

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 6, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the City of Marion met on Monday, March 6, 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), Joseph Pearson (D3), Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4), and Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5). 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.

Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton provided the invocation and lead The Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) moved to adopt the minutes from the previous council session held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 with the correction of the word occurrence to concurrent in the last paragraph of the first page. Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Requestor Beth Poole submitted a petition for speed breakers for placement on the South side of Magnolia Street between the National Guard Armory and the entrance on Hwy. 45 and Washington St. to assist in the reduction of excessive speeding and potential damage to property and or the loss of life. Council member Joseph Pearson (D3) moved accept the neighborhood petition for the speed breakers and proceed to the next step in completing the process in placement. Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Requestor Jeffery Tubbs of Tubbs LLC. appeared before the council requesting that the governing body seek engineering and or construction services regarding the washing away of the ditch behind his business location at 219 Jackson St. Mr. Tubbs added that the ditch/area in question has potential city water lines that maybe causing erosion and the disintegration of his business property. Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) moved to allow the engineer to review and conduct an analysis of the ditch area that allegedly proposes the threat or danger to 219 Jackson St. Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) seconded the motion.

Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to allow the Presiding Officer Mayor Hinton to serve as the first delegate and Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) to serve as the second delegate during the 2023 Annual Alabama League of Municipalities business meeting

held during the May 10-13, 2023 convention. Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to allow members of the governing body to attend the 2023 Annual Alabama League of Municipalities held May 10-13, 2023. Councilman Tommie Kennie (D2) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton presented and provided copies of the Perry County Inmate Contract to the governing body for review and further analysis with recommendations of discussions at a later council session. Councilman Nail (D5) moved to table the inmate contract. Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Clerk-Treasurer Laura W. Hinton presented and provided copies of the city's monthly expenditures for February 2023 to the governing body for review and further analysis with recommendations of discussions and approval at a later council session. Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) moved to table the February 2023 monthly expenditures until the next meeting. Councilman Willie Jackson (D4) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) moved via request for 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. In facilitating the meeting, Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton accepted the request and asked for a motion via the council as authorized by [AL Code § 36-25A-7 \(2016\)](#). Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) 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, 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 Joseph Pearson (D3) moved to reconvene from executive session. Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton declared the next regularly scheduled council meeting will be Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. With no further business to come before the council, it was properly moved by Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) that the session be adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1). Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk-Treasurer

City of Marion, AL
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 6, 2023