

Town of Marion
Special Council Meeting

June 4, 2026

The Marion Town Council met @ 4 PM, Thursday, June 04, 2026, for a special council meeting @ the Marion Fire Station Conference Room. In attendance were Mayor Danny A. Smith, Town Clerk Margie Albritton, Alderwoman Rhonda Davis, Aldermen Mark Andrews, and Channing Washington. Special guests who were present were Keith Jesselink and Marcus Ross Jr. Absent from attending the meeting were Alderman Bubba Hoggatt and Alderwoman Tina Harris.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order and asked Keith Jesselink to lead the prayer and Marcus Ross Jr. to lead the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Mayor Smith opened up the floor for the public comments section. No comments.

Rhonda Harris made the motion to approve the agenda, and Channing Washington offered the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Smith stated that in new business, he wanted to discuss with the council three applicants for the Town of Marion due to Jimmy Caldwell's retirement on June 10, 2026.

- Clyde Wayne Jr. is available to be hired as a backup garbage truck driver on an as-needed basis. He works full-time for the City of Farmerville. The mayor stated that he has spoken with Mayor Crow about us hiring Clyde on a part-time, as-needed basis, and he approved.
- Marcus Ross Jr. was presented to the Town of Marion to be hired as a part-time temporary summer employee. Marcus is a senior at Union High School. Marcus will help with mowing, weed-eating, and assist with any other maintenance duties.

- Keith Jesselink stated that he is a level 4 operator and will work out Marcus's schedule alongside Rio to best suit the needs of the town.
- Hunter Ebey was discussed as being hired as a full-time employee for the town of Marion. Hunter is a resident of Marion and has stated that he can run any equipment needed, including mechanics and welding. Motion by Rhonda Davis to table this item, seconded by Mark Andrews. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Andrews made a motion to go into Executive Session and was seconded by Channing Washington. All approved. Channing Washington made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Rhonda Davis. All approved. No action was taken

Mark Andrews made a motion to approve the hiring of Clyde Wayne Jr as a backup garbage truck driver. The motion was seconded by Rhonda Davis. All approved. Rhonda Davis made a motion to approve the hiring of Marcus Ross Jr. for a minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour. Motion was seconded by Mark Andrews. All approved.

Motion by Rhonda Davis and seconded by Mark Andrews to table the discussion of hiring Hunter Ebey. All approved. Motion by Rhonda Davis, seconded by Mark Andrews, to transfer funds into the General Operating Account due to increased expenses. All approved. Louisiana DEQ/ LITA Corp funds are dedicated to improvements for our sewer collection system.

The mayor stated that Jimmy Caldwell's retirement celebration will happen on Wednesday, 06/10/26, at 11:00 am at the Town Hall. Cake and punch will be provided for anyone who attends. The mayor also stated that music in the Gazebo Park is scheduled for Saturday, 06/13/26. Music will be provided by Ricky Houck. Ms. Diane Wayne will play in September in the fall. The mayor would like to have something in the Gazebo Park for the community several times throughout the year.

Alderman Mark Andrews moved to adjourn, and Rhonda Davis made the second.
Motion passed.

Mayor Danny A. Smith

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