

**Meeting of the Marion City Council  
Monday, March 16, 2026, at 5:00 PM**

The Marion City Council met in regular session on March 16, 2026, 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, Anna Baker, Greg Tabor, Tony Jackson, Jeff Black, Tanya Byers, Ronald Howton and Legal Service Officer Bart Frazer.

**Public Comments**

Kenneth Downs, the pastor at Ambassadors for Christ expressed concerns about the lack of parking at the church and stated the church was willing to sell and relocate to resolve the issue. Kenneth Downs also mentioned previous concerns about snow being piled up blocking the path into the church. Mayor Browning advised she spoke with Greg Tabor and Adam Ledford about the snow removal.

**General Government**

Cutter Singleton requested a revision be made, a name change from Rachel Arflack to Kathy Arflack. A motion was made by Randy Dunn, seconded by Cutter Singleton to approve revised minutes from the regular meeting February 16, 2026. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Browning stated she was awaiting a response from the Mayoral appointment candidate for the Marion Planning and Zoning Commission.

Adam Ledford referenced the subcommittee sign-up sheet included in the packet and requested the council to fill it out and bring it back to City Hall before the next meeting.

Bart Frazer provided the first reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 26-04 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY AMENDING CHAPTER 35: PERSONNEL POLICIES TO AMEND THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY TO INCORPORATE RECOMMENDED UPDATES BY KENTUCKY LEAGUE OF CITIES (KLC)**. Adam Ledford provided a brief explanation of the ordinance. Dwight Sherer sponsored ORDINANCE NO. 26-04 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY AMENDING CHAPTER 35: PERSONNEL POLICIES TO AMEND THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY TO INCORPORATE RECOMMENDED UPDATES BY KENTUCKY LEAGUE OF CITIES (KLC).

Bart Frazer read **RESOLUTION NO 26-01** entitled, **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARION ACCEPTING THE GRANT, APPROVING THE GRANT ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF MARION'S ANNUAL BUDGET, AND AUTHORIZING A REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS**. Adam Ledford explained that the resolution was a necessary step. A motion was made by Wanda Olson, seconded by Randy Dunn to approve RESOLUTION NO 26-01 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARION ACCEPTING THE GRANT, APPROVING THE GRANT ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF MARION'S ANNUAL BUDGET, AND AUTHORIZING A REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

Bart Frazer read **RESOLUTION NO 26-02** entitled, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, DECLARING CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF SAID PROPERTY AS PERMITTED UNDER KENTUCKY LAW**. Adam Ledford advised an additional list was handed out at this meeting that included the Marion Police Department. Bobby Belt asked if the police department speed gun could be used for the high school baseball team. Chief Bobby West advised the equipment was ancient and could not be repurposed. Adam Ledford advised items can be viewed by appointment only. Adam Ledford stated the Marion Fire Department will add to the list at a later date. A motion was made by Bobby Belt, seconded by Cutter Singleton to approve RESOLUTION NO 26-02 entitled, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, DECLARING CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF SAID PROPERTY AS PERMITTED UNDER KENTUCKY LAW. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

Bart Frazer provided the first reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 26-03, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, AMENDING TITLE XV: LAND USAGE, BY ADDING CHAPTER 150.21: DEMOLITION PERMITS**. Cutter Singleton sponsored

ORDINANCE NO. 26-03. Adam Ledford advised that it was common practice. Tanya Byers advised prior to this, individuals were to obtain a building permit.

Adam Ledford advised the City has been reviewing the best method of proceeding forward with a formal agreement with towing and storage related to enforcement actions by code enforcement or police officers. Mayor Browning advised this would be a non-exclusive arrangement and could potentially have a rotation. No action was taken at this meeting.

Tanya Byers and Adam Ledford began a discussion on the program to ramp up enforcement through 2026 using existing and newly implemented ordinances that are necessary to ensure we are compliant with current federal, state and local laws. This month the topic was signage. Adam Ledford expressed the importance of education before enforcement. Wanda Olson had questions regarding temporary signs such as campaign signs. No action was taken at this meeting.

Tanya Byers proposed new software for Code Enforcement, she explained all of her duties and how the program could benefit the city. Mayor Browning asked if there was a commitment required for the dollar amount Tanya Byers presented. Tanya Byers advised yes and the price would be locked in for 3 years. Bobby Belt voiced concerns and asked several questions such as how it would be paid for. Mayor Browning advised that the software could pay for itself in fines and efficiency. Taylor Davis asked how much time this would save Tanya Byers. Dwight Sherer asked Tanya Byers to provide the other options. Cutter Singleton asked Adam Ledford for his opinion. Randy Dunn stated that we needed to give her the tools she needs. Mayor Browning advised a vote would be on next month's agenda.

Bart Frazer provided the second reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 26-02, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, AMENDING CHAPTER 35: PERSONNEL POLICIES TO AMEND THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY TO ADD CYBERSECURITY**. A motion was made by Wanda Olson, seconded by Randy Dunn to approve ORDINANCE NO. 26-02, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, AMENDING CHAPTER 35: PERSONNEL POLICIES TO AMEND THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY TO ADD CYBERSECURITY. 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.

Bart Frazer provided the second reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 26-01, AND ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #25-09 ADOPTING THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 07/01/2025 FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT**. A motion was made by Cutter Singleton, seconded by Taylor Davis to approve ORDINANCE NO. 26-01, AND ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #25-09 ADOPTING THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 07/01/2025 FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT. 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 began a discussion on Ordinance #92 related to nuisance vehicles, at the previous meeting the council indicated they may want to make changes, but no formal action was taken. Wanda Olson requested exceptions for commercial business. Mayor Browning agreed but did not want to make businesses completely exempt. Bobby Belt requested an amendment for yard sales lasting 72 hours.

Adam Ledford recognized Anna Baker for evaluating the current employee manual and updating it to better match KLC recommendations.

Adam Ledford stated the city will be conducting inventory of water service connections and identifying what each connection consists of per EPA regulations, he stated this was mandated by Federal and State Government.

Bobby West advised KLC has supplied a TI Simulator for the month beginning Thursday and invited the council and public to take part in the simulator.

Red Howton reported the new fire truck was up and going and performed several runs already.

Jeff Black reported he had two lakes full of water.

Tony Jackson reported that the technicians were in today to repair the coarse screen at the sewer plant, he stated they were waiting on tools.

Mayor Browning mentioned the paving list. Wanda Olson requested paving at N Maple and Poplar Street by Farmers Bank. Bobby West requested Moore St by the nursing home.

Adam Ledford acknowledged that the staff pulled together and completed all of the KLC recommendations, saving the city several thousand dollars in insurance according to Ben Cook.

Layten Croft provided an update reflecting projects she was involved in within the past few weeks. A full version was included in the packet.

### **Other Business**

Cutter Singleton mentioned Kathy Arflack's yard on Moore St. And a leak on Kevil St. Cutter Singleton asked about the pothole behind City Hall. Cutter Singleton inquired about the new meters and asked how effective they are at preventing water loss at this point.

Bobby Belt advised there was a pothole forming on Chadd St. Bobby Belt asked why the meter change out was not complete. Adam Ledford advised several meters were commercial and would likely need the area around the meter replaced as well. Bobby Belt stated the parking lines were gone along Main Street.

Dwight Sherer mentioned farm season approaching and asked what was happening to keep chicken manure from polluting the water again. Mayor Browning advised that she spoke with the property owner. Cutter Singleton advised that he spoke to Cindy Jenkins from the Conservation District very briefly. Adam Ledford stated that beavers were also an issue. Dwight Sherer recognized Adam Ledford and the maintenance team for their work on Fords Ferry Rd.

Wanda Olson stated that the one-way street sign behind the new courthouse was blocked by construction materials. Wanda Olson asked about the veteran flags being stored at the VFW. Mayor Browning advised to prevent fading, the flags are exhibited in the city for a certain duration and then relocated to the VFW, where they can be observed when not in use.

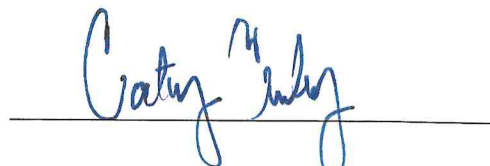
Randy Dunn mentioned the potholes on Chapel Hill Rd.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion was made by Wanda Olson, seconded by Randy Dunn to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.



Mayor D'Anna Browning



ATTEST: Cortny Cosby, City Clerk