

## MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, September 6, 2023**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Marion met on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 in its regularly scheduled council session due to the observance of the Labor Day Holiday on Monday, September 4, 2023. 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 Joseph Pearson (D3), and Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5). Councilman Tommie Kennie (D2) and Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) were absent. 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 Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton. 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, August 21, 2023. 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 Joseph Pearson (D3) no, Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) yes, and Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton yes. The motion carried in a 3-1 vote.

Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to table the ARPA CWSRF and DWSRF Funding pending additional discovery and property information from the Engineer to the City Attorney. Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

On motion, Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) moved to file a claim regarding a one car collision into a city fire hydrant and sidewalk on Washington/Green St. that resulted repairs and other cost. Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) 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 five (5) minutes. Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) moved to accept the Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton's request to discuss legal matters for the requested time. Councilman Jefferson Nail (D3) seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested by the Presiding Officer noting the following: Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) yes, Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) yes, Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) yes, and Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton yes. The motion carried unanimously.

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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.

With no further business to come before the council, it was properly moved by Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D5) that the session be adjourned at 6:31 p.m. followed by the budget work session. Seconded by Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3). Motion carried. Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council's Chambers. The budget work session ended at 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk-Treasurer