

MARLINTON TOWN COUNCIL

October 3, 2022

Regular Meeting Minutes

Location: Municipal Building Auditorium with Zoom and call-in options.

Mayor Sam Felton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Recorder called the roll.

Present:	Sam Felton, <i>Mayor</i>	B.J. Gudmundsson, <i>Recorder</i>
	Scott Gibb	Joe Smith
	Gail Hyer	Chris Curry
	Bill McMann	

Reading and Approval of Prior Council Meeting Minutes

- Scott Gibb made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting on 08/31/22 and the Regular Meeting on 09/12/22 as presented; Chris Curry seconded. ***Motion passed.***

Mayor's Report

Mayor Felton gave his monthly report which is attached at the end of the minutes.

Public Input

A group of Town residents brought concerns about the increase in water and sewer rates. The Mayor explained the reasons for the increase. Council members suggested making more information available to public.

Cara Rose presented the Annual Report from the Convention and Visitors Bureau. She emphasized that the Hotel/Motel Tax is up 18% for the last fiscal year.

Committee and Department Reports

B. J. Gudmundsson reported that the Ordinance Codification project is on schedule. Tom White will be putting together the list of answers to be returned for the final version of the Code Book.

Gail Hyer reported that the Sign Committee has more work to do.

Scott Gibb gave an update on cleaning up properties, status of the State Police contract, and fencing at the cemetery.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discuss and/or Act on Report from Committee Reviewing the Current Animal Ordinance as it Relates to Livestock and/or Agricultural Animals

- Joe Smith moved to accept the committee recommendation that the current Animal and Fowl Ordinance stand as written with no changes or amendments being made; B. J. Gudmundsson seconded. ***The motion carried 4 - 2 with Bill McMann, Joe Smith, Chris Curry and B. J. Gudmundsson voting YES, Gail Hyer and Scott Gibb voting NO.***

2. Discuss and/or Act on Cemetery Paving

No Action

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and/or Act on Pocahontas County Arts Council Visual Art Project

No Action

2. Discuss and/or Act on preparation of new Ordinance to Increase Rate sufficient to cover design loan and Move to Monthly Billing (water/Sewer)

- Joe Smith moved to approve the proposal on the timeline and ordinance to go to monthly billing for water/sewer and to increase the sewer and water rates as proposed to cover the design loan; Scott Gibb seconded. ***The motion carried 4 - 2 with Bill McMann, Joe Smith, Scott Gibb and B. J. Gudmundsson voting YES, Gail Hyer and Chris Curry voting NO.***

Approve Invoices/Payment of Bills

- Joe Smith moved to pay the bills; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion passed.***
- Scott Gibb moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters; Chris Curry seconded. ***Motion passed.***

Council went into Executive Session at 8:06 p.m.

- Gail Hyer moved to come out of Executive Session; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion passed.***

Executive Session ended at 8:18 p.m.

Adjournment

Per motion properly made and seconded, ***the meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.***

Respectfully Submitted:

Sam Felton, Mayor

B. J. Gudmundsson, Recorder