mr. Rush reported that the Animal Control Officer, Lee Farmer will be retiring. The town will now have 2 pathways of which to proceed. This position can be filled by the town rehiring or these duties can be turned back over to the county. Dr. Gates asked Mr. Rush to Survey Wytheville, Abingdon and Tazewell to see how they handle Animal Control.

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

Mayor

Clerk