

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 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** Avery Cornett.

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

**VISITORS:** Kathy Smith, Joe Naff, CB Gwyn, Charles Hayden, Jeff Spickard, Jeff & Anna Leigh DeBord.

**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 July 16, 2018 were approved as written. Messrs Barker, Spencer, Weaver, Carter, Gates and Jennings 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:** None.

Mr. Barker attended the Legislative Committee meeting in Richmond last week.

Mayor Helms reminded everyone of the VML Conference in Hampton, September 30 thru October 2, 2018. The employee picnic will be Friday, August 24, 2018 at RiverBend Park at noon. The Spirit of '45 Day will be Sunday, August 12, 2018 at 3:00 pm at the Courthouse. Mayor Helms thanked Mr. Heath, his staff and volunteers for a successful Chili Cook-off. There was an article in the Smyth County News about the new Public Works crew. The Farmers Market report from today shows an increase of about \$10,000 from this time last year. Leslie Vanover, the Farmers Market Manager is doing a great job.

Mr. Fenyk reported Atmos has filed for a rate increase of approximately 5.3%.

Mr. Jennings noted flag football and cheerleading signups will be Thursday. Both swimming pools will be closed week days beginning this Thursday. Jamie Hall and Mike Sage will be taking a playground safety certification course. There are numerous golf tournaments scheduled in August. There will be 16 regional high school teams competing in a tournament tomorrow. Mr. Rush noted the initial budget included paving, however he has found a high grade driveway sealer that will be used this year to allow some time for settling before paving. He hopes to be able to pave the cart paths next year with revenues from the driving range. Emory & Henry College of Health Sciences golf tournament will be September 14, 2018 and council is invited to join them for lunch.

Chief Clair is working on statistics for TDO's which will be in his next monthly report. He will be scheduling some town hall meetings this fall.

Mr. Heath noted a Virginia Main Street workshop was held at the Henderson School last Thursday. Wells Fargo will be a \$10,000 sponsor for the next Pop Up Class. Wytheville Community College is taking over the operations of the Summit. Holston Harwood Apartments will hold an Open House Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Meet the Team night will be Monday, August 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm with the location to be determined.

Mr. Hicks reviewed a VDOT Grant that has been awarded for \$620,000 for paving a portion of South Main Street and a portion of North Main Street. Paving is to be completed by June 30, 2019. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, A Resolution in Support of Application and Acceptance FY19 Primary Extension Paving Project was accepted. The Smart Scale application for Chatham Hill Intersection was reviewed. Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Ms. Spencer and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, A Resolution in Support of Application for Chatham Hill Intersection Smart Scale Project was accepted. Mr. Rush noted the house on Iron Street that was

donated to the town by the Bank of Marion, is holding up the project due to the need for a bat survey. There are strict guidelines with this project since it is a storm water remediation issue. The Sewer Treatment Plant grit collector is in the installation phase. Mr. Spickard reviewed the bids for Phase III and IV Sewer. There was only one bid submitted for the labor and installation. Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the bid from Teaters Trucking for labor and installation of Phase III & IV Sewer was accepted at \$263,709.00. There were numerous bids submitted on materials. Mr. Spickard reviewed the spreadsheet, noting the materials can be awarded to 3 different vendors. Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the spreadsheet on page 51 of the packet was awarded to Ferguson Enterprise, Consolidated Pipe and Core & Main for a total of \$35,899.04 plus the cost of stone, \$42,380.00.

Mr. Rush noted the non-critical items of the Police Department will be moved in the next few weeks, with move to be complete once fiber has been installed. There are approximately 50 abandoned vehicles, which will be addressed over the next few weeks. Mt Rogers Planning District Commission has forwarded the TDO Transportation Resolution passed by council last week, to municipalities in our region to help gain support. This Resolution will be presented at the VML Conference in October. Staff met with George Owens regarding the Disk Golf Proposal and agree that Marion Elementary School will be a better location to increase participation. Mr. Rush met with Mr. Albano to get a better understanding of the Futsal Proposal. A VML Risk Management Grant was awarded to the town for \$4,000 this year.

Upon motion, duly seconded and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.

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