

**Minutes of the Marion City Council
Special Called Meeting
August 8, 2017**

The Marion City Council met in special session August 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor Jared Byford presiding. Council members present were: Phyllis Sykes, Darrin Tabor, Donnie Arflack, Dwight Sherer, D'Anna Sallin, and Mike Byford. City employees in attendance were as follows: Adam Ledford, Melinda Gipson, Pam Enoch, Terri Hart, Brian Thomas, Ray O'Neal, Ronald Howton, and the city attorney Bart Frazer. A public sign-in sheet is attached and part of these minutes.

Mayor Jared Byford stated for tonight's meeting, item #2 of the business agenda was added pursuant to KRS 61.823 (5) emergency proceedings. Notice was given to local media outlets and posted in City Hall. The emergency is based upon the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of Marion. This precisely identifies the continued need to immediately repair Country Club Drive for the beginning of school. Since the adoption of the original emergency ordinance to fund the repair, a change order has been requested which will cost an additional \$12,800. To avoid any delays in completion, this Ordinance amending the original Ordinance to allow for \$85,500.00 must be addressed tonight.

Mayor Jared Byford stated that each citizen present at meeting could voice their opinion concerning Country Club Drive, and will be limited to three minutes.

Motion by Phyllis Sykes, second by D'Anna Sallin to appoint Misty Porter to the City/County Park Board. All voted yes.

Mayor Jared Byford declares ordinance 17-10 an emergency addition of \$12,700, therefore motion by Darrin Tabor, second by Donnie Arflack to declare this ordinance an emergency addition. Motion by Darrin Tabor, second by Phyllis Sykes to adopt ordinance 17-10 amending ordinance #17-08 authorizing the City to engage Allied Contracting Group to repair Country Club Drive by noncompetitive negotiation due to emergency addition of \$12,700 with the vote being as follows: Phyllis Sykes yes, Darrin Tabor yes, Donnie Arflack yes, Dwight Sherer yes, D'Anna Sallin yes, and Mike Byford yes. Motion carried.

The council discussed the post project plans for Country Club Drive. Council member Darrin Tabor and council member Donnie Arflack voiced their concerns about opening the road up after the repair. Their concerns were if the traffic continues on Country Club Drive with the heavy trucks and trailers as a cut-off between U.S. 60 and U.S. 641 it will cause more failure in the road. Council member Darrin Tabor stated that when the next blowout happens, the city will have to close the road again, and won't have any funds to repair it. The utility director, Brian Thomas, said the street is about 4-5 months from failing at the next problem area. He said there are at least two more spots where the road base is similarly compromised. Both council members Donnie Arflack and Darrin Tabor were hoping that if industrial traffic had to go to the stoplight, this would get the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's attention and maybe they would take over maintenance of Country Club Drive or add turning lanes at the U.S. 60/U.S. 641 signal to make the turn more manageable for the trucks and trailers. The city administrator, Adam Ledford, stated not to expect that to happen for several years. Each council member voiced their concerns whether to open or keep the road closed. Council member Phyllis Sykes stated it was emotional at the last meeting concerning child safety, but since then she heard just as many reasons to keep the road open. Council members Dwight Sherer and Mike Byford stated they never wanted to see the road become a dead end. Council member D'Anna Sallin stated she was hoping the road closing would only be temporary. After a lengthy discussion on whether to open or keep the

road closed, motion by Phyllis Sykes, second by Sherer, to propose a resolution to open the road up after repairs are made and form a committee to address the situation with the vote being as follows: Phyllis Sykes yes, Darrin Tabor no, Donnie Arflack no, Dwight Sherer yes, D'Anna Sallin yes, and Mike Byford yes. Motion carried.

The city attorney gave the second reading of ordinance #17-07, entitled, "An Ordinance of the City of Marion, Kentucky, amending ordinance #01-23 to rezone property at 508 Chapel Hill Road from MHR manufactured home residential to R-1 residential". Motion by Donnie Arflack, second by Dwight Sherer to adopt said ordinance with vote being as follows: Phyllis Sykes yes, Darrin Tabor yes, Donnie Arflack yes, Dwight Sherer yes, D'Anna Sallin yes, and Mike Byford yes. Motion carried.

Council member Dwight Sherer introduced ordinance #17-09, entitled, "An Ordinance relating to the Tax Levy for the year of 2017. After a brief discussion, motion by Donnie Arflack, second by Mike Byford to increase the tax rate to 4% on real property with vote as follows: Phyllis Sykes yes, Darrin Tabor no, Donnie Arflack yes, Dwight Sherer yes, D'Anna Sallin yes, and Mike Byford yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items on the special agenda; the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

JARED BYFORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAM ENOCH, CITY CLERK