

**Meeting of the Marion City Special Called Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at 5:00 P.M.**

The Marion City Council met in a special session on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor D'Anna Browning presiding. Council members included Randy Dunn, Wanda Olson, Tracy Cook, Dwight Sherer, Bobby Belt, and Mike Byford.

Mayor Browning gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #23-02 entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 22-08- The City of Marion, Kentucky, Annual Budget for the fiscal year 07/01/2022 through 06/30/2023. Motion by Dwight Sherer, seconded by Tracy Cook to adopt said ordinance 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.

Mayor Browning gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #23-03, entitled, "An Ordinance adopting the City of Marion, Kentucky, an annual budget for Fiscal Year 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2024 by estimating revenue and resources and appropriating Funds for the operation of City Government". Council member Randy Dunn questioned why the Marion Fire Department wasn't included in the pay plan. Council Mike Byford asked why the ABC fund was down from last year. The vote is as follows: Randy Dunn yes, Wanda Olson yes, Tracy Cook yes, Dwight Sherer yes, Bobby Belt yes, and Mike Byford yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Browning gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #23-04, entitled, "An Ordinance amending the pay plan for the Classified City Employees and Non-Elected Officials." Motion by Tracy Cook, seconded by Bobby Belt. Council member Mike Byford advised that the new City Administrator, Diane Ford-Benningfield had only been here since May 1, 2023 and did not think it was fair for her to get a 6.5 percent raise since she has just started this position, he mentioned he didn't want any hard feelings. There was a brief discussion by the council and Mayor on this issue and after said discussion, a motion was made by Mike Byford, seconded by Randy Dunn that in six months from Ford-Benningfield's date of hire the council would give Administrator Ford-Benningfield the 6.5% increase with the vote being as follows: Randy Dunn yes, Wanda Olson yes, Tracy Cook yes, Dwight Sherer no, Bobby Belt no, and Mike Byford yes. The motion carried. Donnie Arflack then approached the Mayor and Council about the Fire Department not getting a raise. With no other discussion, a vote on the ordinance as amended was had with the vote as follows: Randy Dunn yes, Wanda Olson yes, Tracy Cook yes, Dwight Sherer yes, Bobby Belt yes, Mike Byford yes. Motion carried.

Donnie Arflack wanted the council to consider giving the MFD a raise. He advised that all the old ones would be going off soon, giving the young people incentive to volunteer. It was noted that last year the volunteers received a 7% increase in pay.


Motion by Wanda Olson, seconded by Mike Byford to appoint Roseann Chandler to the Crittenden County Board of Tax Assessment Board. All voted yes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no more business on the special agenda; a motion by Mike Byford, seconded by Bobby Belt to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m. All voted yes.

  
D'ANNA BROWNING, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
PAM ENOCH, CITY CLERK