

**Minutes of Marion City Council Meeting
January 9, 2023-5:00 p.m.**

The Marion City Council met in Regular Session on January 9, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor D'Anna Browning presiding. Council members present were as follows: Randy Dunn, Wanda Olson, Dwight Sherer, Bobby Belt, and Mike Byford. City employees were as follows: Layten Croft, Pam Enoch, Cortny Cosby, Jeff Black, Greg Tabor, Garry Gerard, Police Chief Ray O'Neal, Ronald Howton, and City Attorney Bart Frazer, A public sign-in sheet is attached and made part of these minutes.

Mayor D'Anna Browning welcomed Boy Scouts from Marion Troop 30 to the council meeting, this was part of their work toward a merit badge.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Motion by Mike Byford, seconded by Randy Dunn to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2022 council meeting with one correction adding council member Bobby Belt's name to taking the oath of office at the December 19, 2022 council meeting. All voted yes.

Mayor Browning asked for open discussion for the appointment of Marion City Councilperson Pursuant to KRS 83A.040. The following names were mentioned to fill the vacant seat for councilperson: Councilmember Randy Dunn mentioned Taylor Davis and Tracy Cook, Councilmember Wanda Olson mentioned Frank Pierce, Councilmember Dwight Sherer mentioned Taylor Davis and Frank Pierce, Councilmember Bobby Belt mentioned Tracy Cook and Taylor Davis, and Council member Mike Byford mentioned Taylor Davis and Tracy Cook. Mayor Browning asked for each council member to vote for one of the mentioned names for the vacant council seat: Councilmember Randy Dunn voted for Taylor Davis, Councilmember Wanda Olson voted for Tracy Cook, Councilmember Dwight Sherer voted for Frank Pierce, Councilmember Bobby Belt voted for Tracy Cook, and Councilmember Mike Byford voted for Taylor Davis. Tracy Cook and Taylor Davis tied and the council voted a second time to break the tie vote as follows: Councilmember Mike Byford voted for Taylor Davis, Councilmember Bobby Belt voted for Tracy Cook, Councilmember Dwight Sherer voted for Tracy Cook, Wanda Olson voted for Tracy Cook, and Randy Dunn voted for Taylor Davis. Motion by Councilmember Bobby Belt, seconded by Councilmember Randy Dunn to appoint Tracy Cook to fill the vacant position of councilperson. All Voted yes.

City Clerk, Pam Enoch, administered the oath of office to Councilmember Tracy Cook, and Tracy then joined the council for the meeting.

Councilmember Bobby Belt nominated councilmember Randy Dunn for appointment of Mayor Pro tempore. Motion by Wanda Olson, second by Bobby Belt to appoint councilmember Randy Dunn for Mayor Pro Tempore. All voted yes.

Motion by Dwight Sherer, seconded by Wanda Olson to adopt "Joint Resolution of the Fiscal Courts of Crittenden County KY, Livingston County Ky and the City Councils of Grand Rivers Ky, Salem Ky, Smithland KY, Marion KY and the Board of Crittenden-Livingston Counties Water District" with the vote being as follows: Randy Dunn yes, Wanda Olson yes, Tracy Cook yes, Dwight Sherer yes, Bobby Belt yes, and Mike Byford yes. Motion carried. A copy of the said resolution is attached and made part of these minutes.

Tim Thomas, the city's water consultant, was present at the council meeting to update the council on the water crisis. Mr. Thomas stated that all the information he had received indicates the city's water leaks are back up to 30 percent. Mr. Thomas suggested the city contact the leak detection contractor and have them come back and look. Mr. Thomas stated he had talked with Engineer Alan Robinson and he agreed the city needed to start replacing water lines to maintain water leaks.

Mayor Browning advised she had asked Donnie Arflack if he would like to be appointed to the MCC911 Board for a second term, he wished to be reappointed. Motion by Mike Byford, seconded by Randy Dunn to appoint Donnie Arflack to the MCC911 Board. All voted yes.

Mayor Browning then appointed Brian Kirby as the Assistant Fire Chief of MFD. Motion by Mike Byford, seconded by Randy Dunn. All voted yes.

Motion by Dwight Sherer, seconded by Tracy Cook to install a street light at the corner of US 60 East and Pippi Hardin Blvd. All voted yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Browning wanted to thank Garry Gerard and all the maintenance guys for their hard work the last 2-3 weeks and for doing a good job with the leaf pick-up.

Council member Tracy Cook thanked everyone for her opportunity to serve on the council.

Council member Dwight Sherer thought it was time to lift the burn ban inside the city. City Attorney Bart Frazer advised he would draw up the paperwork.

Council member Mike Byford stated that there was a half-eaten deer by the Crittenden County Fire Department and asked maintenance to pick it up.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no business to come before the council; the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.


D'ANNA BROWNING, MAYOR

ATTEST:


PAM ENOCH, CITY CLERK