

MINUTES
MARION CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SHANNON WILKERSON GYM
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ashley Brady	Councilman Joseph Frazier
Mayor Pro tem Emerson Hunt	Councilwoman Tassie Lewis
Councilman Ralph Atkinson	Councilman Michael Baker
Councilman Ronald Atkinson	

STAFF PRESENT:

Alan Ammons, City Administrator	Tony Flowers, Police Chief
Ainsley Sanders, City Clerk	Trey Cooper, Fire Chief
Patricia Brown, City Treasurer	
James Brogdon, City Attorney	

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – MAYOR ASHLEY BRADY

Mayor Ashley Brady called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed all guest.

2. PRAYER /PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ashley Brady led the Opening Prayer, and Mr. Alan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME CITIZENS, GUESTS & PRESS – MAYOR ASHLEY BRADY

Mayor Ashley Brady welcomed citizens, guest and the press.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Michael Baker to approve minutes for regular meeting April 14, 2020 and Special Meeting April 28, 2020. The motion carried.

5. MAY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – MAYOR ASHLEY BRADY

Mayor stated that for the month of **MAY** we are going to recognize all of the employee because we all have been working tremendously hard and all have been doing thing we don't usually do in this crisis, and some are having to work from home. He also appreciate everything everyone is going to make sure our city government continue to function.

6. SET DATE FOR BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor stated that he was kind of looking at the calendar and crunch time this year, but he was looking at next Tuesday May 19, 2020 @ 5:30p.m. to set the date for the Budget work shop. *A motion was made by Councilman Michael Baker, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier.* A brief discussion was held concerning the dates. The motion carried.

7. SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING'S FOR THE FOLLOWING – GENERAL FUND BUDGET, HOSPITALITY BUDGET, STORMWATER BUDGET

Mayor stated that we have a regular scheduled meeting on June 9th. He was looking at doing our Public Hearing on Thursday June 11th. A brief discussion was held concerning the dates. *A motion was made by Councilman Michael Baker, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier to schedule Council Meeting Thursday June 11th at 5:30.* The motion carried.

8. BIDS ON SEALING & STRIPING CD JOYNER PARKING LOT

A motion was made by Councilman Ralph Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Michael Baker to approve the low bid WLH for bid of \$6,380.00 for CD Joyner parking lot sealing and striping. The motion carried.

9. BIDS ON PICNIC SHELTER – WITHLACOOCHEE PARK

Mayor made mention that last year we had budgeted \$30,000.00 for a picnic shelter. We went out and got a kit and in the packets is a diagram in order to see kind of what is being proposed. A brief discussion was held about picnic shelter. Mayor stated that we will go out and get another price on it and we can always come back to it. Mayor stated that we will pass on the item with the picnic shelter.

10. BIDS ON MINI EXCAVATOR

Mayor stated that we should have a big packet, and it's the bid for the mini excavator. It will be used for the public works department cleaning out storm drains. We had seven bids on the mini excavator. This mini excavator comes with a (4) four foot hydraulic bush hog and mulcher as well. A brief discussion took place about the mini excavator with employees as well as council members. The mini excavator will be paid for out of the stormwater fee that generates pretty good. The low bid was Yanmar at \$1,644.79 a month and that include a trailer because we wanted to have a trailer to get it around and Randy and Winky will be able to set it up and have all the equipment on the trailer. A brief discussion on the make and model and exceptions where discussed. Item number 4 (four) is being recommended, Yanmar. *A motion was made by Councilman Ralph Atkinson, seconded by*

Councilman Joseph Frazier to accept the bid for Yanmar which has more horse power, and sound like most productive equipment. The motion carried.

11. 1ST READING ORDINANCE 20-08 TO ENTER INTO LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE MINI EXCAVATOR

A motion was made by Councilman Ralph Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Ronald Atkinson to enter into Lease-purchase agreement to purchase mini excavator as presented for 60 months at 2.99% interest to cover expenses. The motion carried.

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator mentioned we are still continuing all of our safety precautions and we will continue, and in saying all of that as we know the Governor has opened up some things. Mr. Ammons also mentioned that one thing on the rentals, and he has spoken to Cliff and Cindy. We may not be able to rent as much because we need one business day between each rental to follow all the guidelines.

Mr. Ammons stated that we are still on for the pool opening June 1, and that is what we are shooting for. He stated that he will get with Cliff and we may not have but 15 people in the pool at a time. A brief discussion was held concerning the rentals on buildings, supplies and facilities. Conclusion was to bring back to council a decision and vote on it with opening back up rentals.

Mr. Ammons mentioned Councilman Baker mentioned to him about dogs running at large. Dogs should be on a lease under verbal command and

tag where he has had vaccination. He also stated that he would talk to Dennis the morning after the meeting.

13. CITY ATTORNEY'S LEGAL UPDATE

Attorney has nothing.

14. DISTRICT AND CITY UPDATE FROM COUNCIL AND MAYOR

Mayor Ashley Brady: Mayor stated that he appreciate the approval of excavator and as we have talked about in the last couple of months we are talking about a large excavator as well. We will come up with some more information about the bidding process and some more information next week.

Grass cleanup is a little slower than it has been in the past. Employees have been taking time off for basic need such as daycare.

Mayor stated that he talked about in the past about DOT about the drainage and the issues that we have been having over there.

We have assisted Rev. Hemingway with fruit and vegetable give a way. Had a pretty good crowd. Rev. Hemingway has been talking about a beef for purchase but haven't given a date yet.

The curfew expires May 14, 2020 and Mayor stated that he do not see a need to extend the curfew. Chief Flowers gave update on a few things that we're going on at the Police department.

Councilman Michael Baker: Councilman Baker stated that he has bothered Alan enough this month.

Councilman Joseph Frazier: Councilman Frazier stated that it's been a good day. He also stated that he was accused of being noisy for people walking on the street. Alan has taken care of everything else.

Councilman Ronald Atkinson: Do not have anything.

Councilman Ralph Atkinson: Do not have anything.

Councilwoman Tassie Lewis: Councilwoman Lewis stated that he is praying for everyone's health and praying that follow the guidelines and respect their peers.

Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt: Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt stated that it appears him to be late and everything is not as appear. The thing that we can do about this virus is eat healthy, exercise keep your immune system up. Healthy people can last long. He is praying for everyone. Chief Tony Flowers made one last comment about incident.

A motion was made by Councilman Ralph Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Ronald Atkinson to go into Executive Session concerning Personnel - Fire Department.

15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Councilman Ralph Atkinson, Seconded by Councilman Ronald Atkinson to exit Executive Session to enter back into Regular Session.

16. POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

No action was taken in Executive Session.

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Ashley Brady

Ainsley Sanders, City Clerk
Taped: May 12, 2020