

TOWN OF MARION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 21st, 2026

The regular monthly Marion Town Council Meeting convened @ 7 pm, Tuesday, April 21, 2026 @ the Marion Fire Station Conference Room. In attendance were Mayor Danny A. Smith, Alderwoman Rhoda Davis, Tina Harris, and Aldermen Channing Washington, Bubba Hoggatt, and Mark Andrews. Also, Public Works Director Jimmy Caldwell, Police Chief Montral Ferguson, 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 Rhonda Davis to lead the pledge. Motion was made by Rhonda Davis and seconded by Bubba Hoggatt to approve the agenda. Motion passed. The agenda was amended to change the Council Meeting from 5/19/2026 to 5/26/2026. Motion passed. The financials were approved. A motion by Bubba Hoggatt and seconded by Mark Andrews. Bubba Hoggatt made the motion, seconded by Channing Washington, to approve the previous regular business meeting minutes for March 2026. Motion passed.

The annexation of Hwy. 33 is ready for legal action. The 2024 Audit is complete. The line item for the \$15,000 that was held up is now in the sewer account. The handbook revisions are being given to the Town Attorney. The DOTD mowing contract has increased to \$6,255.00 twice a year.

Rubin, with Civil Service, who oversaw getting us set up to collect past due taxes, will be leaving his position & going with another company and wants to keep our business. Motion by Alderwoman Davis & seconded by Mark Andrews, to table the discussion for a later date.

The LA OUTDOORS FOREVER PROGRAM GRANT has been submitted through Wildlife & Fisheries for picnic tables & grills in the pavilion area behind Gazebo Park. All 3 surplus cars have been sold to LAMATS. Our insurance provider has let us know that the rates have increased. A Special Events Ordinance was introduced. The council authorized our Public Works director to shut down contractors for specific circumstances. No reports of any signs missing or streetlights out. Any stray animal concerns are to be reported to

Martin Kelly. Claudia Wade is working on an Aging Building Grant for the Marion Council on Aging.

The Mayor's State of the Town Address was well attended. There were 11 business people in attendance. Police had nothing to report. Fire mentioned the burn ban was still in effect. The garbage truck was down this week. Consolidated Trucks is repairing the truck. Motion by Alderwoman Rhonda Davis & Mark Andrews to pay the bills. There were no closing remarks. Alderman Bubba Hoggatt & Alderwoman Rhonda Davis voted to adjourn the meeting.

Danny A. Smith, Mayor