

MINUTES
MARION CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ashley Brady	Councilman Fred Gause
Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt	Councilman Donny Gerald
Councilman Michael Baker	Councilwoman Tassie Lewis

Councilman Ronald Atkinson was not in attendance.

STAFF PRESENT:

Alan Ammons, City Administrator
Patricia Brown, City Treasurer
Lakesha Shannon, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

1. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER

The public hearing was called to order by Mayor Ashley Brady.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ORDINANCES:

- Ordinance 23-02 An Ordinance to Set Millage for Raising Funds to Adopt the Budget for the City of Marion Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024
- Ordinance 23-03 An Ordinance to Appropriate Hospitality Tax Revenues for the City of Marion for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year
- Ordinance 23-04 An Ordinance to Appropriate and Establish Stormwater Utility Revenues for the City of Marion for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year
- Ordinance 23-05 An Ordinance to Amend Rates for Sanitation Services

There were no public comments made during the Public Hearing meeting. Hearing no comments, ***Councilman Fred Gause made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Donny Gerald, and carried unanimously.***

SPECIAL MEETING

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ashley Brady.

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brady led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

3. WELCOME CITIZENS, GUESTS & PRESS

Mayor Brady welcomed all citizens and guest.

Following the welcome, Mayor Brady announced that the City was notified last week that the Marion County Animal Shelter will be temporarily closing effective July 1, 2023. They will only take in vicious dogs if an attack has taken place.

Administrator Alan Ammons added that the County will be performing a deep cleaning on the shelter due to an outbreak of parvo. The reopening date has not been determined. Mr. Ammons will keep council updated on any further details regarding this matter.

4. 2nd READING ON ORDINANCE 23-02 AN ORDINANCE TO SET MILLAGE FOR RAISING FUNDS TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MARION FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

A motion was made by Councilman Michael Baker to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #23-02 An Ordinance to Set Millage for Raising Funds to Adopt the

Budget for the City of Marion Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Donny Gerald, and carried unanimously.

5. 2nd READING ON ORDINANCE 23-03 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE HOSPITALITY REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF MARION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR

A motion was made by Councilman Michael Baker to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance #23-03 An Ordinance to Appropriate Hospitality Revenues for the City of Marion for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt, and carried unanimously.

6. 2nd READING ON ORDINANCE 23-04 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND ESTABLISH STORMWATER REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF MARION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR

A motion was made by Councilman Fred Gause to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance #23-04 An Ordinance to Appropriate and Establish Stormwater Revenues for the City of Marion for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tassie Lewis, and carried unanimously.

7. 2nd READING OF ORDINANCE 23-05 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND RATES FOR SANITATION SERVICES

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance #23-05 An Ordinance to Amend Rates for Sanitation Services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Michael Baker, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Michael Baker stated that he has been talking with the Marion County School District for several years regarding the possibility of incorporating swimming lessons at the city pool into the physical education program. He stated that he recently spoke with Principal John Washington who is the new principal at Johnakin Middle School. He noted that Mr. Washington supports the idea and is willing to meet with the City's Athletic Director Mr. Frank Page to discuss certifications, and possibly getting the program started within the first few weeks of the upcoming school year. The program would be offered 2 weeks each semester during the school year. Mr. Ammons stated that he will advise the current city pool swim instructor that Mr. Washington and Mr. Page will be contacting him to further discuss this matter. Councilman Baker stated that he and Mr. Washington also discussed installing a gate that would lead directly from the school to the city pool so that students would not have to walk off campus to get to the pool.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business. ***A motion was made by Councilman Donny Gerald, and seconded by Councilwoman Tassie Lewis to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.***

Mayor Ashley Brady

Lakesha Y. Shannon, City Clerk