

TOWN OF MARION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 15, 2025

The Town of Marion held their regular business meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 @ the Marion Fire Station. Those in attendance were Mayor Danny A. Smith, Councilwomen Rhonda Davis and Tina Harris, Councilmen Mark Andrews, Bubba Hoggatt and Channing Washington. Town Clerk Rebecca Worthington, Public Works Director Jimmy Caldwell, Assistant P.W. Director Tyler Murray, and Police Chief Montral Ferguson were in attendance also. Chery Geoghagan was absent.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order, Ms. Worthington offered the prayer, and Montral Ferguson led the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Smith introduced our guest, Town Engineers Bob Myers & Griffin Granger, LRWA Rep./Mayor Clarence Beebe, Pete & Glenda Reynolds with the Linville/Haile Water System and Lawrence Lane with the Litroe Water System.

Mayor Smith reported he, Brandon Welch with Louisiana Economic Development, Lum Farr and Donovan Bailey, Brightspeed Real Estate Director toured the Brightspeed buildings located in Marion. Brightspeed is leasing the data processing building to Lumen and it is in full operation. Brightspeed owns the former CenturyLink administration building and it is for sale.

The floor was open for public comments. Several residents expressed their opinions regarding Ordinance 2025-03, amending Ordinance No. 6, passed in 1992 pertaining to closing hours and time stipulated for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Rhonda Davis made the motion to accept the agenda as printed and Tina Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mark Andrews to approve the minutes from March 11, 2025 and second by Rhonda Davis. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Smith reported on existing grants in progress and new grant applications.

Rhonda Davis offered the motion to pass Ordinance 2025-03 and second by Tina Harris. Mayor Smith called for a roll call vote.

Tina Harris – Yes

Mark Andrews - No

Rhonda Davis – Yes

Bubba Hoggatt – No

Channing Washington – Yes

Motion passed 3-2.

Mayor Smith reported the agreement between Marion and MPERS settlement has been settled and fully executed. Insurance quote from Risk Management Inc. was presented. City of Broussard Ordinance was distributed covering requirements for manufactured homes, mobile homes and modular buildings inside the city limits.

Bubba Hoggatt offered the motion and second by Tina Harris to adopt the Fair Housing Proclamation. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rhonda Davis and second by Tina Harris to adopt the town vehicle policy. Motion passed unanimously.

It was recorded that Wilson and McVicker Street signs were missing. New signs will be made and installed.

Motion by Bubba Hoggatt and second by Mark Andrews to pay bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rhonda Davis and second by Bubba Hoggatt to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Devin Greene

Clerk – Town of Marion