

City of Marianna  
Regular City Commission Meeting  
January 4, 2022  
6:00 PM

City Hall  
2898 Green Street  
Marianna, FL 32446  
Join by Zoom:  
Dial: 929-205-6099  
Meeting ID: 856 4831 9984

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

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

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ephriam, with a second by Commissioner Roberts, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the agenda, with the addition of item 10-I.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts, with a second by Commissioner Ephriam, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes for December 2021.

Melinda Gay, Administrator of the Marianna Health and Rehab Center appeared before the Commission to give a status report on the Center. November census was 75.13% and December 2021 averaged at 73%. There are 55% of MH&R employees that are currently vaccinated. Staff are tested weekly regardless of vaccination status.

City Manager Jim Dean updated the Commission on the redistricting review process. Elmore Bryant presented to the Commission the re-districting board results. He commented about the results of both meetings when the board met in November and December to discuss current districts and population. He stated the Board was in agreement that all districts should remain the same and unchanged.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts, with a second by Commissioner Ephriam, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the committee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ephriam, with a second by Commissioner Williams, the Commission voted 3 to 2 to draft an Ordinance to support the Class Action lawsuit that was made years ago in relation to district lines. Commissioner Roberts and Hamilton was opposed.

Commissioner Roberts ask the City Attorney to look into this because he didn't understand why an ordinance is necessary. The lawsuit is in place and nothing has changed that.

Shawn M., Regional operational director with Volunteers of America presented to the Commission their current project, Thomas Pines, which is a low-income housing opportunity for veterans. Volunteers of America are asking for monetary support so they are able to proceed with the building of the 35 units. Volunteers of America is a faith-based, nonprofit organization with experience engaging the most vulnerable Floridians to create positive life changes through compassionate support services.

At this time, the Commission did not feel comfortable to approve the funds request and asked for more documentation.

At this time Mayor Ward opened the Public Forum giving the audience the opportunity to comment on any subject not on the agenda.

The president of the Gilmore Academy, Grady Snell, Jr., appeared before the commission. Today he gave an update of the property and to let commission know that he was paying off the lease in full for the year. He invited Mayor Ward and all the commissioners to come out and see the progress being made. The two (2) AC units that still needed to be serviced will need to be replaced completely. Mr. Dean stated that the replacement units were on back order for a while but could no longer get those parts. The City is working to purchase new units to now replace the old ones. Mr. Snell also mention to the Commission that there is a small leak in the boy's bathroom. Commissioner Roberts stated we will see what we can do to get that taken care of.

The public hearing was closed.

Municipal Development Director Kay Dennis 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 SEVERABILITY AND FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This was a second reading.

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

Municipal Development Director Kay Dennis read proposed Ordinance #1119 by title:

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

This was a second reading.

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

City Manager Jim Dean presented to the Commission Change Order 9 and 10, the Peel building renovation project. The project is 95% complete. City staff have reviewed the Change Order 9 and that will allow city to recapture freight and shipping charges, and Change Order 10 will allow floor coverings in rooms that were not originally scheduled for covering, and asked if the Commission if they would approve.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts, with a second by Commissioner Ephriam, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

City Manager Jim Dean presented to the Commission the purchase of a replacement vehicle, 2022 Ford F150 for the police Department. The purchase of this vehicle will be funded in part with funds received from a recent insurance claim.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts, with a second by Commissioner Williams, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the proposed purchase of the 2022 Ford F150.

City Manager Jim Dean presented to the Commission the Maintenance Agreement with Hep-Petra O&M, LLC, formally known as ReNew Petra. The agreement has since expired, and City would like to renew the agreement with the same firm. The two Agreements have been consolidated into one Agreement.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ephriam, with a second by Commissioner Roberts, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the recommendation as proposed.

Commissioner Ephriam wanted to report on the street lights and other signage that still need fixing from being damaged during Hurricane Michael.

City Manager Jim Dean wanted to bring to attention to the Commission that the Marianna Fire and Police Pension Plans have a proposed Ordinance to change from a Chapter Plan to a Local Law Plan. A workshop is needed to go over the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Dean wanted the lawyer to do a presentation for the Commissioners via Zoom. The Commissioners were able to come up with a date and time of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5 pm.

City Manager Jim Dean asked the Commission if they could put out another RFQ on Prescription Drug for Marianna Health and Rehab. Mr. Dean asked the Commission for a Commissioner to sit in on that meeting with him and Melinda Gay. Commissioner Roberts offered to sit in on that meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor-Commissioner

Attest:

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City Clerk