

TOWN OF MARION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2025

The Town of Marion's Board of Aldermen met on Tuesday, September 16TH, 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 Public Works Director Jimmy Caldwell, Town Clerk Devin Greene, and Police Chief Montral Ferguson. Alderwoman Tina Harris was absent.

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

There were no public comments.

A motion to amend the agenda was called to add two items under new business 7 and 8. Alderman Hoggatt motioned, and Alderman Andrews seconded. The motion passed. Mayor Smith called for the approval of the agenda. On motion by Alderman Hoggatt, seconded by Alderman Washington, the motion passed. Approval was then called for the August 19TH regular business minutes. On motion by Alderman Hoggatt, seconded by Alderwoman Rhonda Davis, the motion passed.

The Town Council addressed old business, starting with an update that we are still waiting on the Crown Victoria title from the DMV. Then the council moved on to discuss the quotes for the fence project, where the council called to motion to hold off on this project for the time being. Alderwoman Davis motioned, and Alderman Andrews seconded. Motion passed. The council was given an update on the lift station project on Taylor Street, and construction has started, and we will start seeing progress. Mayor Smith reported on the collaboration with LITA Corp on grant applications. We are in pre-application for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund with the goal of revitalizing the town's sewer system. Lastly, the council decided that we will hold a public hearing on October 21ST for regarding a 2020 LCDBG planning grant close out.

New Business includes an update from Mayor Smith that LITA Corp. is applying for additional grants. Police Chief Ferguson reported that National Night Out will be on October 16TH at 5 pm – 7 pm at Brookshires. Mayor Smith reported that Jeff Maxwell said the 2024 audit was all good. A proposal to evaluate Milton Caldwell's property at the intersection of Main st and Kennedy st. Alderman Hoggatt motioned, and Alderwoman Davis seconded; the motion passed. Three streetlights were reported, and two street signs were replaced. Onto the two items added to the agenda. A call to motion to add Constitution Week to the town's calendar. Alderman Andrews motioned, and Alderman Washington seconded. Motion passed. Then the council discussed temporarily hiring Doug Brewer to help the town with accounting work. Alderman Andrews motioned, and Alderman Hoggatt seconded. The motion passed.

An Informational Item was reported that Gazebo Park's ribbon cutting on Main st will be on October 3RD at 10 am.

Addressing all Departments. Police had no reports; Fire reported that they are in need of new fire gear. Garbage had no report. Water had no report.

Motion to pay bills was made by Alderman Andrews and was seconded by Alderman Hoggatt. The motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Smith adjourned this meeting on September 16th, 2025. Upon motion by Alderman Hoggatt, seconded by Alderman Washington, the motion was unanimously approved.

Danny A. Smith, Mayor