



Town of Marion

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TOWN OF MARION REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING August 13th, 2024

The Town of Marion's Board of Aldermen met Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Marion Fire Station for their regular business meeting. Members present included: Mayor Danny A. Smith, Aldermen Mark Andrews, Eugene "Bubba" Hoggatt, Channing Washington, Interim Alderman Lum Farr and Alderwoman Rhonda Davis. Guests included Chief Montral Ferguson, Town Clerk Rebecca Worthington, Assistant Clerk Cheryl Geoghagan, Public Works Director Jimmy Caldwell, Assistant Public Works Director John Tyler Murray, Tina Harris and Jeff Maxwell, CPA.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Lum Farr led the pledge of alligiance and Bubba Hoggatt gave the invocation.

Mayor Smith welcomed guests and introduced Jeff Maxwell, CPA Auditor, addressing the 2023 audit for the town.

Mayor Smith introduced and welcomed New Alderwoman Tina Harris; Rebecca Worthington performed the Oath of Office Ceremony.

As is required by state law, the Mayor opened the floor to public comments concerning all agenda items. Becky Conley, a resident of Concord, took the floor addressing concerns about the water system and the current construction taking place. Mrs. Conley's concerns were addressed by Jimmy Caldwell and Tyler Murray with a presentation on the Marion Water System. Further investigation will take place per Mayor Smith.

During the public meeting, the agenda was read, and the new millage rates were adopted.



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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2024 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Town of Marion:

(Name of taxing district)

MILLAGE

General Alimony, Marion

(Tax for: e.g. General Alimony, Library, Maintenance)

8.890 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2024, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: ANDREWS, DAVIS, HARRIS, HOGGATT, WASHINGTON

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINED: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

A reception was given in thanks to Interim Alderman Lum Farr for his service and welcoming Alderwoman Tina Harris to the town.

On motion by Alderman Hoggatt, seconded by Alderman Andrews to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

On motion by Alderman Andrews, seconded by Alderman Farr to approve the July 9th, 2024 regular business meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Alderman Farr reported progress from Code Enforcement Committee (Alderman Hoggatt, Farr, and Mayor Smith). Ordinance 2024-02 regarding the blight and excessive junk was drafted and sent to the town attorney for approval.

Ordinance 2024-01 pertaining to water rates was introduced by Alderwoman Davis. A public hearing will be held at the next regular council meeting to hear the views and opinion of citizens.

On motion by Alderman Hoggatt, seconded by Alderwoman Davis, adopted a water policy regarding rental properties. Motion carried.

Water Policy Regarding Owned & Rented Properties

The Marion Water System reserves the right to request documentation providing proof of ownership if ownership cannot be verified through the Union Parish Tax Assessor's Office. This document will be a mortgage statement or equivalent there of.

The Marion Water System also reserves the right to request proof of a rental agreement if the resident requesting water does not own, but is renting the property.

Any and all documentation will be approved by the Public Works Director.

Any questions or concerns please contact the Marion Water System at 318-292-4715.



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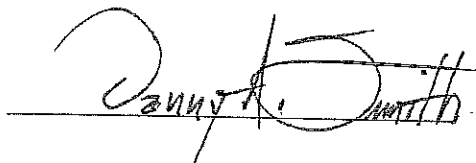
An update was given by Rebecca Worthington on the status of an issue with the LA Dept. of Health regarding the Concord Water System.

On motion by Alderwoman Davis, seconded by Alderman Washington, a pay raise was given to two of the public works employees. Motion carried.

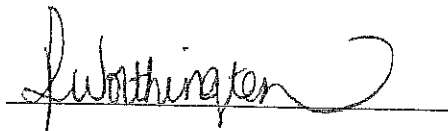
Mayor Smith encouraged the town to continue reporting street light outages as well as damaged or missing street signs. Ensuring the safety of the Marion residents.

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

There being no further business to come before the council Mayor Smith adjourned this meeting on the 13th day of August 2024. Upon motion by Andrews, seconded by Washington and unanimously approved.



Danny A Smith, Mayor



Rebecca Worthington, Town Clerk



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