

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

The Marion City Council met in regular session March 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 Sallin, and Mike Byford. City employees in attendance were as follows: Adam Ledford, Melinda Gipson, Pam Enoch, Terri Hart, and Ray O'Neal. A public sign-in sheet is attached and made part of these minutes.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS**

A dozen citizens were present at the council meeting concerning rumors of the city selling the Victory Gardens. The Crittenden Press had recently written an article about the Victory Gardens and the future of the property the city owns. The city council hadn't taken any action on the said property. Mayor Jared Byford explained to the citizens that there had been no decision made to sell the property. He apologized for any miscommunication over this matter. The council thought it would be best for the jailer Robbie Kirk be present at the next month's council meeting to discuss this issue. A copy of the agenda description from the city administrator, Adam Ledford, is attached and made part of these minutes.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Motion by Mike Byford, second by Dwight Sherer to approve the minutes of February 19, 2018 meeting with two corrections being Cory spelled with a K and some of the fire hydrants that didn't work had black bags over them. All voted yes.

The city administrator gave the second reading of ordinance #18-02, entitled, "An Ordinance of the City Marion, Kentucky amending chapter 74, establishing schedule VII of the code ordinances, by adding no through commercial traffic". Motion by Phyllis Sykes, second by D'Anna Sallin to adopt said ordinance with the vote being as follows: Phyllis Sykes yes, Donnie Arflack yes, Darrin Tabor yes, Dwight Sherer no, D'Anna Sallin yes, and Mike Byford no. Motion carried.

The council was provided an updated Marion Comprehensive Plan in their packets. The Code Enforcement Officer, Terri Hart, answered all questions or concerns the council had.

Motion by Mike Byford, second by Donnie Arflack to adopt resolution #18-01 authorizing execution of PADD agreement for Marion Sidewalk Project. All voted yes. A copy of said resolution is attached and made part of these minutes.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Council member Phyllis Sykes asked the fire chief for a chart showing all non-working fire hydrants.

Council member Phyllis Sykes said she had attended Park Board meeting and things were coming together on what needed to be done.

Council member Phyllis Sykes stated it was time to work on a job description for the park board.

Council member Darrin Tabor inquired about summer help for the city to keep up with the mowing.

Council member Darrin Tabor said the pot holes are bad on Adam Street.

Council member Donnie Arflack said there were pot holes that needed to be patched on Old Shady Grove Road.

Council member Dwight Sherer stated the street light was out around the Curve In.

Council member D'Anna Sallin questioned the smell at the old car wash down by Conrad's.

Council member D'Anna Sallin said the trusses on the bridge at the walking trail were coming up and could be a safety issue.

Council member D'Anna Sallin said it wasn't in the February 2018 minutes that Shellye Conger would like to be on the Tourism Board.

Council member D'Anna Sallin felt the Tourism money could be used more wisely. She felt more should be spent on the park. She also felt the money spent on the brochures should be done by business owners in Marion.

Council member Mike Byford stated the street from Gum Street to Elm Street was in bad shape.

Council member Mike Byford said we could only encourage tourism on their spending.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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JARED BYFORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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PAM ENOCH, CITY CLERK