

**Meeting of the Marion City Council
Special Called Meeting
July 31, 2017**

The Marion City Council met in special session July 31, 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, Ray O'Neal, Ronald Howton, and the city attorney Bart Frazer. A public sign-in sheet is attached and made part of these minutes.

Motion by Phyllis Sykes, second by Darrin Tabor to adopt resolution #17-03 authorizing an easement to Atmos Energy corporation for a natural gas line on City property. All voted yes. A copy of said resolution is attached and made part of these minutes.

It was the mayor's recommendation to appoint Tanner Tabor to the Marion-Crittenden County Park Board to fill an unexpired term. Motion by Dwight Sherer, second by Donnie Arflack to appoint Tanner Tabor the City/County Park Board. All voted yes.

It was the mayor's recommendation to appoint Audi Maraman to the City/County Park Board. He stated he hadn't 100 percent agreed and he knew someone else that was interested in being on the board. They decided to put it on the next council agenda.

Council member Donnie Arflack introduced ordinance #17-07, entitled, "An Ordinance of the City of Marion, Kentucky, amending ordinance No. 01-23 to rezone the property at 508 Chapel Hill Road from MHR manufactured home residential to R-1 residential. The City attorney gave the first reading of said ordinance.

The next agenda item was a discussion regarding Country Club Drive. The mayor said he had been with the utility director, Brian Thomas, to look at the road, and that it needed immediate attention. The council had several questions and concerns as to whether to keep the road open or to close the road due to children's safety issues. School will be starting on August 16, 2017, and the major concern was the school buses and the kid's safety traveling on Country Club Drive. The council discussed different alternatives for the heavy industrial traffic, trucks hauling rock, asphalt, logs and other heavy materials currently using Country Club Drive as a bypass road, which keeps them from having to go to the stoplight. Council member Darrin Tabor made a motion to declare Country Club an emergency situation and council member D'Anna Sallin seconded the motion 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.

Motion by Darrin Tabor, second by Dwight Sherer to adopt ordinance 17-08 authorizing the city to engage Allied Contracting Group to repair Country Club Drive by noncompetitive negotiation due to emergency, if it could be done before August 16th, 2017. A roll call was given as follows: Phyllis Sykes yes, Darrin Tabor yes, Donnie Arflack yes, Dwight Sherer yes, D'Anna Sallin yes, and Mike Byford yes. Motion carried.

After a lengthy discussion council member Donnie Arflack made a motion to propose a resolution to close Country Club Drive until the Transportation Cabinet clarifies future plans to all through traffic, second was made by councilmember D'Anna Sallin, with the vote being as follows: Phyllis Sykes yes,

Darrin Tabor yes, Donnie Arflack yes, Dwight Sherer no, D'Anna Sallin yes, and Mike Byford no. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items on the special agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

JARED BYFORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAM ENOCH, CITY CLERK