

TOWN OF MARION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2026

The regular monthly Marion Town Council Meeting convened @ 7 PM, Tuesday, March 17, 2026 @ the Marion Fire Station Conference Room. In attendance were Mayor Danny A. Smith, Alderwomen Rhonda Davis and Tina Harris and Aldermen Channing Washington, Bubba Hoggatt and Mark Andrews. Also, Public Works Director Jimmy Caldwell, Police Chief Montral Ferguson, future Town Clerk Margie Albritton and Assistant Clerk Cheryl Geoghagan were present. Mayor Smith called the meeting to order and asked Bubba Hoggatt to lead the prayer and Montral Ferguson to lead the pledge. Motion made by Bubba Hoggatt, second by Rhonda Davis to approve the agenda. Motion passed. Mayor Smith informed the council about town revenue streams and existing loan debt and other financial obligations. Motion by Bubba Hoggatt, second by Rhonda Davis to approve the financial report provided by Doug Brewer, CPA. Motion passed.

Motion by Channing Washington, second by Tina Harris to approve two additional changes to the town handbook. Motion passed. The sale of a surplus police car is progressing. Mayor Smith provided an Annexation Project Update to the council. Jamarion Rowland is scheduled to begin classes on April 13th, 2026 @ the Coastal Driving Academy and obtain his CDL license for the garbage truck @ no expense to the town.

Amending our Blight Ordinance to include a penalty was tabled until April, 2026. Motion by Mark Andrews, second by Tina Harris to approve the Civic Source Agreement & authorize Mayor Smith to sign the agreement for Civic Source to start collecting delinquent town property taxes @ no expense to the town. Motion passed. Brightspeed Franchise Agreement tabled until April. Motion by Channing Washington, second by Rhonda Davis to approve 5% franchise fee for Conexon Connect. Motion passed. Town permit requirements tabled until April. Mayor Smith reported Claudia Wade has applied for a town grant for the Marion Council on Aging Building improvements and one for a Picnic Pavillon @ the Gazebo Park per his request. Motion by Rhonda Davis, second by Mark Andrews to classify "Trees of Righteousness" – Marion as a nonprofit utility customer. Motion passed. Motion by Bubba Hoggatt, second by Rhonda Davis to approve the annual wastewater MWPP Resolution. Motion passed. Chief Ferguson stated a possible need for a block party ordinance may be needed. Mayor Smith will get the ordinance for the next meeting. PW Director Caldwell requested to be authorized to shut contractor operations down for specific circumstances. Mayor Smith will work on this. Motion by Mark Andrews, second by Channing Washington to pay invoices. Motion passed. Marion Triad Director Tina Harris reported Triad met today and enjoyed Bingo. Mayor Smith announced plans

for the Mayhaw Beauty Pageant, Banquet and the Festival. Dates are May 2, May 7 & May 9, 2026. Mayor Smith reported Ms. Amber Perez has filed a public records request starting in January 1, 2023 through current records for 2026. Motion by Channing Washington, second by Tina Harris to adjourn. Motion passed.

Mayor Danny A. Smith

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