

**Meeting of the Marion City Council
Monday, April 17, 2023, at 5:00 P.M.**

The Marion City Council met in Regular Session on April 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor D'Anna Browning presiding. Council members included Randy Dunn, Wanda Olson, Tracy Cook, Dwight Sherer, Bobby Belt, and Mike Byford. City Employees in attendance were as follows: Layten Croft, Pam Enoch, Cortny Cosby, Police Chief Ray O'Neal, Garry Gerard, Greg Tabor, Jeff Black, Fire Chief Ronald Howton, and Legal Service Officer Bart Frazer. A public sign-in sheet is attached and made part of these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ric Carder was present at the council meeting concerning Kentucky legalizing marijuana in the coming year.

Colleen Millikan was present at the council meeting concerning a yard near her place of residence that needed mowing. Mayor Browning advised giving the address to the Code Enforcement Office, Cortny Cosby.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Motion by Wanda Olson, seconded by Tracy Cook to approve the minutes from March 20, 2023, as submitted to the council. All voted yes.

Mayor Browning advised the council that a candidate was interviewed for the city administrator's position. The Mayor stated her name was Diane Ford-Benningfield from Campbellsville Kentucky. Browning said she had over 25 years of experience combined in municipal government, education, and manufacturing. Browning advised four candidates had been interviewed for the position. Browning stated her recommendation from the four candidates was Benningfield. She added that she had the most experience in this position. Motion by Wanda Olson, seconded by Dwight Sherer to hire Diane Ford-Benningfield for the City Administrator's position. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Belt, seconded by Tracy Cook to adopt Resolution 23-03 authorizing a grant from the Cleaner Water Program for the project, and administered by the Authority, the Grantee is required to enter into an assistance agreement ("Agreement") with the Authority. All voted yes. A copy of the said resolution is attached and made part of these minutes.

Motion by Dwight Sherer, seconded by Wanda Olson to adopt Resolution 23-04 approving the execution of a Municipal Aid Co-op Program Contract between the City of Marion and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, as provided in the Kentucky Revised Statutes and accepting all streets referred to therein as being streets which are a part of the City of Marion. All voted yes. A copy of the said resolution is attached and made part of these minutes.

The Mayor's appointment to the Crittenden County Board of Tax Assessment Appeal was removed from the agenda until next month.

The 2022 Street Paving list was discussed. Mike Byford requested all of Country Club Drive be paved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council member Dunn advised that Chapel Hill Road needed to be repaired and paved.

Council member Cook stated that there would be a Tourism meeting in the morning of April 18, 2023.

Mr. Tim Thomas advised the leakage of water at Lake George has increased, but he was unsure of the cause.

Council member Sherer advised that Mr. Tim Thomas was the guest speaker at the CCEDC meeting. He also added that Mr. Thomas shared with the group that the City hasn't received any money from the state yet, but he thinks that the city will see financial assistance in the future. Mr. Thomas agreed.

Council member Belt advised it seemed like the state government was moving slowly but the city is trying to get things done in reference to the Water Crisis. He encouraged everyone to go look at the new Wastewater Plant on Pippi Hardin Boulevard.

Council member Byford stated he visited the new Head Start Building and advised of how nice it was. He added that sixty-one children are attending there and that it is funded federally.

Mayor Browning advised that the city-owned laundry building located on Watson Street still had water stored there.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27.


D'ANNA BROWNING, MAYOR

ATTEST:


PAM ENOCH, CITY CLERK