

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 16, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the City of Marion met on Monday, October 16, 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 Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4), and Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5). Councilman Tommie Kennie (D2) and Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) were absent. City Clerk-Treasurer Laura Hinton and Zoom recorded the minutes. Attorney Malika Sanders Fortier 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, October 2, 2023. Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) moved to accept the replacement of William (Bill) Williams and place Sam Houston as a board member of the Perry County Housing Authority. Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) moved to adopt Resolution 2023-10-16-01 regarding the sale of the Verizon Wireless tower at 100 MT Nebo Church Road. Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) moved to table the proposed Police Officer Training Agreement for further review. Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) moved to pay Pruett Oil up to \$25,000.00 for presented billing, Napa, and Blackbelt Hardware as outlined. Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to pay A.D. Starr for the final uniform invoice submitted for the previous baseball season. Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to accept the AT&T proposal and lease agreement as presented pending final approval from the city attorney in order to save the city funding for its telephone lines and equipment. Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to accept Thursday, October 26, 2023 as a special call meeting date to review additional monthly expenditures in order to pay city bills, review the proposed Police Training Agreement, and the FY 2023-2024 Budget. Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) 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 Jefferson Nail (D5) seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested by the Presiding Officer noting the following: Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) 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 Jefferson Nail (D5) moved to reconvene from executive session. Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) moved to pay for the meal and attendance of the Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton to attend the Annual ATRC Meeting. 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 Jefferson Nail (D5) that the session be adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4). Motion carried. Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, November 6, 2023 with a special call meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council's Chambers.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk-Treasurer