

Meeting of the Marion City Council
Monday, December 15, 2025, at 5:00 PM

The Marion City Council met in regular session on December 15, 2025, at 5:00 PM with Mayor Browning presiding. Council Members present were as follows: Randy Dunn, Wanda Olson, Taylor Davis, Dwight Sherer, Bobby Belt and Cutter Singleton. City Employees present were as follows: Chief Bobby West, Adam Ledford, Layten Croft, Cortny Cosby, Greg Tabor, Jeff Black, Tanya Byers and Legal Service Officer Bart Frazer.

Public Comments

Mayor Browning wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Ric Carder expressed concerns about the condition of streets within the city and inquired about the leaf pickup. Mayor Browning advised that it was pothole season, but we have been able to repave several streets so far. Greg Tabor stated he was still waiting for a part before the leaf vac will be operational again.

Robert Horrack questioned why maintenance was still reading meters. Cortny Cosby advised maintenance has a list of all meters, they are in the process of confirming addresses with meter numbers. Cortny added there are several meters that have yet to be changed and those require manual reading. Mayor Browning stated that the meter transition has not been as smooth as what we were hoping for.

General Government

A motion was made by Bobby Belt, seconded by Randy Dunn to approve minutes from the regular meeting on November 17, 2025. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

Jeff Walker, a representative from Walker and Associates, presented the 2024-2025 audit. Jeff wished everyone a Merry Christmas and began the presentation stating this had been an interesting past few years and added that we have overcome so much. Jeff stated no issues were found, he received great staff cooperation and mentioned the Management Discussion and Analysis (MDA) made by the City Manager Adam Ledford that compared each year. Jeff stated that page 22 gave a breakdown of revenues for Water and Sewer and noted several other pages. Jeff advised the council that he was always available for any questions. Mayor Browning asked when the sewer plant would be paid off. Layten Croft advised 2055. Mayor Browning stated that Jeff was an independent third-party auditor. Jeff advised that the audit was a public record. Mayor Browning stated she would like to see an ordinance that requires the audit to be available online. A motion was made by Dwight Sherer, seconded by Randy Dunn to accept the 2024-2025 audit as presented. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

Alan Robinson, a representative of Eclipse Engineering, presented a project description plaque to Adam Ledford for the new wastewater treatment plant. Alan explained that the plaque was to be displayed in the new WWTP to show what the plant does and how it works. Alan stated the new WWTP has been successfully treating sewage for a year and a half now. Alan provided an update on water grant projects, stating there was a water line replacement on Country Drive and added that it would be sewed and fixed this spring. Alan stated that the water meter replacement project was still incomplete, 1431 have been switched and about 81 are remaining, all of the bigger 1- and 2-inch meters remain. Alan stated that once the installation is complete, meter reading will be done remotely from City Hall. Cutter Singleton asked Alan when the project would be complete. Alan stated all in all the project would be completed this spring. Chief Bobby West questioned how much the replacement batteries would cost and what their life expectancy would be. Alan advised the battery life would be about 10 years, and the cost would be between \$100-\$200 each. Bobby Belt suggested a plan or sinking fund to save for battery replacements. Dwight Sherer asked if the meters would read incorrectly when they begin to go bad. Alan replied no that does not happen. Mayor Browning asked about decommissioning the old wastewater plant and expressed concerns about mosquitos. Greg Tabor suggested using dirt to fill the pits. Adam Ledford suggested an FFA Fishery, if the school was interested, it would require very little retro fitting and stated that he knew of two sewer plants that have successfully made the transition.

Mayor Browning began the discussion on Resolution No. 25-07 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CRITTENDEN-LIVINGSTON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR WATER". Mayor Browning explained last summer was rough, expressed she wanted the agreement to state a specific amount of water per day, and to prevent us from being cut off when the county has a leak. Mayor Browning also expressed concerns that we would then be forced to purchase water when it was

not needed. Bobby Belt questioned the odds of a 5-year contract taking us to the new plant. Cutter Singleton asked what happens if we get in the same situation as last summer and asked about an alternate source. Taylor Davis asked Jeff Black what the worst-case scenario would be in the water plant. Jeff Black stated losing the high-water service pumps or the electrical system. A motion was made by Taylor Davis, seconded by Wanda Olson to table Resolution No. 25-07 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CRITTENDEN-LIVINGSTON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR WATER. All present members voted yes. Resolution was not passed.

Mayor Browning provided the second reading of ORDINANCE NO. 25-18 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §91.99 PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 91: STREETS AND SIDEWALKS ORDINANCE FINE SCHEDULE". A motion was made by Wanda Olson, seconded by Randy Dunn to approve ORDINANCE NO. 25-18 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §91.99 PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 91: STREETS AND SIDEWALKS ORDINANCE FINE SCHEDULE". Roll call: Randy Dunn: yes; Wanda Olson: yes; Taylor Davis: yes; Dwight Sherer: yes; Bobby Belt: yes; Cutter Singleton: yes. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Browning provided the second reading of ORDINANCE NO. 25-19 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §92.99 PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 92: NUISANCES FINE SCHEDULE". A motion was made by Taylor Davis, seconded by Wanda Olson to approve ORDINANCE NO. 25-19 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §92.99 PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 92: NUISANCES FINE SCHEDULE". Roll call: Randy Dunn: yes; Wanda Olson: yes; Taylor Davis: yes; Dwight Sherer: yes; Bobby Belt: yes; Cutter Singleton: yes. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Browning provided the second reading of ORDINANCE 25-20 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 25-10 AMENDING THE PAY PLAN FOR CLASSIFIED CITY EMPLOYEES AND NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS". Mayor Browning explained this amendment grants the City Treasurer a 5.9% salary increase. Wanda Olson asked if the increase was only for the City Treasurer. Mayor Browning responded yes. A motion was made by Bobby Belt, seconded by Dwight Sherer to approve ORDINANCE 25-20 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 25-10 AMENDING THE PAY PLAN FOR CLASSIFIED CITY EMPLOYEES AND NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS". Roll call: Randy Dunn: yes; Wanda Olson: yes; Taylor Davis: yes; Dwight Sherer: yes; Bobby Belt: yes; Cutter Singleton: yes. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

Adam Ledford presented the 2025-2026 year to date budget including the Alcohol Beverage Fund, Tourism Fund, LGEO fund, Municipal Aid Fund and Water & Sewer Funds. Adam advised if anyone had any questions about the MDA included in Jeff Walker's audit that was presented tonight to let him know. Adam reminded everyone that our regular council meeting will be the 4th Monday in January.

Mayor Browning thanked Cortny Cosby for suggesting we waive late fees in December due to delays related to meter installation.

Chief Bobby West stated January 8, 2026, Rome Dickerson will graduate from the police academy. Mayor Browning replied stating Rome was a great hire.

The Fire Department advised they have obtained a new fire truck located in Marshall County, the truck is a newer model than they previously considered.

Jeff Black stated that we had 78 days of water left with no rain, the chlorine levels are up, and manganese levels are down.

Tony Jackson was not present for an update.

Tanya Byers provided a Code Enforcement/ Planning and Zoning update with the corresponding packet. Dwight Sherer asked Tanya for the list of people she was unable to contact. Tanya advised she will print the list after this meeting.

Other Business

Cutter Singleton questioned when the council would revisit the conversation about the City Administrator's salary increase. Mayor Browning advised in 6 months.

Bobby Belt stated that he had a meeting with Kyle Poat from the State Highway Department about changing the 4-way stop, it did not go as planned. Bobby stated he would be looking into other options.

Dwight Sherer requested an update on the creek cleanout project. Mayor Browning advised the creek clean out project was a big idea with several complications.

Randy Dunn reported a water leak between S Main Street and Chapel Hill Road. Greg Tabor stated he would look into it.

Mayor Browning announced a Christmas Market that will take place in 2026 after the annual Christmas parade, the market will be located on East Carlisle Street. Mayor Browning also stated that she would like to see another snow day celebration soon.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Wanda Olson, seconded by Randy Dunn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

MAYOR D'ANNA BROWNING

ATTEST: CORTNY COSBY, CITY CLERK