**MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, January 19, 2021**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Marion met on Monday, January 19, 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. There were no public comments. 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), and Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5). Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) was available via Zoom. Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) was absent. City Clerk-Treasurer Laura W. Hinton served as recorder of the minutes and was present via Zoom along with Attorney Hank Sanders from the Law Office of Chestnut, Sanders, and Sanders, L.L.C., local citizens, and members of the public.

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

The invocation was provided by the Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited in concert.

Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) moved to adopt the minutes from the January 4, 2020 council session citing to add that the magistrate provided a written report from the court. Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to adopt the Intergovernmental Ambulance Agreement between the City and the Perry County Commission. Councilman Tommy L. Kennie (D2) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to accept the proposal of Donald Smith Inc., to conduct well rehabilitation/repairs on the Chicken House Well. The proposal was presented at $40,000.00 with an upfront cost of $20,000.00. The record reflects that a seconded proposal was provided by Morrow Water Technologies for $49,000.00. Councilman Tommy L. Kennie (D2) seconded the motion to accept the proposal of Donald Smith Inc. Motion carried.

Councilman Tommy L. Kennie (D2) moved that all members of the governing body serve on the Public Safety Committee. Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A first (1st) reading was conducted on 206 Davis St. regarding the parking of a mobile home. The Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton cited that additional information is being collected for further review.

Mrs. Joanna Evans appeared before the governing body to request information on the next step in obtaining through the purchasing of land a cemetery location for family and the public on Edwards St. and or a desired purchase location on Highway 5. Both properties were noted as zoned for residential and commercial properties; however, the governing cited a first (1st) reading to conduct further review of the request.

Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) moved to accept the proposed FY 2020-2021 budget. Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to accept and pay the December 2020 monthly expenditures. Councilman Tommy L. Kennie (D2) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton declared the next regularly scheduled council meeting will be Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. With no further business to come before the council, it was properly moved by Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) and seconded Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) that the session be adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

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Mayor

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City Clerk-Treasurer