

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

PRESENT: Mayor David Helms, Tricia Spencer, Jim Barker, Bill Weaver, Suzanne Jennings, Larry Carter and Avery Cornett Council Members; Deputy Clerk Samantha White; Town Attorney Mark Fenyk; Smyth County News Representative Stephanie Porter-Nichols; Police Chief Rex Anders; Assistant Town Manager/Town Engineer Cecil Hicks; Economic Development Director Ken Heath; Public Works Director Jackie Perry; Golf Course Director Terry Jennings.

ABSENT: Dr. Jim Gates Council Member.

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

VISITORS: Kathy and Katie Smith.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the meeting held June 19, 2017 were approved as written. Messrs Barker, Spencer, Weaver, Jennings, 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.

Mr. Carter attended the Deanna Carter concert at The Lincoln Theatre and noted that it appeared to be well-attended.

Mr. Cornett noted the Mel Leaman Free Clinic annual audit went well. Mr. Cornett also commented that he would like to see Marion Fire/EMS, along with other ambulance services in the area, make joint efforts with the Clinic to help community members receive needed health care.

Mayor Helms noted there will not be a fireworks display again this year due to costs and regulations. There will be activities on Broad St. July 4. Mrs. Joanne Morgan is writing a book about Mrs. Evelyn Lawrence and welcomes community members to share information about Mrs. Lawrence with her. Mrs. Morgan will be in Marion July 13-15. Mrs. Catherine Schrenker and her family painted the "Welcome to Marion" signs. VFW Spirit of '45 program will be on the Courthouse lawn August 13 at 3:00 pm. The 8,9,10 Girls Little League softball team has advanced to the state tournament to be held in Damascus beginning July 7.

Mr. Fenyk discussed the need for adoption of the Code of Virginia as amended on July 1, 2017. Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the Code of Virginia as amended was adopted.

Mr. Jennings reported that coed softball games began June 19. The soccer camp hosted by VA Tech players and staff held at Oak Point Elementary School had 18 children attend. 43 children have signed up for flag football and games will begin July 10. The golf course beverage cart is going well. All staff will be required to attend ABC training soon. Rounds of golf played in 2016-17 fiscal year were up approximately 2000 rounds from the previous year. The number of memberships had also increased. Grill revenues were down approximately \$21,000.

Mr. Perry reported that he will be retiring in May 2018. Tony Muncy has been promoted to Assistant Director of Public Works to begin training under Mr. Perry. David Scott was promoted to Foreman of Building and Grounds. The new concrete grinder has been used to level some rough places on sidewalks on Main Street.

Chief Anders reminded everyone of the Cruise In and Jigsaw Jane concert on Broad Street July 4. K-9 Officer Jeff Horne is using a new mobile app that allows him to document use of Police Department K-9 Cooper.

Mr. Heath reported The Henderson School has received a \$4,500 grant from VA Commission for the Arts. There will be a Road Rally through town on July 11 around 10:00 am. The town will have a tent set up at The Lincoln Theatre for this event. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a

vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, a USDA Small Business Loan Pool loan request in the amount of \$15,000 was approved for Marion Florist and Gift Shop owned by Leroy and Virginia Thompson.

Mr. Hicks reported town paving will be finished on July 5. Fall paving will begin in October. Church Street Drainage project is awaiting VDOT approval. Fairway Drive project has been completed. CIRP Sewer Phase 1 is mostly complete; all pipes and connections have been made. Work continues on a Storm Drain project on Chatham Hill. Water Phase 1 should be complete in late September. The Streetscape project should start soon. Mattern and Craig continue to work on the Golf Course Bridge design. The town has received an HB2 grant from VDOT in the amount of \$942,000 for improvements at and around intersections of Commerce, Main, and Pendleton Streets.

Upon motion, duly seconded and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk