

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 2, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the City of Marion met on Monday, October 2, 2023 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 Tommie Kennie (D2), Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3), Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4), and Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5). City Clerk-Treasurer Laura Hinton and Zoom recorded the minutes. Attorney Ainka Sanders Jackson of the Law Office of Chestnut, Sanders, and Sanders, L.L.C., along with 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 invocation was provided by Councilman Tommie Kennie (D2). The Pledge of Allegiance was cited in concert.

Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) moved to adopt the minutes from the previous council session held on Monday, September 6, 2023. Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) seconded the motion. 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 and other legal representatives for a period of fifteen (15) minutes. Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to accept the Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton's request to discuss legal matters for the requested time. Councilman Tommie Kennie (D2) seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested by the Presiding Officer noting the following: Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) yes, Councilman Tommie Kennie (D2) yes, Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) yes, Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) yes, Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) yes, and Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton cited that no actions were taken nor decision made in executive session.

Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to reconvene from executive session. Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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An ADEM representative appeared before the governing body to answer questions and or concerns regarding the presented ARPA CWSRF and DWSRF Funding Agreement. After review and clarity of the agreement was gained, Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to accept the ARPA CWSRF and DWSRF Funding Agreement. Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested by the Presiding Officer noting the following: Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) yes, Councilman Tommie Kennie (D2) yes, Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) yes, Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) yes, Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) yes, and Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to table Ordinance No. 2023.09.18.001 as it pertains to Act 2021-297. Councilman Tommie Kennie (D2) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) moved to accept the Tax Revenue Enhancement Agreement (Business License Discovery/Recovery Administration) from Avenu Insight. Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

After the expressed need for speed breaker from Mr. & Mrs. Holifield and the presenting of a signed petition from additional residents of Prier Dr., Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) moved to add speed breakers to the stated area. Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to accept the proposed budget work session date of Thursday, October 12, 2023. Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the council, it was properly moved by Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) that the session be adjourned at 6:53 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1). Motion carried. Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council's Chambers.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk-Treasurer