

**Meeting of the Marion City Council
Monday, October 19, 2020- 5:15 p.m.**

The Marion City Council met in Regular Session October 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor Jared Byford presiding. Council members present were; Phyllis Sykes, Donnie Arflack, D'Anna Browning, and Mike Byford. City employees in attendance were as follows: Adam Ledford, Layten Croft, Pam Enoch, Chief Ray O'Neal, and the City Attorney Bart Frazer. A public sign-in sheet is attached and made part of these minutes.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Bill James a concerned citizen was at the council meeting requesting some issues to be addressed. (1) Marion Church of God, located on Fords Ferry Road, has ditches that flood when they flush fire hydrants. Mr. James requested that the maintenance crew use an old fire hose when flushing to place the water in a nearby drain. He also advised that the church bank is eroded partly due to the way the city is flushing the hydrants. Mayor Jared Byford requested a work order to be made out for ditch clean out. (2) Mr. James advised the manholes need to be fixed at the end of Carlisle and South Yandell Street. (3) He advised there is a square hole that needs to be fixed at Maple View Cemetery entrance. (4) Mr. James advised the entrance of Harmon Drive at U.S. 60E needed repair as well.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Motion made by Phyllis Sykes, seconded by D'Anna Browning to approve the minutes of September 21, 2020 council meeting and September 29th, and October 1, 2020 special called meetings same as submitted to the council. All voted yes.

Motion made by Phyllis Sykes, seconded by Mike Byford to appoint Kevin Maxfield to the Marion Recreation, Tourist and Convention Commission. All voted yes.

Administrator Ledford advised the council that leaf pick-up would be starting again this year. He advised that they will be dumped at the former county dump site.

Administrator Ledford updated the council on the E911 committee meeting. Ledford discussed looking toward the sharing option and he advised arrangements had been made for Union Co to look at our 911 Center. Ledford advised out source to KSP is least likely.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council member Phyllis Sykes stated Sergeant Heath Martin is doing his best with grass issue.

Council member Donnie Arflack asked about how many fire hydrants had been repaired.

Council member Donnie Arflack asked about surplus property, he advised the Fire Department had a lift gate that needed to be sold.

Council member D'Anna Browning advised there was a mosquito issue behind East Gum Street. Administrator Ledford advised reaching out to the Health Department.

Council member D'Anna Browning requested to know if water customers were paying on their debt since Covid.

Luisa, 911 Coordinator, was present at the council meeting to discuss the burden of working with only 4 dispatchers on a 24/7 schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the council, meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

JARED BYFORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAM ENOCH, CITY CLERK