

MINUTES OF MARION CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting was held by City Council on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. over which Mayor Pro-tem Ronald Atkinson presided. Council members Michael Baker, Ralph Atkinson, Odessa Gregg, Joseph Frazier and Emerson Hunt were present. Mayor Bobby L. Davis was not in attendance. Also present were City Administrator Alan Ammons, City Treasurer Patricia Brown, City Clerk Pam Jones and City Attorney Kenneth Davis.

Mayor Pro-tem Ronald Atkinson called the meeting to order and Councilwoman Gregg gave the opening prayer. Mr. Ammons led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro-tem Atkinson welcomed citizens, guests and the press. (Hometown TV).

Councilman Michael Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 11, 2015, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier; motion carried.

Frank Page of the Marion Recreation Department was named *August Employee of the Month* and presented with a gift certificate. Mayor Pro-tem Atkinson thanked Mr. Page for a job well done.

Councilman Michael Baker made a motion to reappoint Mr. Hezekiah Norman to the Housing Authority Committee for a 5-year term to expire May 2020, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier; motion carried.

Councilman Michael Baker made a motion to reappoint Ms. Betty Eskridge and Ms. Arnetha Daymond to the Tree Commission for a 2-year term to expire May 2017, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier; motion carried.

Councilman Michael Baker made a motion to allow Mr. Willie Brigman use of Withlacoochee Park on October 3rd for House of God Ministries Humble Walk and Ms. Judy Marie Allen use of Withlacoochee Park on October 7th for Trigeminal Neuralgia Awareness Prayer Walk, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier; motion carried.

Councilman Michael Baker made a motion to accept 2nd Reading on ***Ordinance 15-03, An Ordinance to Amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015***, as presented, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier. This is the ordinance recommended by the attorney when budget transfers are brought to and approved by Council, and cleans up the budget for the fiscal year. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ammons stated that we are on track with the DHEC Permit for the compost site. Street signs will be replaced on Main Street and stop lights on Main Street and the decorative signs will also be extended down South Main to Marion High School (at Green Street). In response to a question from Councilman Atkinson, Mr. Ammons stated that this money comes from the "C" fund and when this project is done, we will be getting more money to replace signs that are down or missing. Councilman Baker asked for an update on the new driveway paving project to which Mr. Ammons responded that it is out on bid and if any other Council members have any driveways that need paving, let him know within the next week.

CITY ATTORNEY'S LEGAL UPDATE

Attorney Davis stated the FOIA was updated on July 1st and agendas cannot be amended without a 24-hour notice to the public. Mr. Ammons commented that he and Mrs. Brown attended a meeting at MASC and received information on this and he would forward it on to Council. He further commented that the agenda must always be posted on the web-site.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mayor Pro-tem Ronald Atkinson stated that Council received departmental reports in their packets. Mr. Denley Caughman commented that he has developed a tour of Historic Marion and there is a brochure being printed. Ms. Dolly Boyer commented that the Neighborhood Watch A-team held a cookout and some members of the MPD participated.

DISTRICTS AND CITY UPDATE FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Michael Baker had no comment.

Councilman Joseph Frazier had no comment.

Councilman Ralph Atkinson had no comment.

Councilwoman Odessa Gregg commented that she had a complaint from Beverly Street regarding a lot being mowed and trash from the mowing being left. Also, at the corner of Pee Dee Circle/Huggins Street, there is overgrowth hindering the sight line. Councilwoman Gregg recognized Mr. Nathaniel (Nate) Gerald for distributing free ice cream to the inmates at the Marion County Prison Camp. She also expressed her appreciation for the grass voucher for the senior citizen on Georgetown Street to get her grass cut.

Councilman Emerson Hunt had no comment.

Mayor Pro-tem Ronald Atkinson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked if any committee members had any comments. Mr. Denley Caughman commented that a tour of Marion has been developed and is going on at the present time with more historical sites to be added. There is also a brochure being printed in conjunction with the tour

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Ralph Atkinson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Michael Baker; motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Ronald Atkinson

City Clerk Pam Jones

Taped: September 8, 2015