**MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, October 18, 2021**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Marion met on Monday, October 18, 2021 in its regularly scheduled council session. The council meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Council’s Chambers of the Marion City Hall located at 123 E. Jefferson St. and via Zoom. The public was asked for comments and concerns during the public comment session. Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton called the meeting to order immediately following public comments. On roll call the following members were present: Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton, Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1), Councilman Tommy L. Kennie (D2), Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3), Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4), and Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5). City Clerk-Treasurer Laura W. Hinton served as recorder of the minutes. Attorney Ainka Sanders Jackson from the Law Office of Chestnut, Sanders, and Sanders, L.L.C., local citizens, and other agenda presenters were also present.

 A quorum being present, Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton declared the meeting open for the transaction of business.

The Lord’s Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited in concert.

Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) moved to adopt the minutes from the October 4, 2021 council session. Councilman Willie Jackson (D4) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) moved to table the presented contract of Mason and Gardner CPA. Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) at the presiding officer’s request moved to conduct an emergency meeting regarding review from the Alabama Department of Public Examiners and information from the Alabama League of Municipality if necessary. Councilman Willie Jackson (D4) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) moved to hire Mr. Dedrick Brooks of Brooks Brothers Trucking LLC at a price of $1000.00 pickup two loads of water from Reform, AL. Councilman Willie Jackson (D4) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

During a first reading, Mr. Irwin Jones appeared before the council via Zoom to request a variance for a multiunit facility to house the homeless, veteran, and single mothers on a five-acreage property at the conjunction of highway 5 and Rice Creek for use of a homeless/recreational center to facilitate and educate the homeless and others. The governing body cited to revisit the matter during the next council session for a second reading/review.

Interim Chief of Police Tony Bufford provided a monthly report outlining the citations issued. In addition, Interim Chief of Police requested $81,000.00 for policing equipment, supplies, and additional parole units. Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) moved to approve the request of Interim Chief Tony Bufford to purchase the requested supplies as listed and presented based on the availability of funds. Councilman Willie Jackson (D4) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer Superintendent Mr. Moore presented the monthly water and sewer report highlighting various proposals, work orders, purchasing, and other issues that are outlined/addressed in terms of lift stations, and projects. In addition, Mr. Moore also highlighted emergency sewer work completed on Hubbard Dr.

Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) moved accept moving forward with conducting the roofing work on the smaller water building a the water facility. Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) moved to allow Mr. Jimmy Green of Green’s Contractors to complete the washed out storm drain work on Monroe St. at a cost of $6500.00 and to pay the requested expense for the emergency sewer line work completed on Hubbard Dr. Councilman Tommy Kennie (D2) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton declared the next regularly scheduled council meeting will be Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. With no further business to come before the council, it was properly moved by Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) and seconded Councilman Willie Jackson (D4) that the session be adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

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Mayor

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City Clerk-Treasurer