

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 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor David Helms, Tricia Spencer, Jim Barker, Bill Weaver, Suzanne Jennings, 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 John Clair; Assistant Town Manager/Town Engineer Cecil Hicks; Economic Development Director Ken Heath; Public Works Director Tony Muncy and Purchasing Agent/Fire Chief Billy Hamm.

ABSENT: Vice-Mayor Dr. Jim Gates.

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

VISITORS: Anita Catron, Jeff Spickard, Kathy Smith, Katie Smith, Charles Hayden, Joe Naff, Michael Little, Lakishia Selby, Tyosie Pam, Markita Fitchush and Ginna Mihart.

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 July 2, 2018 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.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Rush presented Ms. Stanley with a plaque recognizing her designation as MMC, Master Municipal Clerk.

Michael Little, Blue Ridge Jobs Corps Representative, introduced the 3 students present. Markita Fitchush, SCA President, reviewed a fundraiser competition "Pie in the Face" to help raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Barker reported preliminary work on the RFP for 555 South Main Street Police Station is being conducted. Once the fiber optics are installed at the new location and the Police Department has moved the RFP will be advertised.

Mr. Cornett reviewed the request for Disk Golf and the committee's recommendation. Upon motion of Mr. Cornett, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the proposal for disc golf at Riverbend Park Amphitheatre was accepted contingent that United Way accepts our location recommendation. Mr. Albano's request to use Town Tennis courts will be further reviewed upon more information provided.

Mayor Helms reminded council and staff of the VML Conference in Hampton September 30 – October 2, 2018. Song of the Mountains Saturday night had a sell-out crowd. He thanked the Blue Ridge Job Corps students for always volunteering and helping in the community.

Mr. Fenyk noted he is doing the title work on the Quarry option and anticipates closing to be August 2, 2018.

ACCOUNTS: Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the accounts were approved for payment in the amount of \$467,838.00. Messrs Barker, Spencer, Weaver, Jennings, Carter and Cornett voted affirmatively.

Mr. Muncy noted his crew is doing excellent work on sidewalks, curb and guttering. He also reviewed the potential savings by utilizing the Quarry with savings on time, man hours, fuel and labor. There will be no more need for burning brush by utilizing the Quarry.

Chief Clair and Mr. Rush reviewed the Resolution concerning TDO Transports. Mr. Rush noted that currently the Mental Health facility located in Marion is considered "place of last resort". He would like to have this facility moved up to serve as a front line regional detention center, as it is centrally located. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the

Resolution Concerning Temporary Detention Order (TDO) Transportation was approved. Mr. Barker will deliver this to the next VML Committee meeting.

Mr. Heath reminded everyone of the Chili Cook-off this weekend.

Mr. Hicks reported paving is complete. Mr. Rush reviewed the overage that was authorized by council to bring us back in line with expenditures on Highway Maintenance Funds. We have been awarded a grant to pave South Main Street in the spring. A priority schedule has been established to pave streets that are not funded by VDOT. There will be a VDOT inspection on the Streetscape Project Tuesday, July 24, 2018. The sewer line has been installed thru Riverbend Park. The next section of corrective action is to set a manhole and redirect the sewer. This will involve closing several lanes of Highway 11 in front of the former Rent-A-Center location Wednesday, July 18, 2018.

Mr. Rush reported Teaters Trucking was the successful bidder on the Amwell grit collector installation. Mr. Rush reviewed a potential purchase of a high flow skid steer with a small milling machine attachment. The approximate cost is \$65,000 using a joint procurement. The purchase would be thru the CIRP line of credit. Chief Clair reported there are 3 officers interested in obtaining the certified property maintenance inspector designation. There is a free class offered for this certification.

Upon motion, duly seconded and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Mayor

Clerk