MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 15, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the City of Marion met on Monday, May 15, 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, Councilmembers: Jeremy Arrington (D1), Tommie Kennie (D2), and Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5). Councilmembers Joseph Pearson (D3) and Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) were absent. City Clerk-Treasurer Laura W. Hinton & Zoom served as the recorders of 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 present.

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

Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) provided the invocation and lead The Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) moved to adopt the minutes from the previous council session held on Monday, May 1, 2023. Jeremy Arrington (D1) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) moved to table (**Ord. No. 2023, 3-3-23**) - **Severe Weather Ordinance**. Jeremy Arrington (D1) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to allow Mason and Gardner CPAs to conduct the accounting in accordance with the outlined engagement letter in order to provide the auditors of Banks, Finley, & White with the financial information necessary to conduct the 2022 FY Audit. Councilman Tommie Kennie (D2) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) moved to adopt the 2022 Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Report (MWPP) in reliance on or based upon the information provided by the Utility Engineering in regards to the city sewer. Jeremy Arrington (D1) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Water Superintendent, Court Magistrate, and the Street and Sanitation Superintendent provided monthly reports.

Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved via request for an executive session as authorized by <u>AL Code § 36-25A-7 (2016)</u> 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. In facilitating the meeting, Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter

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Hinton accepted the request and asked for a motion via the council as authorized by <u>AL Code § 36-25A-7 (2016)</u>. Councilman Tommie Kennie (D2) seconded the motion. Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton requested a roll call vote noting the following: Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) yes, Tommie Kennie (D2) 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 Jefferson Nail (D5) moved to reconvene from executive session. Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) moved to provide the Street and Sanitation Superintendent with a \$2500.00 budget to conduct repairs and replace items at the city shop due to damage. Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) hire Sand Hill Services and provide indemnification for one week of work for the Hwy.14/5 Emergency Sewer Line Project. Councilman Tommie Kennie (D2) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council member Jefferson Nail (D5) moved to conduct a work session on May 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council's Chambers. Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council member Jefferson Nail (D5) moved pay the monthly expenditures. Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton declared the next regularly scheduled council meeting will be Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. With no further business to come before the council, it was properly moved by Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) that the session be adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Tommie Kennie (D2). Motion carried.

	Mayor
Attest:	
City Clerk-Treasurer	