

TOWN OF MARION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
February 11th, 2025

The Town of Marion's Board of Aldermen met on Tuesday, February 11th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Marion Fire Station for a regular business meeting. Members present included: Mayor Danny A. Smith, Aldermen Mark Andrews, Eugene “Bubba” Hoggatt, and Alderwoman Tina Harris. Guests included Richard Williams Louisiana Municipal Association Deputy Director, T.C. Dupree Sadie Tiger Bend Fire Chief, Marion Code Enforcement Officer Mike Estes, Chief of Police Montral Ferguson, Public Works Director Jimmy Caldwell, Assistant Public Works Director Tyler Murray, Town Clerk Rebecca Worthington, and Assistant Clerk Cheryl Geoghagan. Alderman Channing Washington and Alderwoman Rhonda Davis were absent.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Chief of Police Montral Ferguson led the invocation, and Alderwoman Tina Harris led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Smith called for approval of the agenda. On motion by Alderman Hoggatt, seconded by Alderwoman Harris, the motion passed.

Mayor Smith welcomed guests and as required by state law, opened the floor to public comments concerning all agenda items.

T.C. Dupree addressed several concerns regarding the Sadie Tiger Bend and Marion Fire Department Cooperative Agreement that was entered into in October of 2023. The main goal of this agreement was to help Marion gain a better fire department rating and increase firefighter volunteers. Sadie Tiger Bend and the Marion Fire Department will work continuously to achieve these and other goals regarding emergency medical support in the area.

Mayor Smith introduced Marion Code Enforcement Officer Mike Estes. Mr. Estes gave a brief report on the progress made since beginning his role in the first part of February 2025. Contact has been made with residents, and he is receiving positive feedback.

Mayor Smith introduced Richard Williams, Louisiana Municipal Association Deputy Director, who gave an informative and helpful open meetings presentation to the town council and guests in attendance.



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On motion by Alderman Hoggatt, seconded by Alderman Andrews, to approve the January 14th, 2025, regular business meeting minutes. Motion carried.

On motion by Alderman Hoggatt, seconded by Alderwoman Harris, to approve the budget to actual financial reports. Motion carried.

Mayor Smith reported on Old Business.

LAMATS will be handling the sale of surplus vehicles for the Town. Mayor Smith has the requested pictures of the cars.

The Town applied for AYUDA workers in 2023 and was approved. Now the federal government is in the process of processing the approved application.

Mayor Smith introduced New Business.

Introduced Ordinance 2025-02, proposing a date change for the town council meetings from the second Tuesday of each month to the third Tuesday of each month.

On motion by Alderman Andrews, seconded by Alderwoman Harris to adopt a new Public Meetings Policy for the Town of Marion. Motion

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Public Meeting Policy

The public meeting portion of the town council meetings will be introduced by the Town Clerk. Guests will sign in using a public comment card provided at the beginning of the meeting. Each will be allotted three minutes to speak on an agenda item (s) of their choice. Once the three minutes are completed, they will be thanked for their involvement and asked to return to their seats to allow the meeting to continue.

On motion by Alderwoman Harris, seconded by Alderman Hoggatt to enact a proclamation claiming March 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2025 as Bobby Joe Douglas Weekend. Motion carried.

On motion by Alderman Andrews, seconded by Alderman Hoggatt to pay the bills. Motion carried.



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A tentative schedule for the Mayhaw Festival has been set as follows:

May 3rd – Mayhaw Beauty Pageant

May 3rd – A marker dedication for Mabry “Doc” Savage on the Northeast Louisiana Music Trail from 2 pm to 4 pm

May 8th – Mayhaw Banquet

May 9th – May 10th – Mayhaw Festival

There will be more details to come as the events draw closer.

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Smith adjourned this meeting on the 11th day of February 2025. Upon motion by Alderman Washington, seconded by Andrews and unanimously approved.

Danny A. Smith, Mayor

Rebecca Worthington, Town Clerk



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