

TOWN OF MARION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
October 21ST, 2025

The Town of Marion's Board of Aldermen met on Tuesday, October 21ST, 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, Alderwoman Tina Harris, Alderman Mark Andrews, and Alderman Eugene Hoggatt. Guests included Public Works Director Jimmy Caldwell, Town Clerk Devin Greene, Police Chief Montral Ferguson, and Town Engineer Bob Myers. Alderman Channing Washington was absent.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Alderwoman Harris led the invocation, and Alderman Hoggatt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Smith called for the approval of the agenda. On motion by Alderman Hoggatt, seconded by Alderwoman Harris, the motion passed. Approval was then called for the September 16TH regular business minutes. On motion by Alderman Hoggatt, seconded by Alderman Andrews, the motion passed.

The Town Council addressed old business, starting with an update on the 2024 audit. Jeff Maxwell was unable to attend the town meeting. Then we received an update on the water resiliency plan, where Bob Myers explained the next steps and the resolutions to the town. The first one was the Emergency Response Plan resolution for the town water system, which was motioned by Alderman Andrews and seconded by Alderwoman Davis; the motion passed. The next one was a Matching Funds Resolution with Linville Haile Water System, which was motioned by Alderman Andrews and seconded by Alderwoman Harris; the motion passed. Next was an update on the old Gulf property, after an offer was made to purchase the property. Next, Mayor Smith provided an update that the Lita Corp preapplication has been submitted for the Clean Water Revolving Fund. Next was an update on the town's LGAP and CWEF grant. The town purchased 3 police cars from the City of Ruston, which will be reimbursed by an approved LGAP grant.

Addressing new business, Mayor Smith reported that we are looking into AMS to

handle delinquent utility collections. Which was motioned by Alderman Andrews and seconded by Alderman Davis, the motion passed. Next, the council considers amending the town's per diem rate to reflect the state's rates. Motioned by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderwoman Harris, the motion passed. Next, the council approved purchasing a garbage truck. Which was motioned by Alderwoman Davis, seconded by Alderman Andrews, the motion passed. The council adopted the Lights on After-Hours proclamation, which was motioned by Alderman Hoggatt and seconded by Alderman Davis. the motion passed. An update was given on the town's website, which is still being updated and has had recent updates. The Council decided to draft and adopt a policy regarding the use of the fire station for events. Motioned by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Andrews, the motion passed. The Council decided to deem three surplus police cars as surplus and to let LAMATS advertise them for sale. Alderwoman Harris motioned, and Alderwoman Davis seconded. The motion passed. On to Informational Items. Street Lights on the intersection of Main and Taylor St have been repaired. The Gazebo Park ribbon cutting ceremony was on Friday, October 3RD. Monday, October 13TH was a town holiday. Tuesday, November 11TH, will be a town holiday, with the event at 10 AM at the First Baptist Church's Family Life Center. David Lee will be the guest speaker.

On to department comments. The Police Department reported that National Night Out was a success. The Fire Department reported that the burn ban is still in effect.

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 Alderwoman Davis, the motion was unanimously approved.

Danny A. Smith, Mayor