

TOWN OF MARION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
February 17TH, 2026

The Town of Marion's Board of Aldermen met on Tuesday, February 17TH, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Marion Fire Station for a regular business meeting. Members present included Mayor Danny A. Smith, Alderman Mark Andrews, Alderwoman Tina Harris, Alderman Channing Washington, Alderman Eugene Hoggatt, and Alderwoman Rhonda Davis. Guests included Public Works Director Jimmy Caldwell, Police Chief Montral Furguson, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Estes, Town Clerk Devin Greene, and Assistant Clerk Cheryl Geoghagan, friend of the town Dr. E. Lake Medlin, and Town Clerk candidate Margie Albritton.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Alderwoman Davis led the invocation, and Dr. Medlin led the Pledge of Allegiance with military honors.

There were no public comments

Mayor Smith called for the approval of the agenda. Alderman Davis motioned, Alderman Andrews seconded. The motion passed. Approval was then called for the January 20TH regular business minutes. On motion by Alderman Hoggatt, seconded by Alderwoman Davis, the motion passed.

The town council addressed old business. Starting with a 2024 audit update. Jeff was unable to attend, but he did give an update to Mayor Smith that the draft is almost done. Next, an update on the surplus police cars sold by LAMATS. The winning bids for all vehicles are the following. Tahoe \$2250, Caprice \$4050, Taurus \$2075. Moving on from that, Al Hill will start employment with the town on March 1ST. Moving on to some old business updates, the town has a time clock installed and in service. For grant updates, Claudia Wade is working on finding grants. Lastly on updates, we are looking into an Incumbent Workers Program, which will pay for classes and certification for a CDL for future garbage truck drivers. Last on old business approving amendments to the town handbook was tabled until next month.

Moving on to new business, Doug Brewer was unable to attend the meeting to provide a financial update. But he is willing to contract more critical services to assist the future Town Clerk. Next was a call to motion to approve Devin Greene's letter of resignation. Alderwoman Davis motioned, and Alderman Washington seconded. The motion passed. Moving forward, Margie Albritton presented herself to the council as a Town Clerk candidate. The town decided to advertise for the Town Clerk position for one week. Alderman Andrews motioned, and Alderman Hoggatt seconded. The motion carried. Next, Dr. Medlin Jr. gave a book presentation for his book on the history of the Town of Marion. Now, the town passed a resolution to commemorate Hector "Chino" Gomez as a fallen officer for his service to the town. Alderwoman Davis motioned, Alderman Andrews seconded. The motion passed. Evelyn Andrews started work today with Ayuda at the Marion Council on Aging in the computer lab. Her hours will be noon to 5 PM Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The Town will host a State of the Town address event at the Marion Fire Station on March 27TH at noon. Food will be sponsored by CommuniHealth Medical Center in Marion. No street light outages or damaged street signs were reported this month. Last for new business, Ordinance 2026-01 was introduced.

Moving on to Information Items, KLB 5TH annual Love the Boot week is April 18TH-26TH. The Phillips property on Taylor Street was reported that it will be cleaned up this week. Casey Hobson bought the old Gulf station, and he told Mayor Smith that he plans to open a new business there.

The fire department reported that Otis Presley's house is being demolished. Mayor Smith and Jimmy Caldwell reported that they had a meeting with LRWA about water and sewer system mapping.

A call to motion to pay bills was made. Alderman Andrews motioned 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 February 17TH, 2025. Upon motion by Alderman Andrews, seconded by Alderwoman Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Danny A. Smith, Mayor