

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 6, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the City of Marion met on Monday, November 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, Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1), Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3), Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4), and Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5). Councilman Tommie Kenzie (D2) was 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 Jeremy Arrington (D1) moved to adopt the minutes from the previous council session held on Monday, October 16, 2023 and the Special Call Meeting Minutes from Monday, October 30, 2023. Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) moved to make the following suggestions for the city's 2023-2024 holiday calendar as follows: moving Obama Day (November 13th) to coincide with President's Day on Monday, (February 19th), remove Tuesday, (December 26th), Good Friday (Friday, March 29th), Friday, (July 5th), Monday, Columbus and Indigenous People Day (October 14th) for a total of five (5) holidays. Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested by the Presiding Officer noting the following: Councilman Jeremy Arrington (D1) no, Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) yes, Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) no, Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) yes, and Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton no. Motion failed in a 3-2 vote.

Councilman Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) moved to accept the 2023-2024 city holiday calendar as presented observing the 16 holidays outlined: Friday, November 10th (Veteran Day), Monday, November 13th (Obama Day), Thursday and Friday, November 23 & 24 (Thanksgiving), Monday and Tuesday, December 25th & 26th (Christmas), Monday, January 1st (New Year's Day), Monday, January 15th (MLK Day), Monday, February 19th (President's Day), Monday, March 29th (Good Friday), Monday, May 27th (Memorial Day), Tuesday, June 19th (Juneteenth), Thursday and Friday, July 4th and July 5th (Independence Day), Monday, September 2nd (Labor Day), and Monday, October 14th (Columbus and Indigenous Peoples Day) .

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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 Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) yes, Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) yes, and Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton yes. Motion carried in a 4-1 vote.

Councilman Jefferson Nail (D5) moved to hold a budget work session on Thursday, November 16, 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 Joseph Pearson (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 Willie Jackson (Pro-Tem-D4) yes, Councilman Jefferson K. Nail (D5) yes, and Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) 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.

With no further business to come before the council, it was properly moved by Councilman Joseph Pearson (D3) that the session be adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Jeremy Arringto (D1). Motion carried. Presiding Officer Mayor Dexter Hinton announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council's Chambers.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk-Treasurer