

TOWN OF MARION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JULY 15, 2025

The Town of Marion's Board of Aldermen met on Tuesday, JULY 15TH, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Marion Fire Station for a regular business meeting. Members present included Mayor Danny A. Smith, Alderwoman Rhonda Davis, Alderman Mark Andrews, Alderman Channing Washington, and Alderman Eugene Hoggatt. Guests included the Water Superintendent Jimmy Caldwell, Town Clerk Devin Greene, Assistant Clerk Cheryl Geoghagan, Town Attorney Joseph Cusimano, and Town Auditor Jeff Maxwell. Alderwoman Tina Harris Was absent.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Cheryl Geohagen led the invocation, and Devin Greene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Smith called for the approval of the agenda. On motion by Alderwoman Davis, seconded by Alderman Andrews, the motion passed. Then approval was called for the June 3rd special meeting minutes and June 17th regular business minutes. On motion by Alderman Hoggatt, seconded by Alderwoman Davis, the motion passed.

The Town Council addressed old business, starting with an update on LAMATS handling the sale of our surplus vehicles. Ford Taurus is sold, the Dodge Charger is sold, and the Crown Victoria is to be advertised for 3 weeks in the banner. Bids open August 8th, 2025. Also, the Council was notified that the Town of Marion could not apply for the "Assistance to Fire Fighters" grant due to lack of Fire Department information.

New Business includes Johnny B Gilliam Day is scheduled on July 26th, 2025, at the Marion Baptist Church. Storyland at the walking trail, July 19th, 2025, the town has provided, in partnership with the Union Parish Library, 100 bags of chips and 100 water bottles. A Cooperative Endeavor Agreement needs to be made for the Town of Marion, the Union Parish Library, and the Union Parish Museum. Which was preceded by a call to motion, Alderwoman Davis motioned, and Alderman Washington seconded. The motion passed- A call to motion was raised to approve Marilyn Dilmore to train Devin Greene starting July 11th, 2025, with a pay rate of \$15.00 per hour. Alderwoman Davis motioned, and Alderman Hoggatt seconded

the motion. The motion passed. An update on the town audit, which was extended to August 31st, was provided to the council. Next, a call to motion to ratify Jimmy Caldwell's 2024 pay rate for his 120 hours of 2024 vacation hours that carried over to 2025. Alderwoman Davis motioned, and Alderman Hoggatt seconded the motion. The motion passed. Discussed missing and damaged street signs, as both Baker Street and Taylor Street are missing.

A call to motion to amend the agenda to discuss a letter from Rebecca. Alderwoman Davis motioned, Alderman Hoggatt seconded. A roll call was made

Yay: Channing Washington, Rhonda Davis, Mark Andrews, Eugene Hoggatt

A call to motion for an Executive session was initiated by the council. Alderman Andrews motioned, Alderwoman seconded. A roll call was made to leave executive session.

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Motion to Terminate Rebecca Worthington for failure to fulfil duties as the Town Clerk and for excessive absenteeism. Alderwoman Davis motioned, Alderman Washington seconded. A roll call was taken

Yay: Channing Washington, Rhonda Davis, Danny Smith

Nay: Mark Andrews, Eugene Hoggatt

Addressing all Departments. Police had no reports, Fire reported other Fire Departments are not reaching out to the town, Garbage reported there was turned over garbage cans, Water reported a fire hydrant was hit and leaking water.

Motion to pay bills was made by Alderman Hoggatt, was seconded by Alderman Washington. The Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Smith adjourned this meeting on July 15th, 2025. Upon motion by Alderman Washington, seconded by Alderwoman Davis, the motion was unanimously approved.

Danny Smith, Mayor