TOWN OF MARLINTON

Marlinton Town Council
February 3, 2025
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 Mayor led the Council and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Recorder called the roll.

Present:	Sam Felton, Mayor	Mary K. Clendenen, Recorder
	Tina Barkley	Tom Miller
	Olivia Dean (via Zoom)	Joe Smith
	Scott Gibb	
Absent:	None	

Reading and Approval of Prior Council Meeting Minutes: The Council reviewed the minutes of the January 6, 2025 Regular Meeting and the January 29, 2025 Special Meeting.

- Scott Gibb moved to approve the minutes as presented. Joe Smith seconded the motion. **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Mayor's Report: Mayor Felton reviewed his monthly report with the Council. He said it had been a busy month getting the Community Development Block Grant application prepared. He attended the Mon Forest Towns quarterly board meeting at Elkins on January 15th. Walgreens will be closing their Marlinton location this month and Bruce VanMeter has been reaching out to other companies that might be interested in utilizing that building. He also mentioned that four more dilapidated properties are currently being cleaned up with REAP Grant funding.

Hear Public Input: None.

Committee and Department Reports: Chase Riley, of Thrasher Engineering, gave an update via Zoom on the progress of the sewer system project. He and his staff will be conducting an onsite field layout next week. Concerning the lagoon treatment process, he said he expects the size of the lagoon to remain in about the same footprint, and additional baffles will be installed to increase the retention time for sewage treatment before it is discharged. New chlorinization and dechlorinization equipment will be installed in a new building, and pump stations will be upgraded with larger pumps and backup generators.

Olivia Dean reported that the Cemetery sign design has been completed and is being ordered.

Scott Gibb said Bruce VanMeter is working on another grant for future demolition of dilapidated properties. He said there were also a couple of problem vehicles that he is working to get moved.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Discuss and/or Act on Third and Final Reading of Corrections to the Ordinance to Amend the Refuse and Garbage Ordinance and Increase Collection Rates:**

   - Joe Smith moved to approve the ordinance corrections on the third reading. Scott Gibb seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

2. **Discuss and/or Act on Second Reading of Changes to General Penalty Ordinance:**

   - Scott Gibb moved to approve the ordinance changes on the second reading. Joe Smith seconded the motion. **The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

New Business:

1. **Discuss and/or Act on 275th Birthday Celebration for Town of Marlinton:** Mayor Felton asked the Councilmembers to consider plans to celebrate the 275th anniversary of Marlinton's founding (originally called Marlin's Bottom) with special celebrations to be held during First Fridays in May and June. He has already discussed the possibility with Lauren Bennett and Luci Mosesso and they were receptive to the idea

   - Tina Barkley moved that the Council proceed with the plans for the celebration. Scott Gibb seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

   Joe Smith added that he hopes to also have a birthday celebration next year on the Fourth of July for the 250th birthday of the United States. He plans to put a committee of community members together to plan this event. This will be added to the March council meeting agenda.

Approve Invoices/Payment of Bills:

- Joe Smith moved to approve the bills for payment. Tina Barkley seconded the motion. **The motion passed by unanimous vote, with Mary Clendenen abstaining from SecuriTech's invoice.**

Adjournment: As there was no further business, Mayor Felton adjourned the meeting at 7:31p.m.

Sam Felton

Sam Felton, Mayor

Mary K. Clendenen

Mary K. Clendenen, Recorder