

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 August 21, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor David Helms, Dr. Jim Gates, 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 Stephanie Porter-Nichols; Police Lieutenant Rusty Hamm; Assistant Town Manager/Town Engineer Cecil Hicks and Purchasing Agent/Fire Chief Billy Hamm.

ABSENT: Suzanne Jennings.

VISITORS: Kathy Smith, Jeff & Anna Leigh DeBord, Charles Hayden, Jeff Spickard and Robb Farmer.

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

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Ms. Spencer and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the meeting held August 7, 2017 were approved as written. Messrs Barker, Spencer, Weaver, Cornett, Carter, and Dr. Gates voted affirmatively.

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

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Robb Farmer, 2221 Highway 16, thanked council for their support of the Smyth County Public Library. He is the newly named director of the library and noted there may be a renaming of the library.

Mr. Carter attended the Farm To Table event at the Farmers Market.

Mayor Helms reminded everyone of the Annual Town & Country BBQ at the W-L Hanger in Chilhowie Thursday, August 24th at 6:30 pm. The Emory & Henry Orientation Dinner will be Monday, August 28th at 6:00 pm. Mayor Helms reviewed the Extra Mile Program. Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the Extra Mile Program will continue this fall. The Spirit '45 Day was a successful event. Mayor Helms reviewed an invitation from Saltville to join them in their Labor Day Celebration.

Mr. Fenyk reported the re-appointment of Doug Covington will be presented to the Judge this week. Mr. Fenyk reviewed a Cost to Recover letter and a request to renew the winterization program from Appalachian Power. Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Barker and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, these items were tabled until more information is available from VML.

ACCOUNTS: Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the accounts were approved for payment in the amount of \$1,287,096.76. Messrs Barker, Spencer, Weaver, Cornett, Carter and Dr. Gates voted affirmatively.

Chief Hamm reported the loading equipment company is waiting on a determination from the insurance company to decide how to proceed with repairs to the wrecked ambulance.

Lieutenant Hamm reported that all 5 police cars have been received. The Chief's car is now in operation and the other 4 are in the process of being equipped. Interviews for the police officer position will be the first week in September. Officers are scheduled for patrol at all home football games. There will be a Norfolk Southern Railroad training seminar in Bristol that some of the officers will be attending.

Mr. Hicks noted the town is waiting on the notice to proceed on the South Church Street Drainage Project. The town and county are jointly submitting an application through Mt. Rogers Planning District Commission for repairs at the head-works at the Sewer Treatment Plant.

Mr. Spickard distributed and reviewed bid results from materials for Contract 1 on Phase II water. He noted bid prices were within budget. Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Carter and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, bids will be awarded to the low apparent bidders, if the product or item is to be utilized, for a total of \$223,137.59.

Mr. Rush reported the notice to proceed has been received on the Streetscape project and procurement has begun. He distributed an estimate for repairs on the Golf Course bridge replacement. Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Cornett and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, authorization was issued to continue with the replacement of the Golf Course bridge for an estimated cost of \$298,787.00. Mr. Rush reviewed financing proposals, noting the best offer was from The Bank of Marion. Upon motion of Mr. Cornett, seconded by Mr. Carter and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the loan for the replacement of the Golf Course bridge was approved with The Bank of Marion for \$300,000 at 3.99% interest for 15 years. Mr. Rush also reviewed the loan proposal for the purchase of the Golf Course mowers. Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the loan for the Golf Course mowers was approved with The Bank of Marion for \$165,000 at 3.99% interest for 5 years.

The next council meeting will be rescheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 5:30 pm due to the Holiday.

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

Mayor

Clerk