

Meeting of the Marion City Council
Monday, April 20, 2026, at 5:00 PM

The Marion City Council met in regular session on April 20, 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, Greg Tabor, Jeff Black, Anna Baker, Ronald Howton, Tanya Byers and Dekota Adamson.

Public Comments

Chris Cook, the Crittenden County Educational Development chair, spoke about rezoning 9 acres of land on Industrial Park near the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant area from General Industrial to Agricultural zoning. Chris stated the request would accommodate a local business and add 2-3 more jobs to the community. Mayor Browning added the buyer has a joining property to this.

Mindy Withrow asked about the drafted press publications of Ordinances that were made available to the public at the podium.

Minutes

- A. A motion was made by Cutter Singleton, seconded by Randy Dunn to approve minutes from the regular meeting March 16, 2026. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Bobby Belt, seconded by Randy Dunn to approve minutes from the special called meeting March 31, 2026. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

Proclamations

- A. Mayor Browning advised her and Judge Perry Newcom with the Crittenden County Fiscal Court proclaimed April 2026 Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.
- B. Mayor Browning proclaimed May 4, 2026, Firefighter Appreciation Day, then read the proclamation and thanked the firefighters in attendance.

New Business

- A. Mayor Browning referenced the proposed subcommittee list in the packet then explained subcommittees. The list of appointments would recognize assignments through the end of 2026 and will be replaced by new assignments in January of 2027. A motion was made to approve the list of proposed subcommittee appointments by Bobby Belt, seconded by Wanda Olson. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.
- B. Mayor Browning recognized Anna Baker for creating a flyer for the **2026 Spring Clean up event**. Mayor Browning stated Judge Executive Perry Newcom received a grant making tires acceptable at the spring clean up event. Mayor Browning went over the event details briefly and announced the city will be paying 33% up to \$18,000. A motion to apply 33% up to \$18,000 towards the next free dump day was made by Taylor Davis, seconded by Wanda Olson. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.
- C. Mayor Browning reads **RESOLUTION #26-05 entitled, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COOPER TOWING AND RECOVERY FOR TOWING AND VEHICLE STORAGE**. Adam Ledford explained Cooper Towing and Recovery will charge a fee of \$225 related to the towing service and \$65 a day for storage plus an additional tax fee. A motion to approve RESOLUTION #26-05 entitled, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COOPER TOWING AND RECOVERY FOR TOWING AND VEHICLE STORAGE was made by Wanda Olson, seconded by Randy Dunn. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.
- D. Mayor Browning provided the first reading of **ORDINANCE #26-06 entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, AMENDING TITLE IX: GENERAL REGULATIONS, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 92.02: MAINTAINING PUBLIC NUISANCE**. Cutter Singleton sponsored ORDINANCE #26-06 entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, AMENDING TITLE IX: GENERAL REGULATIONS, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 92.02: MAINTAINING PUBLIC NUISANCE. Adam Ledford explained the amendments made to 92.03 and 92.04 as requested by the council back in March 2026. Cutter Singleton asked about the pools of water at the old Waster Water Treatment Plant. Mayor Browning advised the plant was being decommissioned. Adam Ledford advised the city was in the process of converting the old plant into a fishery, waiting for a conversation with a state representative to move forward with that.

- E. Branden Locke, President of the Community Arts Foundation, and a representative of the Crittenden County 250th Legacy Liberty Event provided a presentation of the upcoming event. Brandon stated the family friendly event is set to take place Friday, June 25-26th. Brandon was present to request the city's insurance coverage for this event, Adam Ledford advised that would not be an additional cost to the city. Brandon added if anyone felt the need, he could accept donations for the event but would need to know as soon as possible. A motion was made to extend liability insurance for this event by Dwight Sherer, seconded by Wanda Olson. All present members voted yes. Motion carried. No action was taken at this meeting for financial donations.
- F. Mayor Browning provided the first reading of **ORDINANCE # 26-07 entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #25-09 AND ORDINANCE #26-01 ADOPTING THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 07/01/2025 THROUGH 06/30/2026 BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT.** Dwight Sherer sponsored ORDINANCE # 26-07 entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #25-09 AND ORDINANCE #26-01 ADOPTING THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 07/01/2025 THROUGH 06/30/2026 BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT.
- G. Mayor Browning began a discussion on the street and alley priority list submitted by Greg Tabor. Mayor Browning added the east end of Chapel Hill Rd. Adam Ledford recommended removing a portion of N Weldon, from Pigeon to the end due to being beyond city limits. Bobby Belt added N Walker past Foh's Hall. Wanda Olson added N Maple, as well as Bellville St to Travis St. Cutter Singleton added Court St. Adam Ledford recommended removing Circle Dr. Ric Carder requested the barriers to be reset on N Walker St, to help better identify the road is closed.
- H. Adam Ledford reads the consideration of going out for **bids for the Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Improvement Project.** A motion to go out for bids for the Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Improvement Project was made by Wanda Olson, seconded by Randy Dunn. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.
- I. Adam Ledford reads the consideration of going out for **bids for the Water Line Replacement Project.** Adam Ledford explained Donnie Arflack was concerned about the number of fire hydrants included, he explained there are up to 9 fire hydrants total. A motion to go out for bids for the Water Line Replacement Project was made by Bobby Belt, seconded by Cutter Singleton. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.
- J. Mayor Browning provided the first reading of **ORDINANCE #26.08, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 01-23 TO REZONE LOT NUMBERS 069-00-00-018.06, 069-00-00-018.07, MARION, KENTUCKY, FROM I-2, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO AG, AGRICULTURAL.** Wanda Olson sponsored ORDINANCE #26-08 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 01-23 TO REZONE LOT NUMBERS 069-00-00-018.06, 069-00-00-018.07, MARION, KENTUCKY, FROM I-2, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO AG, AGRICULTURAL.
- K. Mayor Browning reads the consideration of going out for **bids for Code Enforcement Mowing Services.** Mayor Browning explained the process, as well as when and why the services would be necessary. Mayor Browning explained the idea is to have the company mow by the hour, bill the city and then the city will bill the property owner in addition to any other fees the property owner has accrued. Adam Ledford advised the services would be paid for with money set aside for Code Enforcement purposes. A motion to go out for bids for Code Enforcement Mowing Services was made by Randy Dunn, seconded by Taylor Davis. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

Continued Business

- A. Mayor Browning provided the second reading of **ORDINANCE#26-04, AND 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 recommended changing the amount of time employees can use for sick or vacation time from 4–8-hour blocks down to 1-hour blocks. Adam Ledford also suggested matching the state guidelines for meal and mileage reimbursement, he added matching the meal reimbursement plan could be up to a \$6 change daily. A motion was made to approve ORDINANCE#26-04, AND 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) and the changes recommended by Adam Ledford was made by Dwight Sherer, seconded by Cutter Singleton.

Roll Call Vote: Randy Dunn: Yes
Taylor Davis: Yes
Wanda Olson: Yes
Dwight Sherer: Yes
Bobby Belt: Yes
Cutter Singleton: Yes

All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

- B. Mayor Browning provided the second reading of **ORDINANCE #26-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, AMENDING TITTLE XV: LAND USAGE, BY ADDING CHAPTER 150.21: DEMOLITION PERMITS**. A motion to approve ORDINANCE #26-03 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, AMENDING TITTLE XV: LAND USAGE, BY ADDING CHAPTER 150.21: DEMOLITION PERMITS was made by Cutter Singleton, seconded by Wanda Olson.

Roll Call Vote: Randy Dunn: Yes
Taylor Davis: Yes
Wanda Olson: Yes
Dwight Sherer: Yes
Bobby Belt: Yes
Cutter Singleton: Yes

All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

- C. Tanya Byers began a follow up discussion on the Code Enforcement Software. Wanda Olson requested clarification on the annual price. Tanya Byers advised the price is locked in for 3 years at \$3,500 annually. Bobby Belt expressed several concerns about the program including who would have access. Tanya Byers advised who will have access, and stated the city owns the data and if one day the city backs out of the program the data will still be available to the city. Mayor Browning advised Tanya that she would like the ability to see flagged properties from the city website. Cutter Singleton asked Tanya Byers if the program would help increase citations. Tanya Byers advised it would increase citations, and allow more time in the field. A motion was made by Cutter Singleton, seconded by Randy Dunn to approve the iWorQ price proposal. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Adam Ledford provided highlights from his report in the packet mentioning the Listening Session held April 9, 2026, for anyone who had questions or suggestions about the budget. Adam Ledford mentioned a FEMA grant, specifically for generators that could potentially power several pump stations, the airport and water plant. Adam thanked Randy Dunn for his help in determining the appropriate size generator needed. Adam Ledford advised that annually the city has been required to turn in a SLFRF to the US Treasury. Adam advised there have been issues with this report over the last few years, Adam stated that he resolved the issues and predicted that it would officially close out our reporting requirement to the administration.

Jeff Black advised both lakes are full of water.

Tony Jackson was not present, Greg Tabor advised the state's Pfas representative would be coming this week.

Greg Tabor updated maintenance has been busy filling potholes and mowing. Mayor Browning requested Greg Tabor to patch Chapel Hill Rd.

Mayor/Council/ Staff comments, Reports, and Questions

Cutter Singleton stated there is a street sign missing where Depot and S Weldon meet. Cutter asked Tanya Byers when the iWorQ system would be operational. Tanya responded should be no more than 60 days. Cutter asked when the Firetruck would be going to Paducah. Adam Ledford advised reaching out to Red Howton. Cutter thanked Greg Tabor for helping Mrs. Arflack.

Bobby Belt requested the parking lines and street curbs on Main Street be repainted. Bobby mentioned the pothole on Harmon Dr, would like that to be added to the list.

Mayor Browning requested weed killer in front of the Marion Café.

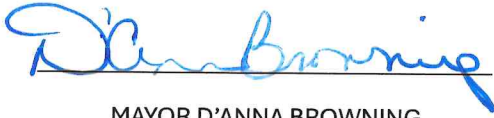
Dwight Sherer suggested selling shirts for 250th anniversary. Adam Ledford advised the city was looking into pricing, will follow up.

Wanda Olson requested the handicap parking spot by Bart Frazer's office be reset.

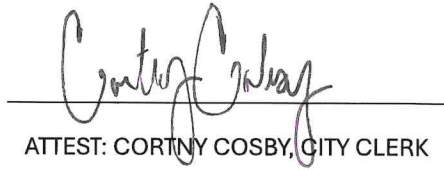
Randy Dunn asked about the orange barrels by Farmers Bank. Adam Ledford advised he would add that to the list.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion was made by Wanda Olson, seconded by Randy Dunn to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.



MAYOR D'ANNA BROWNING



ATTEST: CORTNY COSBY, CITY CLERK