TOWN OF MARION REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING December 10th, 2024

The Town of Marion's Board of Aldermen met on Tuesday, December 10th, 2024, 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, Channing Washington, and Alderwomen Rhonda Davis and Tina Harris. Guests included Becky Conley, Addison and Sydney Akers, Delta Hobbs, Chief of Police Montral Ferguson, Public Works Director Jimmy Caldwell, Assistant Public Works Director Tyler Murray, and Assistant Clerk Cheryl Geoghagan. Town Clerk Rebecca Worthington was absent.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Alderwoman Harris led the pledge of allegiance and Alderwoman Davis gave the invocation.

Mayor Smith welcomed guests and as required by state law, opened the floor to public comments concerning all agenda items. Guest Becky Conley addressed concerns regarding the chlorine levels in the water. Public Works Director Jimmy Caldwell informed them that the town is compliant with all state and federal health and operating regulations. Sydney Akers informed the council that the Marion Event Committee was going to regroup for the new year.

On motion by Alderwoman Davis, seconded by Alderman Hoggatt to amend the agenda. Motion carried. Motion amended to allocate funds in the future for the Marion Events Committee.

On motion by Alderwoman Hoggatt, seconded by Alderman Andrews to approve the November 12th, 2024, regular business meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The budget to actual financial reports were discussed and tabled to January's council meeting.

A resolution was made to authorize LAMATS to coordinate the sale of surplus vehicles/equipment. On motion by Alderwoman Harris, seconded by Alderman Washington, the motion carried, and the resolution passed.

On motion by Alderman Washington, seconded by Alderwoman Harris to approve Ordinance 2024-03 Amended 2024 Budgets:

2024 Amended Budgets		,
	2024 General Fund	2024 Amended General Fund
Revenue:	\$451,000.00	\$993,930.00
Expenses:		
General	\$150,000.00	\$184,760.00
Police	\$160,000.00	\$178,815.00
Fire	\$34,500.00	\$32,223.00
Street	\$85,000.00	\$85,230.00
Garbage	\$19,500.00	\$15,475.00
Parks	\$2,000.00	<u>\$14,600.00</u>
Total:	\$451,000.00	\$511,103.00
	2024 Water Fund	2024 Amended Water Fund
Revenue:	\$497,500.00	\$570,400.00
Expenses:	\$497,500.00	\$562,936.00
	2024 Sewer Fund	2024 Amended Sewer Fund
Revenue:	\$121,550.00	\$162,400.00
Expenses:	\$121,550.00	\$177,350.00
Revenue: Expenses:	2024 ARPA \$176,000.00 \$60,000.00 \$116,000.00	2024 Amended 2024 ARPA Fund \$176,041.08 \$71,552.76 \$104,488.32

A roll call vote was taken with the following result:

YAYS: Davis, Harris, Hoggatt, Washington

NAYS: Andrews ABSENT: None



On motion by Alderman Washington, seconded by Alderwoman Harris to approve Ordinance 2024-03 Adopt 2025 Budgets:

2025 Budgets

	2024 General Fund	2025 General Fund
Revenue:	\$993,930.00	\$567,145.00
Expenses:		·
General	\$186,660.00	\$193,230.00
Police	\$180,265.00	\$195,192.00
Fire	\$32,220.00	\$39,350.00
Street	\$85,250.00	\$74,860.00
Garbage	\$15,475.00	\$16,955.00
Parks	<u>\$14,630.00</u>	\$2,150.00
Total:	\$514,500.00	\$521,737.00
	2024 Water Fund	2025 Water Fund
Revenue:	\$570,400.00	\$647,100.00
Expenses:	\$562,936.00	\$521,826.00
	2024 Sewer Fund	2025 Sewer Fund
Revenue:	\$162,400.00	\$585,150.00
Expenses:	\$177,350.00	\$177,435.00

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YAYS: Davis, Harris, Hoggatt, Washington

NAYS: Andrews ABSENT: None

Jamarrio Rowland was hired full-time for the Public Works Department with a unanimous vote.

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



The Christmas Parade is on December 14th at 6 pm. The line-up will begin at 5:30 pm. A reception will be held at the Marion Fire Station after the parade with light refreshments.

There being no further business to come before the council Mayor Smith adjourned this meeting on the 10th day of December 2024. Upon motion by Hoggatt, seconded by Andrews and unanimously approved.

Danny A. Smith, Mayor,

Rebecca Worthington, Town Clerk

