

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 December 3, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor David Helms, Vice-Mayor Dr. Jim Gates, Jim Barker, Tricia Spencer, Suzanne Jennings, 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 Chief John Clair; and Economic Development Director Ken Heath.

**ABSENT:** None.

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

**VISITORS:** Jeff Spickard, Kathy Smith, Joe Naff, CB Gwynn, Charles Hayden and Lili Cornett.

**MINUTES:** Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the meeting held November 19, 2018 were approved as written. Messrs Barker, Dr. Gates, Spencer, Jennings, Weaver, Carter and Cornett voted affirmatively.

**AGENDA:** Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Ms. Spencer and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the agenda was approved as distributed.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING RURAL DEVELOPMENT – AMBULANCE GRANT/LOAN:** Mayor Helms announced this is the Public Hearing portion of the Rural Development Grant/Loan for a new ambulance. Mayor Helms opened the Public Hearing for citizen comment. With no public comments, the Public Hearing was closed. Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Weaver and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the Rural Development Grant/Loan for a new ambulance was reaffirmed.

**PUBLIC HEARING CIRP DEQ PHASE III/IV – DEQ FUNDING AUTHORIZATION:** Mr. Rush reviewed the proposed bond issuance. Mayor Helms opened the Public Hearing for citizen comment. With no public comments, the Public Hearing was closed. Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Carter and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a General Obligation and Water and Sewer Revenue Bond of the Town of Marion in an amount not to Exceed \$423,700 and providing for the form, Details and Payment of the Bond was accepted.

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

Cornett	AYE
Carter	AYE
Weaver	AYE
Jennings	AYE
Spencer	AYE
Gates	AYE
Barker	AYE

Upon motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the form of the Financing Agreement was approved.

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

Cornett	AYE
Carter	AYE
Weaver	AYE
Jennings	AYE
Spencer	AYE
Gates	AYE
Barker	AYE

Mayor Helms, Mr. Rush and Mr. Heath attended the Legislative breakfast this morning. It was very well attended and informative. There was a two hour session about opioids, transportations and budget. The Town Employee Christmas lunch will be December 7, 2018 at noon at the Holston Hills Community Golf Course. Town offices will be closed December 24 and 25, 2018 for the Christmas Holidays and January 1, 2019 for New Years. The garbage schedule will be advertised. Federal offices will be closed December 5, 2018 for a National Day of Mourning in observance of the death of the 41<sup>st</sup> President of the United States, George H. W. Bush. The Blue Ridge Job Corps lunch will be December 18, 2018. Mayor Helms noted Mr. Heath set up a meeting with Ballad Health to get a better understanding of the rumors about the Air Med Care and Hospitals changing their trauma levels. There were five Ballad Health care representatives present and the meeting was extremely informative and addressed concerns. The Police Department collected \$500 by participating in “No Shave November” for Santa’s Elves.

Mr. Fenyk reported the deeds for the four tax sale properties are ready for review.

Ms. Stanley reported Christy Horne has accepted the Administrative Assistant position. Current employee Justin Farris has accepted the Meter Reader position.

Chief Clair attended the Community Thanksgiving Service. He hopes to have code update recommendations by the last meeting in December.

Mr. Heath noted a big weekend coming up with the Christmas Parade and Christmas Market. He reported Folk Soul Revival will be the headliner next summer at the Chili Cook Off. Mr. Heath reviewed information on the Centre Building Resolution noting there is a correction to the code section. Upon motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Jennings and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the Resolution in Support of the Centre Square Building was accepted.

Mr. Rush reported closing on the CIRP DEQ Phase III/IV loan will be December 19, 2018. Planning Commission will meet in January 2019. He reviewed the operations at the quarry. Mr. Rush will be attending a VML Executive Committee meeting next Monday in South Boston.

Upon motion, duly seconded and a vote of 7 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

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Mayor

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Clerk