

**MINUTES OF MARION CITY COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING 5:30 P.M.**

A public hearing was held on June 30, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. to allow for public comments on the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year budget. The meeting was duly advertised to the local media, posted in the Marion City Hall and on the City’s website.

Mayor Ashley Brady called the meeting to order and opened it up for any public comments. There was no public attendance at the meeting.

Hearing no comments, Councilman Ronald Atkinson made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier, and carried unanimously.

**SPECIAL MEETING 5:45 P.M.**

A special meeting was held by Marion City Council on June 30, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. in which Mayor Ashley Brady presided. Council members Ronald Atkinson, Michael Baker, Joseph Frazier, Donny Gerald, Mayor Pro-tem Emerson Hunt and Tassie Lewis were present. Staff present were City Administrator Alan Ammons, City Treasurer Patricia Brown, and City Clerk Lakesha Shannon.

Mayor Ashley Brady called the meeting to order, gave the opening prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 22-03 AN ORDINANCE TO SET MILLAGE FOR RAISING FUNDS TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MARION FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023:**

Councilman Joseph Frazier motioned to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 22-03 **An Ordinance to Set Millage for Raising Funds to Adopt the Budget for the City of Marion Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.** The motion was seconded by Councilman Michael Baker, and carried unanimously.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 22-04 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE HOSPITALITY REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF MARION FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR:**

Councilman Ronal Atkinson motioned to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 22-04 **An Ordinance to Appropriate Hospitality Revenues for the City of Marion for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.** The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro tem Emerson Hunt, and carried unanimously.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 22-05 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND ESTABLISH STORMWATER UTILITY REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF MARION 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR:**

Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt motioned to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 22-05 **An Ordinance to Appropriate and Establish Stormwater Utility Revenues for the City of Marion for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.** The motion was seconded by Councilman Ronald Atkinson, and carried unanimously.

## **BIDS ON ROSE HILL CEMETERY:**

Mayor Brady stated that the most recent Rose Hill Cemetery maintenance contractor provided proper notice of withdrawal from his contract. The contract was re-advertised for bid and 10 bids were received. Mayor Brady noted that all specifications and expectations of the contract were provided to the bidders. The low bid was received from A-1 Landscaping, LLC at \$26,400. Mayor Brady stated that following the bid openings, a second meeting was held with Mr. Caleb Bullard the owner of A-1 Landscaping, LLC. This meeting was to further discuss the contract and reiterate the expectations of the cemetery maintenance to ensure he was comfortable with his bid. Mr. Bullard stated that was okay with his bid as submitted. Mayor Brady stated that a contract will be prepared by City Attorney James Brogdon that will outline the proper notice of 30 days for terminating the contract by either the business owner or the City.

Councilman Ronald Atkinson motioned to accept the low bid from A-1 Landscaping, LLC for the Rose Hill Cemetery maintenance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier. Mayor Pro-tem Emerson Hunt expressed his concerns regarding the low bid amount and asked if the City would be comfortable with the contractor completing the work at that amount. Mr. Ammons stated that he and Mayor Brady followed up with Mr. Bullard and gave him an opportunity to withdraw the bid if needed. Mr. Bullard stated that he was okay with his original bid submitted. Following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Brady updated council on the recent ribbon cuttings of 4 new businesses on Main Street over the last week. He commented that it's been a productive week downtown Marion.

Mayor Brady announced that Senator Kent Williams was able to help the City obtain a \$100,000 grant to install the lighting at the new Green Street Sports Complex. He stated that paperwork has already been signed to receive a \$50,000 payment, and the additional \$50,000 payment will be received after July 1, 2022. Mayor Brady further announced that an email was just received from SCDNR stating that the City was awarded \$30,000 to install a fishing dock at the Catfish Creek location on Bobby Gerald Parkway and behind the old Blumenthal plant. He stated that once the funds are received, the project will be advertised for bids.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Michael Baker and seconded by Councilman Ronald Atkinson; the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Ashley Brady

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City Clerk Lakesha Y. Shannon