



Town of Marion

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TOWN OF MARION REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING July 9, 2024

The Town of Marion's Board of Aldermen met Tuesday, July 9th, 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, Channing Washington, Lum Farr and Alderwoman Rhonda Davis. Guests included Town Clerk Rebecca Worthington, Assistant Clerk Cheryl Geoghagan, Assistant Chief of Police Bruce McCrell, Public Works Director Jimmy Caldwell, Assistant Public Works Director John Tyler Murray. Alderman Eugene "Bubba" Hoggatt was absent.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Bruce McCrell gave the invocation and Tyler Murray led the pledge of allegiance.

As is required by state law, the Mayor opened the floor to public comments concerning all agenda items. There were no comments.

On motion by Alderwoman Davis, seconded by Alderman Farr to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

On motion by Alderman Andrews, seconded by Alderman Farr to approve the June 11th, 2024, regular business meeting minutes, and the July 2nd, 2024 special called meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Alderman Farr reported progress from Code Enforcement Committee (Alderman Hoggatt, Farr, and Mayor Smith).

On motion by Alderwoman Davis, seconded by Alderman Washington to approve drafting an ordinance for adjusting water rates per state guidelines. Motion carried. The Public Hearing will be held before the next council meeting on August 13th, 2024, at 6:30 pm at the Marion Fire Station.

A millage adjustment per the Union Parish Tax Assessor was introduced. It will be voted on at the next meeting, August 13th, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Marion Fire Station.

The Family Dollar/Dollar Tree applied for a Class B Beer and Wine License. On motion by Alderwoman Davis, seconded by Alderman Washington, a roll call vote was taken. Absent: Eugene "Bubba" Hoggatt.

Yays: Davis, Farr, Washington

Nays: Andrews

Abstain: None

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.

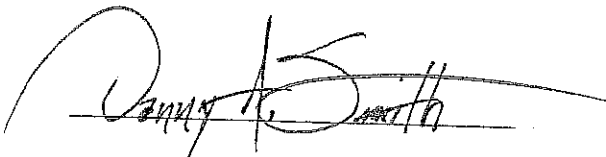
Public Works Director Jimmy Caldwell reported that a new aeration system was successfully installed and running, improving our current sewer system.

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

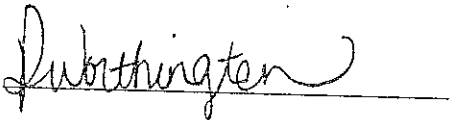
The possible creation of a Marion Jaycee group is still on the table. A potential Marion Ambassadors is also being considered.

The Marion Timberfest will be held the weekend of October 19th, 2024, with more news and exciting developments to come.

On motion by Alderman Andrews, seconded by Alderman Washington, to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.



Danny A/Smith, Mayor



Rebecca Worthington, Town Clerk