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TOWN OF MARION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
June 11, 2024

The Town of Marion's Board of Aldermen met Tuesday, June 11, 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, Bubba Hoggatt, Channing Washington, and Lum Farr. Guests included Bob Myers, Town Clerk Rebecca Worthington, Assistant Clerk Cheryl Geoghagan, Chief of Police Montral Ferguson, Public Works Director Jimmy Caldwell, Assistant Public Works Director John Tyler Murray. Alderwoman Rhonda Davis was absent.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Bob Myers, town engineer, gave the invocation and Assistant Clerk Cheryl Geoghagan led the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor introduced special guest Bob Myers. Bob addressed the Concord Water Merger and the Town of Marion Delta Regional Authority grant application which could fund future improvements for the sewer system.

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

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

On motion by Alderman Washington, seconded by Alderman Farr to approve the May 14, 2024 regular business meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Alderman Farr reported progress from Code Enforcement Committee (Alderman Hoggatt, Farr, and Mayor Smith). A new ordinance will be written and adopted in July's town meeting.

On motion by Alderman Hoggatt, seconded by Alderman Andrews, the Delta Regional Authority Application Resolution 2024-04 was passed.

RESOLUTION 2024-04

WHEREAS, the Delta Regional Authority (hereinafter "DRA") was created by Congress by the Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000, as amended, as a federal/state partnership now comprised of 252 counties and parishes within the eight states of Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee in order to remedy severe and chronic economic distress by stimulating economic development and fostering partnerships that will have a positive impact on the Delta Region's economy;

WHEREAS, the Town of Marion, acting by and through its board of aldermen proposes to apply for an award with DRA for the Fiscal Year 2024 federal award program cycle;

WHEREAS, DRA requires that a person be designated, appointed, and given the authority to perform certain duties and administration of said award for and on behalf of the Awardee;

WHEREAS, the Town of Marion met in a regular session on June 11, 2024 whereby the following members were present, constituting a quorum; Alderman Bubba Hoggatt, Alderman Lumm Farr, Alderman Mark Andrews, and Alderman Channing Washington.

WHEREAS, a motion was made by Alderman Hoggatt, was seconded by Alderman Mark Andrews, to designate and appoint Mayor Danny Smith to perform all duties and administration of said award, which carried unanimously by voice vote and was recorded on the minutes;

WHEREAS, a motion was made by Alderman Hoggatt, was seconded by Alderman Andrews, that in the event of an administration change, the new Mayor of Marion shall continue to have such authority under this Resolution.

READ AND ADOPTED, this the 11th day of June, 2024.

Danny A. Smith,
Mayor

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On motion by Alderman Hoggatt, seconded by Alderman Andrews, the town council passed updates to the water collection policy.

WATER BILL COLLECTION

Water meters are read on the 15th of each month. Water bills are printed on or near the 1st of each month. Penalty accrues after the 20th of each month.

Payment of water bills are considered delinquent after the 25th of each month. A list of delinquent payments is printed after this date for review by the water superintendent. The water superintendent reviews the list and performs disconnects on the 1st Wednesday after the 25th. If the water is cut off a \$100.00 reconnect fee is charged and should be collected at the time the customer pays the water bill.

All billing adjustments are approved by either the water superintendent, mayor, or the council.

Uncollectible bad debts are to be approved by the council.

Delinquent accounts without current addresses are taken off the billing systems with the council's approval. A list is maintained of these account balances and customers requesting reconnection must pay the delinquent balance as well as a reconnect fee.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

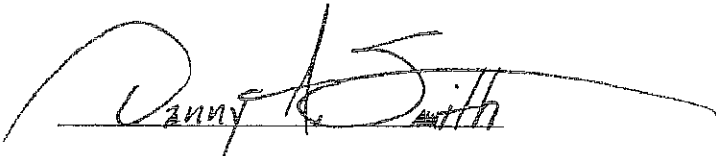
Trash is picked up early every Tuesday morning. All trash must be in a Town of Marion garbage can. No bags, boxes, drums, or barrels will be picked up. Only household garbage should be in cans.

Streetlight outages were reported and cataloged.

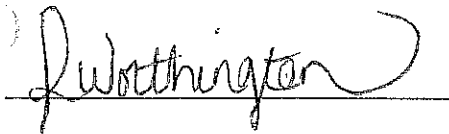
On motion by Alderman Andrews, seconded by Alderman Washington to pay bills. Motion carried.

Mayor Smith reported on the Annual Timberfest being moved from December to October 19th, 2024. Town Clerk Rebecca Worthington reported on forming a Marion Jaycee group to better the community. More information to follow.

On motion by Alderman Hoggatt, seconded by Alderman Washington to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Danny A Smith, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Worthington", written over a horizontal line.

Rebecca Worthington, Town Clerk