

City of Marianna
Regular City Commission Meeting
December 7, 2021
6:00 PM

City Hall
2898 Green Street
Join by Zoom:
Dial 929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 830 0230 3251

The Marianna City Commission met for a regular meeting on the above date and time. Mayor Ephriam called the meeting to order. City Clerk, Kimberly J. Applewhite, called the roll. Members present were: Mayor Allen Ward, II, Kenneth Hamilton, Travis Ephriam, Rico Williams and John E. Roberts.

Mayor Ward gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Jim Dean requested to add 10I. Upon a motion by Commissioner Ephriam with a second by Commissioner Williams, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ephriam, with a second by Commissioner Roberts, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the minutes for November 2nd and the special meeting on November 29th, 2021.

Melinda Gay, Administrator for the Marianna Health & Rehab Center, was present to give an update on the Center. The census for December 2021 was 72%. On November 12th new visitation guide lines were passed allowing families to see their loved ones without an appointment and were able to visit in the rooms of the residents and dining rooms. With the new guide lines, the center has been able to do more activities with residents.

Mayor Ward recognized Bertha Walker and Danny Wikle for their years of service to the City.

At this time the Mayor opened the public forum, giving the audience the opportunity to comment on any subject not on the agenda.

The President of Gilmore Academy appeared before the Commission. Mr. Grady Snell, Jr. gave an update on the progress being made at the old Marianna Middle school property. He indicated that landscaping and maintenance are being addressed, tutoring is every Tuesday night for those who need extra help, cheer practice and community basketball for outdoor activities. He told the Commission that the AC Units (2) need to be serviced and or repaired.

The Public Hearing was closed.

City Manager Jim Dean read proposed Ordinance #1118 by title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF MARIANNA, FLORIDA TO UPDATE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This is the first reading.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ephriam, with a second by Commissioner Williams, the Commission voted unanimously to advertise proposed Ordinance No. 1118.

City Manager Jim Dean read proposed Ordinance #1119 by title:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF MARIANNA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE MARIANNA CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 18 BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS AND CHAPTER 30 FLOODS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This is the first reading.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts, with a second by Commissioner Williams, the Commission voted unanimously to advertise proposed Ordinance No. 1119.

City Manager Jim Dean presented the Commission with the December 2021 planning and permitting report.

The Planning and Zoning Board met November 30, 2021 and reviewed a variance request and recommended approval. Edward Jones Investments wants to move the business sign closer to the sidewalk due to visibility and landscaping issues.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts, with a second by Commissioner Hamilton, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the variance request.

City Manager Jim Dean presented to the Commission with the MOU for Project TOC. The City, Jackson County, and the JCEDC have been working with TOC who desires to locate at the West End of Marianna. In order to move the project forward, closer to a contract with the company, and agree to locate at the West End an MOU is needed. City staff has been working with the JCEDC on this project and supports the proposed MOU. It is non-binding and would not create a hard commitment from the City at this time. Me. Dean indicated that \$200,000 is the incentive from the City, either with the purchase price or waiver of ad valorem taxes.

Commissioners spoke about the situation and the desire to stimulate business and to improve the West End area. They also spoke of the fact that they appreciated the relationship with the Hospital

and they felt the City had been a good partner with the Hospital and spoke of the City giving the Golson Property to the Hospital.

Numerous staff from Jackson County Hospital made statements to the Commission and spoke of their desire to make sure the Hospital is not negatively affected by the MOU. The Commission agreed to amend the MOU where TOC could not have outpatient, imaging center or physical therapy for a period of 5 years.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts, with a second by Commissioner Ephriam, the Commission voted unanimously to amend the MOU to include the above restrictions.

The City was awarded grant funding for Project number 4399-11R, Hazard Mitigation Program (HMGP) and Fire / Police Station. This grant will allow the City to build the facility to exceed code requirements for things such as wind load requirements.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Williams, with a second by Commissioner Ephriam, the Commission voted unanimously to approve and execute the amendment to the grant.

Mr. Dean presented the purchase of a Caterpillar 259D3 Compact Track Loader. This purchase is under the FL Sheriffs Association contract which meets the City's procurement policy. This is a budgeted item with \$100,000 budgeted.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Williams, with a second by Commissioner Ephriam, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the Compact Track Loader in the amount of \$89,926 from Ring Power.

Mr. Dean presented the purchase of a Caterpillar 303 Mini Hydraulic Excavator. This purchase is under the FL Sheriffs Association contract which meets the City procurement policy. This is a budgeted item with \$60,000 budgeted.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts, with a second by Commissioner Ephriam, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the Mini Hydraulic Excavator in the amount of \$41,414 from Ring Power.

Mr. Dean presented the purchase of a Caterpillar 420 Backhoe. This purchase is under the FL Sheriffs Association contract which meets the City's procurement policy. This is a budgeted item with \$114,000 budgeted.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts, with a second by Commissioner Williams, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the Cat. 420 Backhoe in the amount of \$107,425 from Ring Power.

At this time, Mr. Dean discussed the agenda for MHRC hot water heater. The current system for the main building went down and maintenance is recommending an alternative system for the hot water due to the frequent boiler failure due to lime buildup and high cost of boiler replacement. The recommended system is more efficient condensing hot water heat system designed to produce reliable hot water with little to no scale build up.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts, with a second by Commissioner Ephriam, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the replacement MHRC hot water system in the amount of \$126,987 from W.W. Gay Mechanical Contractor, the low bidder.

City Manager Jim Dean talked about the number of fire hydrants that need to be replaced. There are currently multiple hydrants out of service or ones needing repairs. The list provided to the Commission are 11 hydrants that the water department considers critical and will be most difficult to fix by City staff.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Williams, with a second by Commissioner Ephriam, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the repairs and replacements of the hydrants in the amount of \$37,936 to Blankenship Contracting, in which City has a continuing contract with this type of work.

Mr. Dean stated over the past several months City staff has been surveying roads that remain on the list of potential road projects. The evaluation process involved survey or road condition and requirements for water line replacement. Based on review of City staff it is recommended the Commission authorize the expenditure from the Road Tax Monies in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to pave the following in order:

1. Rockwell
2. Eva Mae
3. Allen 75% of Road
4. Clay 75% of Road
5. Constitution
6. Decatur

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ephriam, with a second by Commissioner Roberts, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the expenditure of up to \$150,000 on the above named roads.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts, with a second by Commissioner Ephriam, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the change order #3 on Old Cottondale Road Project. This will increase the cost by \$18,450 and involves extending drain pipe to remove conflicts with telephone equipment and change inlet box inline. This will be paid for out of Utility fund reserves.

Commissioner Ephriam, wanted to report that he had gotten quite a few complaints lately about street light or the lack there of. There are some post lights that needs to be upgraded or lights need to be added in certain areas.

Commissioner Williams, wanted to report that he has been told how beautiful downtown is looking with the Christmas decorations, trees and lights.

At this time City Manager Jim Dean asked the Commission, if City employees could have that Friday before and Monday after off for both the Christmas and New Year Holiday.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts, with a second by Commissioner Williams, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the four day weekend for both Christmas and New Year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor-Commissioner

Attest:

City Clerk