

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARION CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019; 5:30 P.M.

MAYOR/ COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ashley Brady	Councilman Michael Baker
Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt	Councilman Joseph Frazier
Councilman Ralph Atkinson	
Councilman Ronald Atkinson	

STAFF PRESENT:

Alan Ammons, City Administrator
Ainsley Sanders, City Clerk
Patricia Brown, City Treasurer
Pam Jones, Administrator Assistant

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Ashley Brady called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. BUDGET TRANSFER

Councilman Ronald Atkinson made motion that we authorize Mayor and Administrator to transfer up to eleven thousand dollars to support the Green Street Sports Complex earnest money to Pepsi Cola people, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier.

3. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor opened discussion on Budget Workshop. Mayor states that he, Alan and Patricia have looked at all the departments and specific budgets for the different departments to regress the red. Three options were discussed to balance the budget as much as possible. The three options added together gives us about one hundred and twenty-one thousand dollars in savings to the budget for the City of Marion. Mayor takes into consideration of the options which are three mill tax increase, Police Department to save forty-four thousand five hundred dollars and the Grant Writer position transfer for a total savings of one hundred twenty-one thousand dollars in savings to the budget.

Mayor also made mention on all rental properties we are looking at our utility cost going up so our expenses should also increase except Pop Dorsey Park because it was only rented a few times. Councilman Michael Baker stated that it needs to be publicized more so the public can be more aware. Mayor stated that his suggestion is to take everything up fifty dollars except Pop Dorsey to leave it where it's at. Mayor mentioned that C D Joyner, Opera House, Watsonia, and Grice's stay rented so they will be taken up. Mayor made mention that the swimming pool will stay at one dollar so the children can swim and have a good time. He also stated that if someone wants to rent the swimming pool that it is two hundred and fifty dollars for a four hour rental. Councilman Michael Baker stated that the pool rental needs to be publicized more as well.

Mayor stated that on the Hospitality tax we are looking at adding another line item to seal and restripe the CD Joyner parking lot. He also mentioned taking away the newspaper will take away four thousand dollars of the printing of the newspaper. Mr. Ammons interjects that the all the rentals equals a ten thousand dollar revenue increase. Patricia made mention that we will need a special meeting for the second reading so the dates will correspond and if the Council

agrees upon the changes then she will need to come up with a figure to put in the paper, because we will have to run the paper twice. Mr. Ammons stated that the next meeting will be held on Monday June 17th for the Public Hearing and 2nd Reading.

4. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Ralph Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Ronald Atkinson, to Adjourn.

Mayor Ashley Brady

Ainsley Sanders, City Clerk

Taped: May 21, 2019