

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 June 4, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Suzanne Jennings.

VISITORS: Kathy Smith, Jeff & Anna Leigh DeBord, Joe Naff, CB Gwyn, Jeff Spickard, Lili Figueredo, Mike Edwards, Debra Carter, Kay Clawson, Police Officers Dale Basa and Stacy Hess and John Graham.

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 Mr. Carter and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the meeting held May 21, 2018 were approved as written. Messrs Barker, Weaver, Spencer, Carter, Gates and Cornett voted affirmatively.

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

SWEARING IN OF TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS: John Graham, Smyth County Clerk of the Circuit Court, administered the oath of office to the newly re-elected council members Jim Barker, Avery Cornett and Tricia Spencer.

Chief Anders introduced Officers Dale Basa and Stacy Hess, as they have just completed 19 weeks at the Academy and passed their certification test.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Mike Edwards, Airport Representative, noted his commission expired in April and asked to continue to serve for another 4 years. Delta Consultants will forward information about the obstruction removal at the end of the runway. Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Barker and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, Mr. Edwards was re-appointed to the Airport Commission for another term.

Mr. Barker noted the Arbor Day Celebration was great and thanked the newspaper for the article.

Dr. Gates reported that a golf course visitor noted our golf course was as good as the Virginian.

Mr. Carter noted good participation in the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Carter's District III Board appointment expires this month and he is willing to serve again. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Barker and a vote of 5 AYES, 0 NOES, and 1 ABSTENTION (Carter), Mr. Carter was re-appointed to the District III Board with Mr. Rush designated as an alternate.

Mayor Helms expressed his appreciation for all the help and publicity with the Memorial Day Parade. The Governor's Army Reserve Band will play at the Lincoln Theatre tomorrow night. There is a request for an ALS Walk in the Downtown area on June 23, 2018 at 9:00 am. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Ms. Spencer and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the ALS Walk on June 23, 2018 at 9:00 am in the Downtown area was approved. There will be an I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan meeting June 6, 2018. The Mt Zion Temple Church on Iron Street will be installing a new pastor Saturday at 12 noon. The Job Corps will host a meeting on June 20, 2018 at 12 noon. An Invitation was received from the Town of Abingdon for a reception for their outgoing council members Tuesday, June 19, 2018 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Heartwood.

Mr. Fenyk reported Atmos Energy has filed for a 9% increase and Appalachian Power has filed documentation regarding renewable energy.

Ms. Stanley thanked council for the opportunity Deputy Clerk Anita Catron and I to attend the International Clerk's Conference in Norfolk.

Mr. Jennings reported the recreation department will be offering tennis lessons this summer. The two town swimming pools opened Memorial weekend. Paving at the Golf Course has been completed.

Chief Anders noted the Memorial Day weekend brought lots of visitors to town.

Mr. Heath reminded everyone of the Business Appreciation Luncheon tomorrow at noon at Riverfront in Chilhowie.

Mr. Hicks noted RFPs for the Sewer Treatment Plant Amwell grit collector have been mailed.

Mr. Rush reported Phase III water project may be procured early to prevent price increase and VDH has already given approval. Monday, June 11, 2018 will be the first round of Police Chief interviews. Monday, June 18, 2018 council will interview the final 3 or 4 candidates. There has been one response received to the Towing RFPs. This was from Marion Frame and Towing. Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Carter and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the RFP for towing services from Marion Frame and Towing was accepted. Mr. Rush attended VML Committee meetings last week in Richmond. He has helped with the ability to get the TDOs moved into the Economic Development Committee and that committee is drafting a state wide program.

Upon motion, duly seconded and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Mayor

Clerk