

**MINUTES**  
**MARION CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**SHANNON WILKERSON GYM/CONFERENCE CALL**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M.**

**MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Ashley Brady

Councilman Joseph Frazier

Mayor Pro tem Emerson Hunt

Councilwoman Tassie Lewis

Councilman Ronald Atkinson

Councilman Michael Baker

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Alan Ammons, City Administrator

Patricia Brown, City Treasurer – Via Telephone

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – MAYOR ASHLEY BRADY**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ashley Brady.

**2. AWS – GARBAGE COMPLAINTS**

Mayor Ashley Brady started the meeting off with talking about the complaints of AWS trash. The purpose of this meeting is to express the AWS complaints that we have been receiving. He stated that in the last Council Meeting it was discussed in Executive session the complaints and the failure of AWS to properly pick up the trash that they are being paid to pick up. We have received numerous complaints, and they continue to grow. The majority of our complaints now are coming from our commercial dumpsters, and rather it's a roll out cart or commercial dumpster. These citizens are paying good money for these services. They are being dumped

haphazardly or not being dumped at all or timely manner. Mayor had some emails from TACO BELL concerning them and their trash not being picked up. Received phone calls from Mr. Hernandez which is the owner of the McDonald's. Email from Mr. James Cox from the Marion County Department of Social Services over on Martin Luther King, and they are having issues with their trash.

Mr. Alan Ammons gave a brief summary about complaints as well. The complaints are continuing to come in steady. Mr. Ammons mentioned that he talked to the man at TACO BELL himself and obviously he is very upset about everything that has been haphazardly for some time. They are having to press the cardboard boxes down.

Mayor stated that he had two phone calls that where not even in the list. So the services are just not happening. They are happening and they are haphazardly. His confidence level in AWS to continue the trash service is not too high.

### 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier to go into Executive Session to talk about Police Department, AWS garbage pickup.* The motion carried.

### 4. POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

*A motion was made by Councilman Michael Baker, seconded by Joseph Frazier to come out of Executive Session back into Regular Session.*

***A motion was made by Mayor Ashley Brady, seconded by Councilman Michael Baker, because of the reason and problems previously discussed for the City of Marion to terminate its existing contract for waste services with American Waste Services to be effective December 31, 2020 and authorize the City Attorney to take the necessary actions to do the same.***

The motion carried.

Mayor stated of course as everyone knows that we have been in search of a new Police Chief. We had ten or twelve applicants and narrowed them down to three, and interview three applicants. Mayor would like to introduce to everyone Mr. Keith Parks. He will be our new Police Chief and he will start Monday. Mayor welcomes him and says that everyone is excited that Mr. Parks is going to be our new Police Chief. Thank you and look forward to you starting on Monday.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

***A motion was made by Council Ronald Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Michael Baker to adjourn.***

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Mayor Ashley Brady

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Ainsley Sanders, City Clerk  
Taped: September 22, 2020