

MINUTES
MARION CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024 AT 5:15 P.M.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ORDINANCES

There were no comments from the public regarding the following ordinances as presented:

- **Ordinance 24-01 An Ordinance to Set Millage for Raising Funds to Adopt the Budget for the City of Marion Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025**
- **Ordinance 24-02 An Ordinance to Appropriate Hospitality Revenues for the City of Marion for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year**
- **Ordinance 24-03 An Ordinance to Appropriate and Establish Stormwater Utility Revenues for the City of Marion for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year**
- **Ordinance 24-04 An Ordinance to Appropriate ARP Funds for the City of Marion for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year**

Hearing no comments from the public, ***a motion was made by Councilman Fred Gause and seconded by Councilman Michael Baker to adjourn the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.***

SPECIAL MEETING – 5:30PM

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Ashley Brady at 5:30 pm.

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brady led the Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME CITIZENS, GUESTS & PRESS

Mayor Brady welcomed all citizens and guests.

4. 2nd READING OF ORDINANCE 24-01 AN ORDINANCE TO SET MILLAGE FOR RAISING FUNDS TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MARION FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt, seconded by Councilman Michael Baker to approve 2nd Reading on Ordinance 24-01 An Ordinance to Set Millage for Raising Funds to Adopt the Budget for the City of Marion Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

5. 2nd READING OF ORDINANCE 24-02 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE HOSPITALITY REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF MARION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR

A motion was made by Councilman Michael Baker and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt to approve 2nd Reading on Ordinance 24-02 An Ordinance to Appropriate Hospitality Revenues for the City of Marion for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **2nd READING OF ORDINANCE 24-03 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND ESTABLISH STORMWATER UTILITY REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF MARION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt and seconded by Councilwoman Tassie Lewis to approve 2nd Reading on Ordinance 24-03 An Ordinance to Appropriate and Establish Stormwater Utility Revenues for the City of Marion for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **2nd READING OF ORDINANCE 24-04 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE ARP FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF MARION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR**

A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Fred Gause to approve 2nd Reading on Ordinance 24-04 An Ordinance to Appropriate ARP Funds for the City of Marion for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **1ST READING ON ORDINANCE 24-06 AN ORDINANCE TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY**

A motion was made by Councilman Michael Baker and seconded by Councilman Fred Gause to approve 1st Reading on Ordinance 24-06 An Ordinance to Purchase Real Property. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **APPROVE BIDS**

Mayor Brady recommended that council discuss the following bids and approve them tonight if possible to avoid the upcoming July 1 rate increases. He noted that tonight's approval will be a savings to the City.

- Police Car Computers

A motion was made by Councilman Michael Baker and seconded by Councilman Fred Gause to approve the bid of \$103,798.80 for the police car computers which will be purchased by state contract. The motion passed unanimously.

➤ Police Department Tasers

A motion was made by Councilman Donny Gerald Michael Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Tassie Lewis to approve the bid of \$107,778.64 for the police department tasers which will be purchased by state contract. The motion passed unanimously.

➤ Fire Truck

Mayor Brady stated that the fire department has been working with Spartan Fire & Emergency Apparatus for the purchase of a new ladder truck. He noted that purchasing the truck now would save the City \$107,000 in cost. ***A motion was made by Councilman Michael Baker and seconded by Councilman Ronald Atkinson to approve the bid of \$1,740,750.00 for the new ladder fire truck which will be purchased with ARP funds. The motion passed unanimously.***

➤ Public Works Backhoe

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt and seconded by Councilman Fred Gause to approve the bid of \$103,825.39 for the public works department which will be purchased by state contract with ARP funds. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Brady noted that this is a smaller backhoe than the current one which be easier to use by the operator.

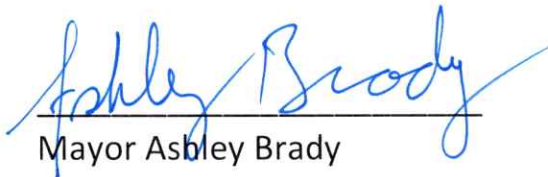
➤ Green Street Sports Complex

A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Atkinson and seconded by Councilman Fred Gause to approve the bid of \$17,822.00 for the annual maintenance contract by S&R Turf & Irrigation Equipment LLC for the Green Street Sports Complex. The motion passed unanimously.

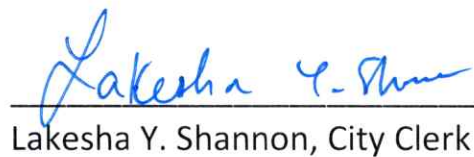
Mayor Brady outlined the monthly maintenance schedule as written in bid.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business. ***A motion was made by Councilman Fred Gause, and seconded by Councilman Ronald Atkinson to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.***



Mayor Ashley Brady



Lakesha Y. Shannon, City Clerk