

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 05, 2021

The Mayor and Council of the City of Marion met on Monday, April 5, 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. Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton called the meeting to order. On roll call the following members were present: Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton, Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1), Councilman Tommy L. Kennie (D2), Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) was recorded present shortly after roll call, and Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5). Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) was absent. City Clerk-Treasurer Laura W. Hinton served as recorder of the minutes. Attorney Anika Sanders-Jackson from the Law Office of Chestnut, Sanders, and Sanders, L.L.C., was also present along with local citizens, and other 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 Councilman Tommy L. Kennie (D2) and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited in concert.

Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to accept the March 15, 2021 minutes and the Monday, March 22, 2021 Special Call Meeting Minutes of the Marion City Council. Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to adopt Resolution 2021.04.05.001 Division C Regional Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Councilman Tommy L. Kennie (D2) seconded the motion. Motion carried. A roll call vote was requested by Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton and noted as follows: Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) yes, Councilman Tommy L. Kennie (D2) yes, Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) abstain, and Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton yes. Motion carried.

Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton requested an executive session as authorized by [AL Code § 36-25A-7 \(2016\)](#) for the purposes of general reputation/good name and character and to discuss pending ligations with the attorney.

Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) moved to accept the Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton's request as outlined by the code for the purposes of general reputation/good name and character and to discuss legal matters for the requested time of fifteen (15) minutes. Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested by the Presiding Officer noting the following: Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1), yes, Councilman Tommy Kennie (D2) yes, Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) yes, and Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter cited that no actions were taken in executive session.

Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) moved to reconvene from executive session. Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) moved to use First Insurance Funding to finance the workers compensation premiums for 40,545.00 with a finance charge of 1,076.99 and an annual percentage rate of 6.990%. Councilman Willie Jackson (D4) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Tommy L. Kennie (D2) moved to table agenda line items **5**: Rural Heart & Lung Study, **7**: Fireworks (Ordinance 11-3-60, § 1) with a reading of § 9-28, **9**: Ordinance No. 2021.04.05.002 Granting a Franchise to Spire Alabama Inc. its Successors and Assigns, in the City of Marion, Alabama, **10**: Nomination of Voting Delegates for the 2021 Annual Convention of the Alabama League of Municipalities and Attendance of the Conference , and **13**: Departmental Reports with the exclusion of paying monthly expenditures. Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under exigent circumstances and need to purchase equipment for the safety and welfare of the municipality, Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to purchase two 2021 Dodge Chargers for the Marion Police Department from Stivers within the quoted budget limit of 62,365.00 the record reflects Stivers is a state dealer and falls within the compliance of the Alabama State Bid Law. The record further outlines the purchase of two 17AIEAC5010 ZT260 mowers from Alabama PowerSports at \$8,398.00. Councilman Tommy L. Kennie (D2) seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested by Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton noting the following: Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1), yes, Councilman Tommy Kennie (D2) yes, Councilman Willie Jackson (D4) no, Jefferson K. Nail (D5) yes, and Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton yes. Motion carried.

The City Clerk-Treasurer Laura Hinton provided a review of March expenditures for the City. Councilman Willie Jackson (D4) moved to pay the monthly expenditures for March 2021. Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) moved to conduct a Public Safety Meeting on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council's Chambers of City Hall located at 123 E. Jefferson St. and via Zoom. Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Damian Steele of the Marion Police Department provided concern and empathy for families involved in the recent activities and cited that due to the circumstances and the current investigative status of the circumstances outlined on and leading up to Monday, April 5, 2021 he could only provide a brief citing that the alleged suspects were in custody and the Marion Police Department's first priority is the safety and protection of the citizens. Chief Steele summarized his report thanking the various agencies for their continuou18221822s assistance.

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Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton declared the next regularly scheduled council meeting will be Monday, April 19, 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 by Councilman Tommy L. Kennie (D2) that the meeting be adjourned at 6:26 p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk-Treasurer