

**Meeting of the Marion City Council
November 19, 2018**

The Marion City Council met in regular session November 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jared Byford presiding. Council members present were Phyllis Sykes, Darrin Tabor, Donnie Arflack, Dwight Sherer, D'Anna Browning, and Mike Byford. City employees in attendance were as follows: Adam Ledford, Melinda Gipson, Pam Enoch, Terri Hart, Brian Thomas, Ray O'Neal, and the city attorney. A public sign-in sheet is attached and made part of these minutes.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Motion by Phyllis Sykes, second by Dwight Sherer to approve the minutes of October 15, 2018 minutes submitted to the council. All voted yes.

City of Marion Street improvement priority list was included in the council's packet, to resolve finalizing the list of least the top 5 priorities. This list is not only based on need, but use. Residents from Oakhill Drive were back again, to see what could be done to their road. The Utility Director, Brian Thomas, stated he had checked out their situation on Oakhill Drive. He stated there was an offset in the road, down toward Brenda Underdown residents, causing vehicles to drag there. He said going to the high spot and feathering it in should fix the problem. After discussing what street needed to be first priority, motion by Donnie Arflack, second by Dwight Sherer to make Oakhill Drive first, Court Street second, and Watson Street third on the City of Marion's Street improvement priority list for next spring, all voted yes, except council member Darrin Tabor voted no. Motion carried.

Council member Donnie Arflack introduced ordinance #18-10, entitled, "An ordinance authorizing the mayor to execute a lease with the Marion Tourism Commission. The council discussed raising the Marion Tourism Commission monthly lease payment to \$1000.00. The city attorney gave the first reading of said ordinance.

The mayor stated he had heard from several residents on the letters that were sent out concerning annexation. The responses received from the letters were mainly against annexation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council member Phyllis Sykes suggested sending letters, regarding annexation, to other areas with city services, but not in city limits such as Whipoorwill Drive and part of Eugene Williams Trailer Park.

Council member Donnie Arflack requested the Fire Department to be a top priority when city workers are out salting the streets.

Council member D'Anna Browning wanted clarification concerning Oakhill Drive, making sure if road gets worse, the city can repair before spring.

Council member Mike Byford stated the crosswalks are still not working.

Council member Mike Byford stated Greg West property on Adam's Street needed attention.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the council, meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

JARED BYFORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAM ENOCH, CITY CLERK