

TOWN OF MARION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 16th, 2026

The regular monthly Marion Town Council Meeting convened @ 7 pm, Tuesday, June 16, 2026 @ the Marion Fire Station Conference Room. In attendance were Mayor Danny A. Smith, Council Members Mark Andrews, Channing Washington, Rhonda Davis & Tina Harris. Councilman Bubba Hoggatt was absent. Also in attendance were Town Clerk Margie Albritton, Assistant Clerk Cheryl Geoghagan, and Police Chief Montral Ferguson. Guests who attended the Town Council meeting were Jacob Lemoine, Jermaine Richard, and Keith Jesselink. Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm and asked Mark Andrews to lead the prayer, and Jamarrio Rowland led the pledge. A motion was made by Rhonda Davis and was seconded by Tina Harris to approve the agenda. Motion passed. The financials were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by Rhonda Davis and seconded by Tina Harris to approve the financials. All approved. Mark Andrews made the motion, seconded by Rhonda Davis, to approve the previous regular business meeting minutes for May 2026. Motion passed.

Mayor Smith made the announcement that there was an LDH Class I Sanitary Survey meeting recently at the Town Hall. Mayor Smith announced that he will meet with Bob Myers, town engineer, and LRWA representatives to review a town sewer survey, which was at no charge to the town.

Mayor Smith updated the council on the progress of the LaMats' sale of our old garbage truck and tractor. This is a way to cut expenses, and the council had previously voted to sell the equipment. Once this is posted on the LaMats website (govdeals.com), this will be the only way to sell the equipment. Anyone can bid on the equipment on the website.

Mayor Smith stated he is working on an agreement to move the utility franchise fees up to 5%. The mayor also updated the council on the Policy handbook, which is still in the office of Joe Cusimano. The mayor stated that Mr. Cusimano is near completion of the annexation project. This will extend the city limits to Tiger Bend Rd.

Rio Rowland is still in the process of obtaining his CDL license. Mayor did a phone call with all council members, and all agreed to allow Rio to drive the town truck home with him so he can be ready to respond when needed. Mark Andrews made a motion to approve, and this was seconded by Channing Washington to allow Rio to drive a company truck home. Motion passed. Clyde Wayne, Jr. has cleared his Drug Screen, and he ran the garbage route today with James Ford helping. Brandon Traylor is being presented for hire as a part-time employee to assist with the garbage truck route. His drug screen has come back clear. Rhonda Davis made the motion to approve Brandon Traylor to be hired as part-time, and Mark Andrews seconded. Brandon will be paid a flat rate of \$75.00 per run. Motion passed.

Jacob Lemoine was presented to the council to be hired as a full-time employee. Jacob can drive a backhoe and other equipment, plus he can be a mechanic. The mayor would like to hire him at \$17.00/hr. Rhonda Davis made a motion to accept Jacob Lemoine, and it was seconded by Mark Andrews to hire Jacob at \$17.00/hr. full-time. Jacob Lemoine will start on Monday, 06/22/26. Motion passed.

Jamarrio Rowland will be the Supervisor over the Water Department, and the Mayor presented to the council to adjust his pay to \$17.50/hr. Channing Washington made a motion to accept the raise for Jamarrio, and this was seconded by Tina Harris. All approved. They will get additional raises after all certifications have been obtained, with a goal of 1 year to obtain their water and wastewater certifications.

Jermaine Richard was presented for hire as a part-time employee to the council as well. He already has his CDL license and is also a mechanic. James Ford is now only doing the garbage truck run. The council decided to table the discussion on Jermaine at this time, but to allow him to run the garbage route when needed for a flat rate of \$150.00. Rhonda Davis made the motion, and Channing Washington seconded. Motion passed.

The mayor stated that the Jimmy Caldwell Retirement reception and the Music in Gazebo Park were both successful. Mark Andrews made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Rhonda Davis. All approved.

Danny A. Smith, Mayor

Marjorie L. Albritton, Town Clerk