

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

January 4, 1966

The Board of Aldermen met in Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 4th, 1966, with all Members present. Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr. presided. Mr. E. P. Dameron, Town Attorney, was also present.

Proposals were received for fire insurance and extended coverage on the property of the Town of Marion; and after discussion, it was decided to award this insurance to the McDowell Insurance Agency to be covered by a stock company. This was passed upon motion of Alderman Ray N. Simmons, seconded by Alderman J. Matt Smith, and unanimously voted.

Upon motion of Alderman D. Pat Davis, seconded by Alderman Howard T. Hawkins, and voting in favor of this motion 5, opposed 0, the Mayor and the Clerk were authorized to enter into an Agreement with the State Highway Department as to municipal and state responsibilities on streets and highways outlined in the Thoroughfare Plan.

Upon motion of Alderman D. Pat Davis, seconded by Alderman Howard T. Hawkins, and unanimously voted, a Roster of the now eligible voluntary firemen was approved, and the Mayor was authorized to sign the statement and forward it to the North Carolina Firemen's Pension Fund Chairman.

Upon motion of Alderman Ray N. Simmons, seconded by Alderman Howard T. Hawkins, and carried, the Manager was instructed to purchase pedestrian signals from the Southern Safety Supply, Inc.

The question of regulating the size of garbage containers was discussed, but no action was taken on this matter.

The question of installing a light in the back lot was discussed, and it was decided not to do this.

Upon motion of Alderman Ray N. Simmons, seconded by Alderman J. Matt Smith, and carried, the following abandoned motor vehicle ordinance was passed.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL, STORAGE, AND DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Marion.

Section 1. Abandoned Motor Vehicle Defined.

A motor vehicle shall be deemed to have been abandoned for the purposes of this ordinance in the following circumstances:

- (a) it has been left unattended upon a street or highway in violation of statute law or ordinance regulating or prohibiting parking for a period of twenty-four (24) hours; or
- (b) it is left unaccompanied on property owned or operated by the Town for a period of not less than forty-eight (48) hours; or
- (c) it is left unaccompanied on any street or highway or on private property for a period of not less than seven (7) days.

Section 2. Duty of Owner to Remove.

If a motor vehicle is abandoned on a public street or highway, it shall be the duty and responsibility of the owner of such motor vehicle to cause the removal thereof immediately and to pay all costs incident to such removal. It shall be unlawful for any person to allow a motor vehicle owned by him to remain abandoned on a public street or highway after notice to such person to have the vehicle removed.

Section 3. Removal by Town.

Whenever any motor vehicle is abandoned on a public street or highway, or on property owned or operated by the Town, or on private property, any such vehicle may be removed by or under the direction of a Town law enforcement officer or the Building Inspector to a storage garage or area; provided, no such vehicle shall be removed from private property ~~without~~ the written request or permission of the owner, lessee or occupant thereof unless the same has been declared by the Board of Aldermen to be a health, fire, or safety hazard.

Section 4. Costs of removal; Notice to Owner.

(a) When an abandoned motor vehicle is removed from private property at the request of the owner, lessee or occupant thereof, the person at whose request such vehicle is removed shall be required to pay or otherwise indemnify the Town for any expenses incurred by reason of the removal and storage of such vehicle.

(b) The owner of any vehicle removed from any public street or highway, or any

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property owned or operated by the Town, or any private property, shall pay to the Town all reasonable costs incident to the removal and storage of such vehicle and to locating the owner thereof.

(c) Written notice of each removal of an abandoned vehicle shall be given to the owner thereof as promptly as possible.

Section 5. Sale of Abandoned Motor Vehicles.

Should the owner of an abandoned motor vehicle fail or refuse to pay the costs above-mentioned or should the identity or whereabouts of such owner be unknown and unascertainable after a diligent search, and after written notice to him at his last known address if his identity is known, and to the holder of any lien of record in the office of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles against such vehicle, the Chief of Police or his designee may, after holding such vehicle for thirty (3) days and after having the value thereof determined by three (3) disinterested automobile dealers or garagemen and after giving twenty (2) days notice to the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, such notice to include all information which can be reasonably ascertained to identify such vehicle, dispose of the same by private or public sale and shall forward the proceeds of such sale to the Town Treasurer.

Section 6. Disposition of Proceeds of Sale.

The Town Treasurer shall pay from the proceeds of such sale the costs of removal, storage, investigation as to ownership and sale, and liens, in that order. If after such sale the ownership of the vehicle at the time of its removal is established satisfactorily to the Town Treasurer by the person claiming such ownership, he shall be paid so much of the proceeds of the sale as remains after payment of the costs of removal, storage, investigation as to ownership and sale, and any liens, as hereinabove required. However, if the owner of such vehicle at the time of its removal cannot be ascertained, any remaining proceeds shall be deposited in the General Fund of the Town.

Section 7. Disposition of Unsold Vehicles.

Whenever any abandoned motor vehicle which has been removed pursuant to this ordinance shall remain unsold for a period of sixty (60) days from and including the day of its removal, any such vehicle may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the Town official charged with its safekeeping. Notice of any such destruction or disposition shall be given to the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, such notice to include all information which can be reasonably ascertained to identify such vehicle.

Section 8. IMMUNITY.

Neither the Town nor any person shall be held to answer in any civil or criminal action to any owner or other person legally entitled to the possession of any abandoned, lost or stolen vehicle for disposing of such vehicle as contemplated by this ordinance.

This ordinance passed as provided by General Section 160-200 (13), as enacted by Chapter 1156, Session Laws, 1965.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned.

Reece C. Snyder  
CLERK

W. Shiflet  
MAYOR

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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January 12, 1966

At a Special Meeting held Tuesday night, January 11, 1966, with all members present, the following letter was read.

TO MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I would like to be relieved as Chief of Police of the Town of Marion, as I have served the Town of Marion over twenty years and have served as Chief for nineteen of these years.

If the Board and the Mayor of the Town of Marion wish, I will continue in my present capacity until such time as they are able to replace me.

D. W. Smith  
Chief of Police

The Board after much discussion agreed to accept this request under the condition that the Chief, D. W. Smith, be retained on the payroll of the Town of Marion at his present salary until the 1st of February, 1968, when his police retirement will be in effect. We feel that the Town of Marion should do this to compensate for the wonderful work he has done for the past nineteen years. We feel he should be retained in an advisory capacity to help the new Chief we hire until the above date, February 1, 1968.

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MAYOR

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

February 9, 1966

The Board of Aldermen met in Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 8, 1966, with the following members present: Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr., Aldermen D. Pat Davis, Howard T. Hawkins, Ray N. Simmons, and J. Matt Smith. Absent: Alderman Otis L. Brophy. Mr. E. P. Dameron, Town Attorney, was also present.

Quotations were received from the McDowell Insurance Agency, Inc. and the Nationwide Insurance Company on automobile liability and physical damage, workmen's compensation, volunteer fire company accident policy, robbery and burglary and bonds on various people. After each representative had presented his proposals and after a great deal of discussion, the motion was made by Alderman D. Pat Davis, seconded by Alderman Howard T. Hawkins, and unanimously voted, that all of this insurance and bonds be placed with the McDowell Insurance Agency, Inc.

It was brought to the attention of the Board of Aldermen that Mr. W. S. Shiflet had asked that garbage and refuse be dumped into two large depressions or ponds adjacent to the Airport. After some discussion, it was decided not to do this, as everyone from the county used the present dump and besides being a nuisance and being dangerous to flying aircraft and to people using the dump, that it would be a great expense to the Town to move from the present facilities, and this request was denied. It was suggested, however, that in the event that the Town could furnish its grading equipment to help fill in these two depressions or ponds that the Board would consider doing what it could along this line.

A request from Mrs. T. W. Williams on Alabama Avenue was denied for a street light inasmuch as there was now a light only a short distance from her home.

The Manager read a letter to the Board from the Alabama TV Cable Company stating that they hoped to be in a position to start the TV cable work in Marion in the very near future.

The Manager made a report to the Board as to the present status of the proposed Henderson Street Underpass.

A great deal of discussion was held with reference to an old dwelling on Morgan Street owned by the Ellen Crawford Heirs, which house is considered to be a fire hazard. It was decided that the Building Inspector, Glenn Laughridge, write Mrs. Nancy Ellen Phumphrey outlining to her the General Statutes of N. C. with reference to an unoccupied dilapidated residence such as this and request that she take necessary steps to either remove the building from the premises or put it in good state of repair.

Some discussion was had as to repairing or replacing the Town's road machine, and it was decided that the presently owned machine be repaired.

After a general discussion, the meeting adjourned.

Reece C. Snyder  
CLERK

W. Shiflet  
MAYOR

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDowell  
TOWN OF MARION

March 9, 1966

The Board of Aldermen met in Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 8th, 1966, with all members present. Mr. E. P. Dameron, City Attorney, was also present.

Alderman D. Pat Davis read a letter addressed to himself from the Agricultural Extension Service requesting that a representative from the Board of Aldermen be named to serve on an advisory committee to formulate plans for future countywide service, and it was agreed that Mr. Davis serve on this committee.

Mr. E. P. Dameron read a letter to the Board of Aldermen from the Attorney General's office answering a letter from him with reference to whether or not W. R. (Bill) Ledbetter's tractor trailer tankers were subject to city taxes. The Attorney General ruled that they were subject to city taxes.

Alabama TV Cable, Inc. stated in a letter that was read to the Board that they would be ready to commence some work in Marion within the next two weeks.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that Washington Mills had agreed to contribute \$10,000.00 toward the expansion of the waste treatment plant over a three-year period and in six equal payments, the first payment in the amount of \$1,666.66 would fall due April 1, 1966.

The Manager stated to the Board that the pedestrian signals had arrived and

had been paid for and the shipment for the wiring for these signals was scheduled for March 16th, and he stated that he would make every effort to get them installed as soon as all the materials arrived.

It was agreed by the Board that the Manager take his regular two-week vacation for the fiscal year 1964-65 which he had not used.

Alderman Howard T. Hawkins asked the Board if they would be interested in leasing the Conley property which faces on North Garden Street and runs through to North Madison Street to be used as a parking lot and it was agreed that they were not interested in this proposal.

It was agreed that a loading zone on the east side of Main Street on the Railroad Bridge be eliminated and that a loading zone be marked off on the west side of Main Street, the first space south of the driveway going into Tainter's Drug Store.

The Manager was requested to prepare costs for running a six-inch water line from the present line in the Rena Hill section along the Reservoir Road for a distance of approximately two thousand feet.

The Manager stated to the Board that he had talked with Mr. Hutchinson, the State Highway District Manager, with reference to the proposed extension of Logan Street, and Mr. Hutchinson's opinion was that this project would receive favorable consideration from the Highway Department.

The Manager read the monthly report to the Board.

The motor grader owned by the Town broke down while clearing snow from streets. It was decided by the Board that efforts should be made to find a used motor grader in good condition which could be purchased and credit received for our grader which can only be repaired at a cost which is prohibitive. The Manager reported to the Board that he had received offers or bids on three graders and that one was in poor condition, one was too small and light to be suitable and that one could be obtained from E. F. Craven Company at a net cost of \$12,000.00. The grader was found to be in good condition and suitable for our purposes. It was also found that a new grader of the same type would cost \$25,000.00.

Upon motion of Alderman D. Pat Davis, seconded by Alderman Howard T. Hawkins, the Board voted to purchase the grader from E. F. Craven Company at a net cost of \$12,000.00 after receiving an allowance of \$1,905.00 for our old grader.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned.

*Reese C. Snyder*  
CLERK

*J. Streetman Jr.*  
MAYOR

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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April 6, 1966

The Board of Aldermen met in Regular Meeting Tuesday Night, April 5th, 1966, with all members present. Mr. E. P. Dameron, Town Attorney, was also present.

The status of the proposed Henderson Street Underpass was discussed, and after much discussion, it was agreed that a meeting be called for Thursday night, April 7th, 1966, with a group of local citizens to discuss this project.

After much discussion, it was agreed that beginning immediately that the owner of a construction be billed for construction water and that the owner be required to secure the building permit if the property is inside the city limits and advised that at that time that he will be responsible for the construction water used on the job; and if no building permit is required, the property being outside the city, that the owner be so notified either in person or by letter.

It was also agreed that Ministers be notified along with their next water bill that the then next billing will be charged according to meter readings on his parsonage, but no charge will be made for the churches.

Mr. John A. Cunningham of the Air Preheater Company came before the Board and asked that they not be required to install a meter on their 8" fire line going into their present plant. After much discussion, it was agreed that a monthly service or standby charge of 10¢ per head be charged them. They now plan to install thirty seven (37) of such heads, which would total \$3.70 per month plus \$100.00 per hour or fraction thereof for the use of water in case of fire or break-down in their system and that a detector meter be installed on this line, and that a contract between the company and the Town of Marion be prepared by the Town Attorney and the Town Manager to this effect. Additional heads installed shall be at the same 10¢ per head.

It was brought to the attention of the Board of Aldermen that the regular quarterly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Aldermen was scheduled for

7:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 14th, 1966, at the Lake Tahoma Steak House; and it was agreed that the Manager would remind each member of this Board on Thursday morning.

It was agreed that if a competent director could be secured that the Town work with the Booster Club in putting on a Summer Recreational Program, consisting of basketball, tennis, and a general varied program.

Mr. D. H. Justice appeared before the Board and asked permission to connect a 60-unit motel, restaurant, and a service station to be located at the Southwest Intersection of I-40 and N.C. 226 with the present waste treatment plant, and it was agreed that this connection be permitted provided that a suitable waste treatment service charge could be agreed upon.

A general pay increase for city employees was discussed very briefly and it was pointed out that no general raise had been since July 1963; however, no action was taken on this matter.

Upon motion of Alderman Ray N. Simmons, seconded by Alderman Otis L. Brohill, and unanimously voted, the following agreement which is self-explanatory was reached between the Town of Marion and Washington Mills; and the Town Attorney and the Town Manager were instructed to send five copies to the company for their signature, one copy to be returned to the Town for their files.

NORTH CAROLINA  
McDOWELL COUNTY  
AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 1966, by and between the Town of Marion, North Carolina, a municipal corporation of the State of North Carolina, party of the first part, and WASHINGTON MILLS COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina, (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the Company), party of the second part:

WITNESSETH:

That WHEREAS the parties to this Agreement heretofore entered into a contract and agreement, dated February 29, 1960, with reference to the furnishing by the Town of waste treatment for the Company's waste, reference to which Contract and Agreement is here made for all of the terms and conditions of the same; and

WHEREAS the Town has heretofore determined that it is necessary to construct additional waste treatment facilities in order to adequately and properly treat the Company's waste, and the waste of other person, firms and corporations now being received by the Town for treatment in its sewage treatment facilities, and the Town is now engaged in the construction of such additional waste treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS the Company, pursuant to the provisions of said Contract, dated February 29, 1960, has agreed to pay to the Town the sum of TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS, payable in the manner hereinafter set out, as the Company's part of the cost of construction of said additional waste treatment facilities which are now in process of construction by the Town:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, and the mutual promises and agreements herein contained, the parties hereto have contracted and agreed, and do hereby contract and agree as follows:

1. That the Company will pay to the Town the full sum of TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS, without interest, as follows:

\$1,666.66 on April 1, 1966; \$1,666.66 on October 1, 1966, and a like sum on the first days of April and October of each and every calendar year until six (6) such payments have been made, - IT BEING UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that the last of said payments shall be in such amount as is necessary to then pay the entire balance then due and owing, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

2. That on the due dates of the payments provided for in Paragraph One above, the Town of Marion will add the amounts specified in Paragraph One to the regular monthly water statements which are now being submitted to the Company as a separate and additional item or charge, and will designate such additional charge as "Additional charge for industrial waste treatment." PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that failure of the Town to submit any such bill or statement promptly on said due dates shall not relieve the Company of its obligation to pay such additional charge.

3. The Town agrees that the additional payments herein provided for, together with the present charge of 3.8 cents per one thousand gallons of water used by the Company, shall be the only charges to the Company for waste treatment for a period of ten (10) years from and after April 1, 1966, or until further substantial capital improvements to the Town's sewage disposal facilities are found to be necessary by the Town, whichever period is shorter or whichever shall first occur. In the event further such substantial capital improvements are necessary, the original contract between the parties hereto, dated February 29, 1960, shall apply to such further capital improvements.

4. In the event the Company decides or elects to change or expand its operation at Marion, North Carolina, so as to increase the volume of its industrial waste, up to, but no exceeding doubling its present volume, the Town will make reasonable and adequate provision for treating such additional volume of industrial waste and will



Mayor Streetman appointed Aldermen D. Pat Davis and Alderman Otis L. Broyhill to study the salaries and wages scale and make recommendations to the Board at their June meeting.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that Drexel Furniture Company had let a contract for an addition to their Marion Plant and that this addition would be built over the existing twelve-inch water line leading from the Reservoir to Main Street. After some discussion and upon motion of Alderman Howard T. Hawkins, seconded by Alderman D. Pat Davis and unanimously voted, it was ordered that a loop consisting of 1,350 feet of 12" cast iron pipe be installed around this addition.

It was agreed that we ask for bids for petroleum products for the fiscal year 1966-67 to be received at the June meeting.

Upon motion of Alderman Otis L. Broyhill, seconded by Alderman D. Pat Davis and unanimously voted, it was ordered that the 1965 unpaid taxes on real property be advertised for four consecutive weeks beginning May 16, 1966 and to be sold on June 13, 1966.

Mr. Albert Hensley came before the Board and requested permission to open and operate a Pool Room inside the city limits. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that this matter be discussed with Mr. Hensley and he be asked to come back to discuss further with the Board at the June meeting.

Mr. Conley Bost and Coaches Anderson and Brackett came before the Board and discussed with them the possibility of the Marion Booster's Club along with the Town of Marion sponsoring a Summer Recreational Program. After much discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried, it was agreed that Mayor Streetman appoint a Committee of two to assist in the supervision and direction of this program, and that the Town would contribute up to \$4,000.00 toward its support; Mayor Streetman appointed Alderman Ray N. Simmons and Alderman J. Matt Smith to this Committee.

It was agreed that the Town reimburse Silas Blankenship for mileage on his car attending the Police School held in Hickory in the amount of \$136.25.

After a general discussion, the Meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

*J.W. Streetman Jr.*  
MAYOR

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

June 8, 1966

The Board of Aldermen met in regular meeting Tuesday night, June 7th, 1966, with the following members present: Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr., Aldermen Otis L. Broyhill, Howard T. Hawkins, Ray N. Simmons and J. Matt Smith. Mayor Streetman was late arriving and Alderman Howard T. Hawkins presided until he arrived. Also present was Attorney E. P. Dameron.

Upon motion of Alderman Otis L. Broyhill, seconded by Alderman Howard T. Hawkins and unanimously voted, it was ordered that the Board of Aldermen approve the licensing and operation of pool rooms or billiard parlors in the Town of Marion subject to the franchises of an ordinance to be prepared by the Town Attorney and submitted to the Board for passage at the next meeting of the Board.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Audit for the fiscal year 1965-66 was awarded to the firm of Ernest & Ernest in the amount of \$1,850.00.

The Budget estimate for the fiscal year 1966-67 was presented to the Board, and it was agreed a special meeting would be held on June 28th to consider a possible adoption of the Budget.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Reece C. Snyder was appointed Tax Collector with the authority of appointing an Assistant Tax Collector as he saw fit, this for the fiscal year 1966-67.

Bids were received on the furnishing of petroleum products for the fiscal year 1966-67 and upon motion of Alderman Otis L. Broyhill, seconded by Alderman J. Matt Smith and unanimously voted, this contract was awarded to Sinclair Refining Company. The original contract is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Upon motion duly made and seconded and carried, it was ordered a thirty (30") inch storm sewer pipe be installed in the driveway of Zeddie Gouge's residence and that Mr. Gouge pay the Town \$32.50 in connection with the installation of this drain and in turn for this Gouge sign a right-of-way agreement for the six and ten-inch water mains that run over his property and that he agree that the Town would not be liable in the event that the above mentioned storm sewer was not of sufficient size to carry the water from the ditch involved during heavy rains.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that a number of people had requested that Halltown Road be changed, and upon motion duly made and seconded and carried, it was ordered that the street now known as Halltown Road running from Airport Road to the City Limits be and is hereby designated as Dogwood Lane. It was ordered that two short streets running off of Crawford Street which have never been officially named be officially designated as Crawford Terrace.

The paving assessments on the bill for paving Murray Street, two streets running off of Crawford Street, and Sinclair Avenue South of Rutherford Road was presented to the Board and upon motion duly made and seconded and carried, these charges were approved, and it was ordered the general assessment be levied against the abutting property owners as follows: Murray Street... \$0.98 per front foot; the two short streets off of Crawford Street... \$0.82 per front foot; and Sinclair Avenue \$1.51 per front foot.

The Manager informed the Board that Mr. Carl Poteat had submitted a Sub-Division Map of his property that is to be brought into the city limits; also signatures of other property owners adjacent to this property who wish to be incorporated and that the Manager had requested that Mr. J. L. Haney, Engineer, make the necessary survey in order that this property might be incorporated.

The Manager informed the Board that he had authorized an expenditure of \$1,250.00 at the Waste Treatment Plant and had extended the time for completion of the job by the Contractor for thirty days or until July 30, 1966.

The question of extending a six or eight-inch water main along Baldwin Avenue from Matilda Avenue to East Marion School in order to better serve Marion Manufacturing Company was discussed and the Manager was instructed to discuss this with the Engineering firm of Harwood Beebe for their recommendations and to report back to the Board at a later date.

The question of construction of a ten-inch and six-inch water line along Reservoir Road for a distance of 3,150 feet was discussed, this item was generally agreed upon, but no definite action was ordered.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that Guy Forney had asked if he could be permitted to connect two houses onto the city sewer system on Hudgins Street, which property being just outside the city limits, and it was decided that only if he agreed to have this property incorporated that he would be permitted to connect to the city sewer system.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that Mrs. Veu Lind had complained to the Mayor of the noise and unsightly condition created by the Marion Machine Company working on railroad cars on the Railroad right-of-way on State Street and it was decided that the Town had no authority to take any action on this matter.

Upon request of David Blanton it was agreed that the Town install at their expense a storm sewer to take care of the water off of a parking lot that he proposes to build at the corner of Henderson and Logan Streets and empty it into a catch basin at this location.

Chief D. W. Smith made a report to the Board with reference to disturbances or fight on Main Street.

After a general discussion, the meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
MANAGER

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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TOWN OF MARION

June 29, 1966

The Board of Aldermen met in a call meeting Tuesday, June 28th, 1966, with all members present. Attorney E. P. Dameron was also present. Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr. presided.

A Committee from the Reservoir Road section came before the Board and discussed with them the proposed 10" and 6" water line that has been under discussion for quite sometime, and it was agreed that the Town go ahead with the installation of this line as recommended by our Engineers as soon as it was convenient to do so after the amount of money in question had been paid in to the Town, this amount being \$10,695.50 and the Manager was instructed to notify all people served by this new line and also who are now served by the existing line that within sixty days after the new line was completed that the old line would be discontinued thereby making it necessary for all persons in that area using the city water from this source to connect to the new 6" or 10" line.

A request from Mr. Roger White of the Rice & White Furniture Company that they be permitted to raise its sidewalk in front of their building in order to conform with proposed changes in their store front was denied on the grounds that it would be dangerous to the pedestrian traffic using the sidewalk and that this was against all good judgment and changes of street or sidewalk elevation was not generally permitted.

Upon motion of Alderman Otis L. Broyhill, seconded by Alderman Howard T. Hawkins, and unanimously voted, the following Ordinance was adopted and the privilege license for operating a pool room was set at \$10.00 per table per year.

"AN ORDINANCE REGULATING POOL ROOMS AND OTHER PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS"

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Marion do ordain as follows:

Section 1. License Required. No person shall maintain or operate any pool or billiard table or bowling alley either directly or indirectly, unless he shall first have secured a license from the Town of Marion to do so. Such license shall expire on June 30 each year, and shall not be transferable.

Section 2. Application for license. Applications for such license shall be made upon forms provided by the Town Clerk, and shall contain all information necessary for the Board of Aldermen to act intelligently upon such applications.

Section 3. When License Refused. The Board of Aldermen shall not issue such license to any person:

- (a) Who has been convicted of a felony or of unlawfully selling or possessing for sale intoxicating liquors or narcotic drugs; or
- (b) Who is not a citizen and resident of North Carolina; or
- (c) Who is not a person of good character; or
- (d) Who is a habitual user of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs.

Section 4. Form and Content of License. Every license issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall specify the premises for which it is issued, the number of tables or alleys to be operated thereunder, the name of the owner or operator, and the dates upon which the license begins and shall expire. Such license shall be posted in a prominent place on the premises at all times.

Section 5. Certain Prohibitions To Be Observed by Licensee and Employees.

- (a) Suffer or permit any gambling on the licensed premises at any time; nor the sale or use of any racing, football, or other parley cards.
- (b) Suffer or permit the licensed premises to become disorderly; or permit any profane, obscene, or indecent language thereon.
- (c) Suffer or permit any intoxicating liquors or narcotic drugs to be sold or kept or consumed on the licensed premises.
- (d) Suffer or permit any person under the age of sixteen (16) years to enter or remain upon the licensed premises, unless such person be accompanied by his parent or guardian.
- (e) Employ in carrying on the business any person who has been convicted of unlawfully selling intoxicating liquors or narcotic drugs.

Section 6. Rules for Operation of Pool Rooms. The following rules shall be observed by all operators of pool rooms within the Town:

- (a) All pool rooms shall close at 12:00 Midnight and no person other than the owner, operator, or employees shall be permitted on the premises from that hour until 7:00 a.m. the following morning.
- (b) No play on any table shall be allowed during the times when pool rooms are required by this Ordinance to remain closed.
- (c) Pool rooms shall remain closed on Sundays.
- (d) All pool rooms shall be operated only on the ground floor of a building, and plate glass windows shall be in those parts of the building facing any street, so that a clear view inside may be had from the street.
- (e) No screens, curtains, blinds, partitions, or other obstructions shall be placed between the entrance to the room where pool is played and the rear wall of such room. A clear view of the interior from the entrance to the rear of the room must be maintained at all times.
- (f) No partitions forming rooms, stalls, or other inclosures where the public congregate shall be permitted; Provided, this shall not be construed so as to prohibit the maintenance of closets used exclusively for storage purposes, or of toilets.
- (g) There shall not be permitted or maintained any open or secret connections through doors, windows, trap doors, hidden doors, panels, stairways, or other devices with any place where gambling is conducted or where persons meet or congregate for immoral purposes.

Section 7. Licensee Responsible. The acts and conduct of the agents and employees of the licensee in the conduct of the business shall be deemed to be the acts and conduct of the licensee.

Section 8. Revocation of Licenses. A second conviction of a licensee, or his agent or employee, for any violation of any provision of this Article shall by operation of law constitute an automatic revocation of the license of such licensee. In addition, the Board of Aldermen may at any time, for cause, and after a hearing, of which such licensee shall be given such reasonable notice as the Board may direct, revoke any license issued pursuant to this Article.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the twenty eighth day of June, 1966.

Section 10. Penalty. Any person, firm, corporation, or organization violating any of the provisions of any section or subsection of this Ordinance, or failing or neglecting or refusing to comply herewith, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days, and every day that any of the provisions of this Ordinance are violated shall constitute a separate offense.

Adopted this twenty eighth day of June, 1966."

Upon motion of Alderman D. Pat Davis, seconded by Alderman Otis L. Broyhill and voting in favor of this motion 5, against NME, the tax rate for 1966-67 was set at \$1.15 per \$100 valuation and the 1966-67 Budget was adopted, a copy of which follows, and the Business Privilege Licenses for the year 1966-67 was adopted at the same rates as had been adopted for the past several years.

DEBT SERVICE		
1143	Bond Principal	\$ 30,000.00
1144	Bond Interest	6,925.00
	Coupon Expense	54.81
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	TOTAL	\$ 36,979.81
MOTOR VEHICLE EXPENSE		
	GASOLINE & OIL	
1201	Gasoline	\$ 7,000.00
1202	Oil & Grease	500.00
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	TOTAL	\$ 7,500.00
SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT		
1506	Retirement	951.10
1507	Social Security	316.00
1510	Salary - Chemist 1/2	2,600.00
1511	Wages - Albert Robinson	2,974.40
	" - James Mudrock 1/2	1,950.00
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	TOTAL	\$ 8,791.50
1516	Telephone	165.00
1520	Electric Power	11,000.00
1522	Maintenance of Bldgs.	400.00
1524	Insurance	200.00
1527	Travel Exp. Schools	100.00
1529	Chemicals	500.00
1532	Motor Vehicle Expense	165.00
1533	Equipment Repairs	1,500.00
1534	Miscellaneous	200.00
1537	Capital Expense	1,000.00
1538	Supplies and Materials	1,500.00
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	TOTAL	\$ 16,730.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 25,521.50
	GRAND TOTAL ALL DEPARTMENTS	\$ 403,885.48

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It was brought to the attention of the Board that Mr. Gilbert Hollifield was making a land fill on his property on Rutherfordton Road and that he had put some dirt over a sewer line easement that the Town has over this property and after some discussion, it was agreed that the City Attorney write Mr. Hollifield requesting him not to interfere with the Town's use of this right-of-way as provided for in the right-of-way easement.

Upon motion of Alderman D. Pat Davis, seconded by Alderman Howard T. Hawkins and unanimously voted, it was agreed that beginning July 1, 1966 that the members of the Board of Aldermen be paid a per diem fee of \$25.00 for each meeting not to exceed \$200.00 per year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Reen C. Snyder*  
CLERK

*J. M. McDaniel Jr.*  
MAYOR

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

July 6, 1966

The Board of Aldermen met in regular meeting Tuesday, July 5th, 1966, with all members present. Mr. E. P. Dameron, Town Attorney, was also present.

Coach Ken Brackett came before the Board and made a report of the progress of the Summer Recreational Program. Mr. Thomas E. White and Mr. Marvin Connally came before the Board with reference to a Laundermatt on Baldwin Avenue and asked that a contract signed some years ago with Mr. Frank Conley regarding a sewer line right-of-way be honored by connecting the said Laundermatt to the Town's sewer system. After some discussion, it was decided that the Town Attorney write Mr. White stating that the Town would not honor this agreement inasmuch as the intent of the contract was not for an industrial connection but was for domestic connection.

It was agreed that Mr. Dameron notify Mr. Gilbert Hollifield that he would be expected to uncover the sewer line man holes and correct any other damage that he had done to interfere with the right-of-way that the Town has across his property.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed that two short streets running off of Crawford Street to dead ends be named Crawford Terrace.

It was agreed that the Town would fog for the control of insects on or about July 15th, weather permitting.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that Mr. Ray Smith was ready to enter into a contract with Texaco Oil Company for the development of his property at the end of South Main Street, which property lies within the right-of-way of the proposed Logan Street Extension, and the Mayor appointed a Committee of Aldermen D. Pat Davis, Ray N. Simmons, J. Matt Smith and the Town Manager to contact the Highway Department to see if they would purchase this property out of the Highway Funds Bond Money before the improvements were made.

A general discussion was held with reference to the employing of a Police Chief, and it was decided to advertise in certain publications in order to try to secure a qualified person.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Reese C. Snyder*  
CLERK

*W. Hutchinson Jr.*  
MAYOR

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

July 8, 1966

The Board of Aldermen met in a call meeting Thursday night, July 7th, 1966, the purpose of this meeting was to consider the purchase of a tract of land at the intersection of South Main Street and Morgan Street for the future extension of South Logan Street. Members present were Mayor Pro Tem D. Pat Davis, Aldermen Howard T. Hawkins, Ray N. Simmons, J. Matt Smith. Absent: Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr. and Alderman Otis L. Broyhill.

After some discussion, it was pointed out that Mr. Hutchinson, Division Engineer of the State Highway Department, had reported to the Manager that he had contacted the officials in Raleigh and had been advised by them that they would recommend to the Highway Commission, which Commission meets the week of July 11th, that they purchase this tract of land for the sum of \$ 30,000.00 and Mr. Hutchinson stated that it was the policy for the Commission to take the recommendations of the top officials in these matters. After some discussion, and upon motion of Alderman Howard T. Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Ray N. Simmons, it was decided to go ahead with the purchase of this property and let the State reimburse the Town. Voting in favor of this motion: Aldermen Howard T. Hawkins, Ray N. Simmons and D. Pat Davis. Alderman Otis L. Broyhill was unable to attend the meeting but the proposition had been explained to him earlier in the day and he had stated that he was wholeheartedly in favor of going ahead and acquiring this property. Alderman J. Matt Smith did not vote inasmuch as the transaction was between the Town and his father.

The Manager was instructed to write to Mr. Hutchinson, with a copy going to Mr. Stikeleather, as to the Board's action and urge their approval of this matter.

At a call meeting held Thursday afternoon, July 7th, 1966, the Board of Aldermen agreed to give a 5% increase to all monthly employees with the exception of Carroll Moore, who had just received an increase, this increase to be effective as of July 1, 1966.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Reese C. Snyder*  
CLERK

*W. Hutchinson Jr.*  
MAYOR

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Marion, North Carolina:

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the town government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1966, and ending June 30, 1967, according to the following attached schedules:

Section 2. ESTIMATED REVENUES: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1966, and ending June 30, 1967, to meet the following appropriations, according to the following attached schedules:

Section 3. TAXES LEVIED: There is hereby levied the following rates of tax on each one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of taxable property, as listed for taxes as of January 1, 1966, for the purpose of raising the revenue from Current Year's Property Tax, as set forth in the following estimates of revenue, and in order to finance the following appropriations:

GENERAL FUND (for the general expenses incident to the proper government of the town) ..... \$ .87

DEBT SERVICE FUND (for the payment of interest and principal on outstanding debt) ..... \$ .28

TOTAL RATE per \$ 100 of valuation of taxable property ..... \$ 1.15

Such rates of tax are based on an estimated total assessed valuation of property for purposes of taxation of \$ 13,419,030.00, and an estimated rate of collections of 96%.

Section 4. POLL TAX: There is hereby levied a poll tax of \$ 1.00 on all male persons between the ages of 21 and 50, unless exempt as provided by law, for the purpose of raising the revenue from Current Year's Poll Tax, as set forth in the following estimates of revenue, and in order to finance the following appropriations.

Section 5. DISTRIBUTION: Copies of this ordinance shall be furnished to the Treasurer and Accountant of the Town of Marion, to be kept by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Adopted this 28th day of June, 1966.

ATTEST: *Reese C. Snyder*  
CLERK, TOWN OF MARION

*W. Hutchinson Jr.*  
MAYOR, TOWN OF MARION

ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1966-67

	REVENUE	BUDGET FOR 1966-67
CODE NO.		
145	Ad Valorem Tax @ \$ 1.15 per \$ 100 Val. Estimated 96% Collection	\$ 147,668.48
10	Ad Valorem Tax - Prior Years	1,300.00
12-207	Tax Sales Int. & Penalties	4,000.00
209-210-154	Business License Tax	4,500.00
251	Intangible Tax Rebate	8,000.00
253	Franchise Tax Rebate	4,500.00
212	Auto Tags	800.00
20-252	Water Sales & C/O's	165,000.00
235	Water Taps, Meters & Penalties	3,300.00
231-232	Sewer Taps, Sewer Service	21,267.00
217	Revenue Mayor's Court	1,500.00
15-247-208	St. Paving & Interest	1,800.00
219-230	Cemetery Lots & Graves	3,000.00
215-220	Rents (Bldgs. & Offices)	1,200.00
248	Fire Protection from County	3,900.00
225	Parking Meter Revenue	8,700.00
227	Parking Violations	3,000.00
245-255-246	Misc. Rev. & Bldg. Permits	1,000.00
257	Powell Bill Funds	13,850.00
251	Tax Refund on Gasoline	2,400.00
256	Revenue from County Trash Dump	2,000.00
213	Revenue from Cable T.V.	1,200.00
	Surplus	.00
	TOTAL	\$ 403,885.48

DISBURSEMENTS GENERAL GOVERNMENT		BUDGET FOR 1966-67
CODE NO.		
301	Salary - Mayor	\$ 1,200.00
302	" - Manager 1/3	3,194.40
303	" - Bookkeeper	4,631.80
303	" - Office Clerk	4,099.66
305-305-A	" - Attorney	1,200.00
311	Wages - Janitor	2,860.00
308-308-A	Recreation	4,000.00
307	Social Security	621.00
306	Retirement	1,868.93
	TOTAL	\$ 23,675.79
311	Special Appropriations	600.00
315	Office Supplies & Postage	1,100.00
316	Telephone	500.00
317-318	Printing & Advertising	550.00
319	Auditing	1,850.00
320	Lighting Service	1,100.00
322	Maintenance of Bldgs.	500.00
323	Insurance - Bldgs. & Equipment	950.00
324	Insurance - Employees & Pub. Liab.	320.00
325	Insurance - Group & Bonds	1,300.00
326	Regist. & Subscriptions	600.00
327	Travel Expense	600.00
327-A	Civil Defense	325.00
328-338	Janitor's Supplies	600.00
331	Fuel	1,500.00
332	Motor Vehicle Expense	400.00
333	Equipment Repairs	350.00
334	Miscellaneous	1,000.00
337	Capital Expense	1,500.00
335	Rent on Parking Lots	2,100.00
	TOTAL	\$ 17,745.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 41,420.79
DISBURSEMENTS POLICE DEPARTMENT		
h01	Salary - Chief	\$ 5,674.56
h02	" - Wood	4,808.64
h02	" - Fortner	4,620.00
h02	" - Arrowood	4,221.60
h02	" - Beck	4,128.24
h02	" - A. Edwards	4,221.60
h02	" - Trent	4,221.60
h02	" - Ray	4,221.60
h02	" - Blankenship	4,221.60
h02	" - E. R. Dixon	4,221.60
h03	Radio Operators	4,010.00
h07	Retirement & Social Security	3,268.25
		\$ 53,139.29
h15	Office Supplies	300.00
h16	Telephone	525.00
h17	Printing	300.00
h25	Insurance	800.00
h27	Travel Expense	300.00
h30	Other Supplies	75.00
h32	Motor Vehicle Expense	2,600.00
h33	Radio Repairs	850.00
h34	Miscellaneous & Jail Board	500.00
h35	Uniforms	1,200.00
h37	Capital Expense	2,500.00
	Total	\$ 9,950.00
	Grand Total	\$ 63,089.29

\* 9,000.00 of the total appropriations for this item to come from parking meters for enforcement of traffic and parking.

DISBURSEMENTS FIRE DEPARTMENT	
502	Salary - Chief
502	" - Seagle
502	" - Webb
507	Social Security
511	Pension Fund
516	Telephone
525	Insurance
527	Travel Expense
529	Chemicals & Hose
532	Motor Vehicle Expense
533	Miscellaneous
535	Uniforms
537	Capital Expense
538	Supplies & Materials
503	Extra Help & Overtime
507-A	Retirement (Proposed)
	TOTAL
	\$ 22,629.68
STREET DEPARTMENT	
602	Salary - Manager 1/3
606	Retirement
607	Social Security
610	Salary - Jack Brown
611	Wages - Allen Gillespie
611	" - Alvin Smith
611	" - Earl A. Flynn
611	" - Burdette Carroll (Flusher)
611	" - Fred Harris
611	" - William N. Harris
	TOTAL
	\$ 35,921.29
612	Maint. & Imp. of Streets (Powell Bill)
620	Street Lighting
624	Insurance
632	Motor Vehicle Expense
633	Equipment Repairs
634	Miscellaneous
637	Capital Expense
638	Supplies & Materials
	TOTAL
	\$ 53,680.54
	GRAND TOTAL
	\$ 89,601.83
GARBAGE & REFUSE COLLECTIONS	
706	Retirement
707	Social Security
711	Wages - Roy Parker
711	" - Raymond Bledsoe
711	" - P. Smith
711	" - James White
711	" - William D. Twitty
711	" - Claude Huskins
711	" - Tom McKinney
	TOTAL
	\$ 26,544.65
724	Insurance
732	Motor Vehicle Expense
734	Miscellaneous
737	Capital Expense
738	Supplies & Materials
733	Equipment Repairs
	TOTAL
	\$ 1,520.00
	GRAND TOTAL
	\$ 31,064.65

## CEMETERY

806	Retirement	\$ 376.00
807	Social Security	203.00
811	Wages - Francis Jackson	2,974.40
811	" - Boyd Rutherford	2,000.00
824	Insurance	50.00
834	Miscellaneous	125.00
837	Capital Expense	600.00
838	Supplies & Materials	100.00
833	Equipment Repairs	100.00
	 TOTAL	 \$ 6,528.40

## WATER DEPARTMENT

902	Salary - Manager 1/3	\$ 3,194.40
903	" - Chemist 1/2	2,600.00
906	Retirement	2,875.70
907	Social Security	955.53
911	Salary - Garner C. Skipper, Jr.	2,880.00
911	" - J.J. Riddle	3,432.00
911	" - Now Vacant	2,860.00
911	" - M. L. Harris	2,974.40
911	" - James Twitty	2,860.00
911	" - James Murdock 1/2	1,950.00
	 TOTAL	 \$ 26,582.03

916	Telephone	\$ 375.00
920	Electric Power	8,000.00
922	Maintenance of Edgs.	300.00
924	Insurance	340.00
927	Travel Exp. Schools	100.00
929	Chemicals	2,600.00
931	Fuel	400.00
932	Motor Vehicle Expense	1,000.00
933	Equipment Repairs	1,000.00
934	Miscellaneous	300.00
937	Capital Expense	11,000.00
938	Supplies & Materials	5,500.00
939	Analysis	96.00
940	Water Statements & Postage	1,800.00
	 TOTAL	 \$ 32,811.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 59,393.03

## SEWER DEPARTMENT

1006	Retirement	\$ 1,446.02
1007	Social Security	180.18
1011	Wages - Vacant	2,860.00
1011	" - D.C. Carroll	2,860.00
1011	" - C. Smith	2,860.00
1011	" - Now Vacant	2,860.00
	 TOTAL	 \$ 13,366.50

1020	Electric Power	\$ 550.00
1024	Insurance	240.00
1032	Motor Vehicle Expense	200.00
1033	Equipment Repairs	300.00
1034	Miscellaneous	100.00
1037	Capital Expense	5,000.00
1038	Supplies & Materials	400.00
	 TOTAL	 \$ 6,790.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 20,156.50

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

August 3, 1966

The Board of Aldermen met in regular meeting August 2nd, 1966, with all members present. Mr. E. P. Dameron, Town Attorney, was also present.

It was agreed that the old dwelling owned by the city on Railroad Street be torn down.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and unanimously voted, it was agreed that Bob Harris only be charged business privilege license on one place of business and not be charged for his Used Car Lot on East Court Street.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Manager was instructed to order the necessary 10", 8" and 6" cast iron water pipe to install the lines which had been under discussion for sometime on Reservoir Road and Baldwin Avenue.

Mr. Gilbert J. Hellifield came before the Board and discussed the possibility of changing the location of the 10 and 15" sewer lines across his property that had been purchased on Rutherford Road, and he suggested that he would open the ditch and raise the manholes if the Town would furnish the pipe and install it. This matter was deferred until a later date.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and unanimously voted, the following taxes were ordered charged off for the reasons stated.

# 13 Receipt....Hugh Anderson.....	\$ 5.43	---Outside city limits
150 " ....Ted & Gwendolyn Brown	2.96	---
1379 " ....Ken Young .....	27.69	---
1394 " ....Donald L. Nunnally ...	4.46	---

The Manager stated to the Board that Mr. J. L. Haney had started work on preparing the descriptions for annexing several pieces of property to the Town, but he had not completed this work.

It was agreed that the Town purchase a four-acre cemetery lot from Mr. and Mrs. S.R. Perkins, which he had owned for a number of years and wanted to dispose of. The price of the lot was \$ 150.00.

The Manager stated that Mr. Ray Smith had asked him about the possibility of leaving the two-story apartment house on the property that the Town had recently purchased from him on South Main Street for a period of one year and that he collect the rent on it at that time, and at the end of that year that the apartment house would automatically become the property of the Town. It was agreed that he abide by his original contract and remove the apartment house within the four months of the date of the purchase.

Upon motion of Alderman D. Pat Davis, seconded by Alderman Otis L. Broyhill and unanimously voted, the application for the operation of a pool room by Mr. A. N. Hensley was approved.

It was agreed that Mr. Norman Rickett be permitted to let his daughter place a house trailer on his property and connect the water to it from his house without an extra meter for the trailer, this being declared as a special request for a short period of time.

Mr. Robert C. Loudermilk and Mr. E. W. Fitch came before the Board to discuss the washing away of their property by the creek at the rear of their property. This matter was discussed at length, but no decision was reached on it.

After a general discussion, the meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

*J.W. Streetman Jr.*  
MAYOR

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

September 7, 1966

The Board of Aldermen met in regular meeting Tuesday, September 6th, with the following members present: Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr., Aldermen D. Pat Davis, Otis L. Broyhill, Ray N. Simmons, and J. Matt Smith. Absent: Alderman Howard T. Hawkins and Town Attorney E. P. Dameron.

Mr. E. C. Carnes came before the Board and requested that steps be taken to extend water and sewer service to an addition to his present sub-division and that the street be paved at the proper time. It was agreed that after he had submitted a sub-division plat for the Board's approval that the water and sewer lines be extended for approximately six hundred feet, this work to be done by the city crews when time permitted.

The Manager stated to the Board that Mr. R. Jack Morris had requested that a 2" water connection be made to serve property that he had recently purchased on the west side of Oak Street, which property is outside the city limits, and he asked whether or not he would be able to connect as many lots as was practical to the city sewer system. After some discussion, it was decided that sewer connections not be permitted, and that the Town would pay the difference in cost of a 6" cast iron water line above the cost of a 2" water line and that Mr. Morris install the line at his expense under the Town's supervision; and that if he desired a fire hydrant be installed on the line that he pay

one-half the cost of this and the Town pay the other one-half. It was also agreed that he would be required to pay the regular outside tapping fee for each connection and the regular outside meter service charge.

The Manager stated to the Board that he had employed Mrs. Mary Jane Sentelle to replace Mrs. Julia M. Stanley due to Mrs. Stanley's retirement, and that Mrs. Sentelle would report for work September 16th, 1966, and upon motion of Alderman Otis L. Broyhill and seconded by Alderman Ray N. Simmons, it was agreed that Mrs. Sentelle be authorized to co-sign checks in the amounts over \$100.00 with the Manager.

Bids were opened on the furnishing of a quantity of 6", 8" and 10" cast iron water pipe; and it was decided that the 8" pipe not be purchased at this time, but that additional six-inch be purchased, and the bids were awarded to Lynchburg Foundry Company, they being the low bidder. A copy of bids are on file in the Clerk's Office.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was ordered a street light be installed on Carroll Street, between State and Wayne Streets.

The Manager was instructed to take whatever steps were necessary to install screens in the industrial waste line from each manufacturer's contributing industrial waste to the treatment plant to determine who is responsible for the excessive amount of lint, waste and other matter coming into the treatment plant.

After a considerable amount of discussion as to the appointment of a Police Chief, the Manager was asked to call Mr. John R. Burton, Chief of Police of Flint, Michigan, and ask him if he were still interested in coming to Marion as Chief of Police and if so, what date he could report for work. After the Manager had talked with Mr. Burton over the telephone, he reported to the Board that Mr. Burton had stated he was very much interested and would be able to report for work April 1, 1967 and upon motion duly made and seconded and carried, Mr. Burton was appointed.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
McDOWELL COUNTY  
TOWN OF MARION

October 5, 1966

The Board of Aldermen met in regular meeting Tuesday night, October 4th, 1966, with all members present. Mr. E. P. Dameron, Town Attorney, was also present.

After some discussion and upon motion made, seconded and carried, it was agreed to install a street light on Wayne Street near the home of Smith Ray and to install whatever number of lights that were found to be advisable on Glenview Street in the Carl Poteat Sub-division.

The Manager read a letter to the Board from Mr. James E. Johnson, Superintendent of McDowell County Schools, complaining of the nuisance at the city-county dump, and it was decided to discuss this at the October meeting with the Board of County Commissioners.

The Manager was instructed to write Mr. John R. Burton with reference to recent telephone call between Mr. Burton and the Manager.

The Manager stated to the Board that he was ready to proceed with the construction of water line on Reservoir Road.

After some discussion, the Manager was requested to notify the Manager of Rose's 5,10,25¢ Store that there was no Ordinance prohibiting the sale of Bee-Bee Guns; however there was an Ordinance against the shooting of Bee-Bee Guns.

Upon motion made, seconded, and carried, it was agreed that a group life insurance remain in effect and that the Town pay the premium on all regular employees after retirement providing they did not retire before the age of sixty-two and that they had served at least fifteen years with the Town.

Rev. L. H. Atkins, Pastor of the East Marion Pentecostal Holiness Church and the Secretary, Mr. Roy Huffman, came before the Board and asked that they be granted a refund on their water charge inasmuch as since 1961 the water to the parsonage had gone through the meter to the church, thereby making a double charge. It was brought to the attention of the Board that a former pastor of the church had been advised of this in December 1965, but no corrective measure had been taken, and after additional discussion, it was ordered that the Town refund the church in the amount of \$100.00.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that Mr. Ray Smith had suggested that additional consideration be given the two-story apartment house on the property on South Main Street that the Town had recently purchased from him for future street widening, his proposition being that he would sell the property to the Town at the present time or that if he be permitted to leave the apartment on the property until July 1967 and he collect the rent up to that time that the house and contents of

the property would become the property of the Town. After a great deal of discussion, the Manager was instructed to notify Mr. Smith that it was the decision of the Board to let the apartment remain on the property and that he, Mr. Smith, be permitted the rent through February 28, 1967 and at that time the house and the furniture would become the property of the Town and that any upkeep necessary up to February 28th, 1967, would be Mr. Smith's expense, and that the Town would resume responsibility for the 1967 taxes, and that if this agreement were satisfactory with Mr. Smith that a paper setting out the abovementioned terms be prepared so that there would be no mistake as to the intent of this agreement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

November 9, 1966

The Board of Aldermen met in regular meeting Tuesday night, November 8th, 1966. Mayor Pro Tem D. Pat Davis presided in the absence of Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr. Present: Alderman Howard T. Hawkins, Ray N. Simmons, J. Matt Smith, and Otis L. Broyhill. Mr. E. P. Dameron, Town Attorney, was also present.

Mr. E. C. Carnes came before the Board and asked that a sketch of his property that he presented, a copy of which is on file in the Clerk's Office, be approved as to street lines inasmuch as the boundary lines had been approved in the original development. After some discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed that the details of the street location be worked out between Mr. Carnes and Mr. Dameron, our Attorney, and that Mr. Carnes make a deed dedicating a fifty-foot street after the street is approved, using the center of the pavement as the center line of the fifty-foot right-of-way.

It was agreed that the Town plant a double border of white pine tree seedlings just off the highway right-of-way on the property that the County has given the Town a ten-year option for the construction of a Waste Treatment Plant, and the Manager was instructed to place an order for these tree seedlings.

A discussion was held with relation to the condition that presently exists at the City-County Dump. No action was taken on this matter, but it seemed to be the opinion of the Board that if any serious question should arise that the Town simply move its operations to Town property.

The Manager stated to the Board that Mr. Jack Buckner had approached him with reference to his constructing a six-inch cement asbestos water line from the end of the Reservoir Road line, which is now under construction, to the property near the Bradley Lumber Company, this work to be done for Mr. Pierce Bradley. After some discussion, it was suggested that the Minutes show that this water line on Reservoir Road was originally designed and an Agreement was reached that it was to serve fifty houses for the people along Reservoir Road and in that immediate vicinity and that it was also designed to serve fifty houses to be constructed at a later date by Mr. Sam Phillips and that no planning or provision in the original Agreement was made to serve more than the above stated one hundred customers; and it was the feeling that a definite Agreement between Mr. Phillips and Mr. Bradley and the Town be reached providing Mr. Bradley is to have additional access to this Reservoir Road line.

Upon motion of Alderman Howard T. Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Otis L. Broyhill and unanimously voted, it was agreed the First Union National Bank be authorized to approve replacement of securities to secure the Town's deposits.

Some discussion was held as to the amount of Privilege License to be charged Edge's Variety Center and that they be charged \$50.00 for permit, being a chain store.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was authorized that a street light be installed on State Street approximately one block East of Gay Street.

The Manager distributed copies of the Auditor's Report to each member of the Board.

The Manager presented a letter from Rev. Fred E. DeArmon, Jr. with reference to the dog situation in Town, but no action was taken on this matter.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that Mr. Gilbert Hollifield had not done anything about raising the manholes on the sewer line across his property on the South side of Rutherford Road, and after some discussion, it was agreed that he be notified to work out a satisfactory arrangement as to raising the manholes or changing the line with the Manager and Members of the Board, all this work to be done at Mr. Hollifield's expense.

It was agreed that city license plates go on sale immediately and that at the proper time the members of the regularly paid Fire Department check to determine who had purchased license plates and that a letter be sent to the ones that had not purchased notifying that the Ordinance required that every motor vehicle listed for taxes in the Town of Marion should bear a city license plate.

After a great deal of discussion with reference to the operation of the recently remodeled Waste Treatment Plant and the excessive amount of trouble that was being experienced due to large quantities of fibrous materials, that the Manager have the engineering firm of Harwood-Bebe Company to make a study of this condition to determine where the fibrous waste was coming from and that the engineering company submit a report of his findings to the Town and enough copies to be forwarded to any manufacturer who was contributing to this condition.

The Manager was instructed to put up whatever number of ten-mile per hour signs that he deemed necessary on a driveway leading from Baldwin Avenue to South McDowell Avenue.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

*D. Pat Davis*  
MAYOR

December 7, 1966

The Board of Aldermen met in regular meeting Tuesday, December 6th, 1966, with all members present. Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr. presided. Attorney E. P. Dameron was also present.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was agreed that the following bonus be paid this Christmas: Outside help or hourly wages....\$ 15.00; Policemen and Firemen....\$ 20.00; Other personnel.....\$ 30.00.

It was agreed that two full working days be granted for Christmas Holidays and the schedule of days off was left to the discretion of the Manager in order that it be worked out to best fit the working needs in each particular case.

The Manager stated to the Board that he had received a letter from the representative of the Hilltop House that a six-inch water main be extended along Airport Road from the City Limits in order that they might disconnect their service from the Betsy Cross Nichols line and attach to the city line. After some discussion, the Manager was instructed to obtain the cost on the different size of pipe and report back to the Board at a later date.

The Manager was instructed to prepare an estimate of costs for lowering and repaving Fort Street from Garden Street to Madison Street; also changing the existing water line in said street.

A group representing the Taxi Operators came before the Board and after explanation and discussion and upon motion of Alderman Otis L. Broyhill, seconded by Alderman D. Pat Davis and carried, the following regulations and amendments to the Taxi Ordinance adopted 12-16-64 and found on page 673 of the Minute Book were approved.

1. That the rates for the zones listed below start within the following intersections: North Garden and Fort Street, Fort Street and Logan Street, Logan Street and West Henderson Street, South Main Street and Crawford Street, and State Street and South Garden Street.

2. That the waiting time be increased from \$ 3.00 to \$ 5.00 per hour and that a reasonable charge be made for transporting ice, coal or other bulky packages.

The following was also adopted upon motion of Alderman Ray N. Simmons, seconded by Alderman Howard T. Hawkins and carried, it was ordered that the privilege of obtaining a Taxi License in the Town of Marion may be transferred subject to the approval of the Board of Aldermen, and on the death of the owner, may be continued by his heirs or his estate unless the Board of Aldermen for good cause, shall refuse to issue a privilege license to his heirs or his estate.

The transfer of the ownership of the Yellow Cab Company from Mrs. Dan Toney to Carroll Toney and wife was approved, this approval being for operating seven (7) cabs.

It was also approved that Macon Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Stepp, operating as Lake City Cabs, be and are hereby authorized to operate eight (8) cabs; and that Willard Harris, operating as Eagle Cabs, be permitted to operate four (4) cabs; and that Galen Mace, operating as Red Top Cabs, be permitted to operate one (1) cab, and Paul Nurnally, operating as Red Top Cabs, be permitted to operate one (1) cab, and that Raymond Waycaster, operating as Red Top Cabs, be permitted to operate one (1) cab, making a total of twenty-two (22) permits for taxi operation.

It was agreed that the Manager be granted a two-week vacation starting Monday, December 19, 1966.

Mr. David Blanton came before the Board with reference to the surface water drainage from the new Post Office when it was completed and their parking area is paved and stated that all of this water and water from Garden Street would flow across his property. After some discussion, it was agreed that the city attorney write the owner of the Post Office property and ask if he would contribute to the cost of handling this excess amount of water.

The Manager stated to the Board that he had received a letter from the State Board of Health with reference to the of the filter surface water supplies and he also advised the Board as to the status of the investigation and the quantity of lint and other waste being received at the Waste Treatment Plant.

Upon motion of Alderman D. Pat Davis, seconded by Alderman Ray N. Simmons and unanimously voted, it was ordered that we advertise and bids be taken at the next regular meeting for the furnishing of a Police Special Automobile.

The Manager was instructed to place \$ 10,000.00 in each Marion Bank & Trust Company and First Union National Bank on a certificate of deposit for thirty days provided they would pay 5% interest.

It was agreed that the Superior Court be granted permission to use the Community Building as a Court Room the first week of January provided the Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions Club would give up their meeting dates.

The Manager was instructed to start advertisement of the incorporating of the Carl Poteat Sub-division and other property in that area; also a small section on State Street between Gay Street and Tate Street.

A Deed of Dedication for the right-of-way of the extension of Forest Heights Drive was accepted and put on record.

The Manager was asked to write the Marion Cable TV and ask them to meet with the Board of Aldermen at the next regular meeting, January 3rd, 1967, and also to write Mr. Seigler, President of the Public Service Co., and ask him to be present at the February meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
Clerk

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

*H. Streetman Jr.*  
Mayor

January 10, 1967

The Board of Aldermen met in regular meeting Tuesday, January 3rd, 1967, with the following members present: Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr., Aldermen Otis L. Broyhill, D. Pat Davis, Ray N. Simmons and J. Matt Smith. Absent: Alderman Howard T. Hawkins. Mr. E. P. Dameron, Town Attorney, was also present.

Fire Chief Glenn Laughridge presented a roster of the firemen to the Board for their approval and certification, which roster was forwarded to the Firemen's Pension Fund. Chief also gave a report of the number of fires and losses during the past calendar year.

Mr. Allan McDonald, representative of the Lenoir Cable TV, came before the Board to discuss the possible completion date for the installation here, and he stated that they were hopeful of completing the work and having the service in complete operation not later than May 15th.

Mr. Carroll Moore discussed with the Board the excessive amount of lint which industries are contributing to the Waste Treatment Plant, showing actual samples taken and a comparison of quantity by showing a sample of clean clear cotton. After some discussion and upon motion of Alderman D. Pat Davis and carried, it was agreed that the Manager call a meeting of the heads of industry who are contributing this waste and Mr. Russell McCoy, our Engineer, to meet with the Board to discuss this problem at an early date.

Alderman Ray N. Simmons reported on a Natural Gas Company meeting held December 15th, and he stated that there would be another meeting held with the Gas Company in the very near future.

Upon motion of Alderman D. Pat Davis, seconded by Alderman Ray N. Simmons and carried, Mr. James E. Evans and Mrs. Doris Burgin were re-elected to the City School Board, their term to run until May 1st, 1968.

Bids were opened on the furnishing of one Police Car, and it was agreed to wait until the Manager returned from vacation to check the specifications before awarding this bid.

Mr. Dameron stated to the Board that a check for \$ 30,000.00 from the State Highway Dept. had been received in payment for the Smith property on South Main Street, and the transfer of this property have to be delayed until the return of the Manager to sign the deed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was ordered that the property which had been advertised for four consecutive weeks be taken into the corporate limits. (See copy on Page 22)

The question of running a six-inch water line to the Betsy Cross Nichols Driveway or permitting the Hilltop House to run a three-inch line this distance was discussed, but no action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*J.W. Streetman Jr.*  
MAYOR

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

A Call Meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Monday, January 9, 1967. The purpose of this meeting being to award bids for a Police Car, which bids were opened at the Regular Meeting on January 3rd, 1967, and to discuss the sale of property on South Main Street to the North Carolina State Highway Commission.

After reviewing the bids on the Police Special Automobile, and after discussing the cost of maintenance and operating costs with Chief Smith and upon motion of Alderman J. Matt Smith and seconded by Alderman Otis L. Brophyhill, it was ordered that a 1967 Chevrolet Police Special with factory-installed air conditioning, the color to be white, was awarded to Ballow Motor Company for a net bid of \$2,255.85. A copy of the bids received is as follows:

	NET
Ballow Motor Company .....	\$ 1,335.93
With Air Cond. \$ 2,255.85	
Without Air Cond. \$ 1,999.00	
Marion Motors .....	1,421.78
" " " 2,215.82	1,988.92
Marion Buick Company .....	1,449.78
" " " 2,687.05	2,457.51
East Court Motor Company..Tempest	760.57
" " " 2,274.00	2,007.00
East Court Motor Company..Pont.	900.00
" " " 2,579.17	2,269.18
East Court Motor Company..Olds, F85	760.57
" " " 2,319.00	2,059.00
East Court Motor Company..Olds, Del.	900.00
" " " 2,635.17	2,329.18

After quite some discussion regarding the sale of the South Main Street property to the Highway Commission, it was agreed that the Manager write each of the tenants a letter advising them of the sale of this property and send a copy of each letter to Mr. Paul Duncan, right-of-way engineer for the N. C. State Highway Department.

It was agreed that the proceeds (\$30,000) be invested in certificates of deposit-- \$10,000 to the Marion Bank & Trust Company and \$20,000 to the First Union National Bank, each to bear interest of 5%.

The Manager was requested to see if he could obtain the services of a local Highway Engineer during off hours to make a survey of a proposed street from Blue Ridge Street to West Court Street.

The Manager was instructed to work out a date for a meeting between management and our engineer and the Board of Aldermen with reference to the excessive amount of lint being received at the Waste Treatment Plant.

After a general discussion, the meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
Reece C. Snyder

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF MARION

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen did publish a notice once a week for four successive weeks in the McDowell News setting forth that a meeting of the Board of Aldermen would be held to consider the adoption of an ordinance annexing certain tract of land to the Town of Marion, and

WHEREAS, no petition was received from 15 per cent of the qualified voters resident in the area proposed to be annexed and no petition was received from 15 per cent of the qualified voters resident in the municipality who actively participated in the last gubernatorial election requesting an election be held on the proposed extension, no election under G. S. 160-446 was required to be called or held, and the Board of Aldermen in its discretion did not call an election,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Marion as follows:

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted in the General Statutes Chapter 160, Article 36, the following area is annexed and attached to and hereby becomes a part of the Town of Marion and is described as follows, viz:

BEGINNING on a concrete monument on the North margin of Glenview Street Extension, said monument located these two (2) certain bearings and distances from a point where the East margin of Claremont Avenue intersects with the North margin of Glenview Street, first - South 89 degrees 30' East 271.4 feet; Second - South 84 degrees 30' East 213 feet, and runs thence, crossing said street South 14 degrees 15' West 51 feet to a concrete monument on the South margin of said street, thence, with the South Margin of said street South 84 degrees 30' East 175 feet to a concrete monument on the South margin of said street, thence, South 3 degrees 30' West 690.25 feet to a concrete monument, thence, South 71 degrees East 350 feet to a concrete monument; thence, South 89 degrees East 170 feet to a concrete monument, thence, North 71 degrees 15' East 125 feet to a concrete monument, thence, North 71 degrees 33' East 136.50 feet

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to a concrete monument, thence; North 9 degrees 38' West 384.70 feet to a concrete monument, thence, North 24 degrees 50' East 260.73 feet to a concrete monument, thence, North 66 degrees 44' West 179.84 feet to a concrete monument, East margin of Glenview Street Extension; thence, with the East margin of said street, North 23 degrees 23' East 128 feet to a concrete monument, thence, North 5 degrees 33' East crossing said street 185 feet to a point in the center of Young's fork of North Muddy Creek and in the present city limits line; thence, up the Creek as it meanders, South 89 degrees 43' West 97 feet South 81 degrees 07' West 86 feet North 80 degrees 58' West 16.28 feet North 63 degrees 15' West 77 feet South 64 degrees 30' West 155 feet South 78 degrees 52' West 110.90 feet South 66 degrees 30' West 120 feet, North 73 degrees 15' West 79 feet North 67 degrees 15' West 65 feet to a point in the center of said creek, thence, leaving said creek and runs South 14 degrees 15' West 181 feet to the BEGINNING.

BEGINNING on a concrete monument on the Southeast side of State Street, said monument being located South 54 degrees West 40 feet from R. J. Seagle's Northeast corner, and runs thence, crossing said street, North 23 degrees West 151 feet to a concrete monument on the Southwest side of Tate Street, thence, South 54 degrees West 164 feet to a concrete monument, thence, North 38 degrees West 45 feet to a concrete monument, thence, South 54 degrees West 12 feet to a concrete monument, thence, North 33 degrees West 68 feet to a concrete monument, thence, South 8 degrees 51' West crossing Gay Street 112.5 feet to a concrete monument on the Southwest side of Gay Street, thence, with the Southwest side of said street South 31 degrees 15' East 130 feet to a concrete monument on the Southwest side of Gay Street where it intersects with the Northwest side of State Street, thence, with the Northwest side of State Street South 54 degrees West 125 feet to a concrete monument on the Northwest side of State Street, thence, South 8 degrees 51' West crossing State Street 72 feet to a concrete monument on the Southeast side of State Street, thence, with Southeast side of State Street North 54 degrees East 106 feet to the BEGINNING.

SECTION 2. The territory annexed and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances, and resolutions in force in the Town of Marion and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the Town of Marion.

Section 3. The newly annexed territory shall be subject to municipal taxes levied for the fiscal year 1966.

Section 4. The Mayor shall cause an accurate map of the territory described in Section 1 to be made along with a certified copy of this ordinance, shall further cause these two documents to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of McDowell County, North Carolina, and a second copy of these documents to be filed with the Secretary of State at Raleigh, North Carolina.

Section 5. That this ordinance be published once in a newspaper published and having a circulation in the Town of Marion and County of McDowell.

Section 6. That all ordinances and clauses of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the 3rd day of January, 1967.

Attest:

*J. W. Streetman, Jr.*  
J. W. Streetman, Jr.  
Mayor

Reece C. Snyder  
Town Clerk

Approved as to form: E.P. Dameron, Town Attorney

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

January 19, 1967

A Call Meeting was held on January 18th at 7:30 P.M. with reference to the excessive amount of lint received at the Waste Treatment Plant. Mayor Pro Tem D. Pat Davis presided in the absence of Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr. Present: Alderman Howard T. Hawkins, Ray N. Simmons, and J. Matt Smith. Mr. E. P. Dameron, Town Attorney, was also present. Absent: Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr. and Alderman Otis L. Brophyhill. Mr. Russell McCoy, of Harwood Beebe Company, was also present. Members from industries present were: Mr. Horace Adams of Washington Mills, Mr. John Gallen of Smokey Mountain Hosiery Mill, Mr. Harry McCall of McPar Hosiery Mill, and Mr. Robert E. James of R. L. James & Sons.

It was pointed out by Mr. McCoy and Mr. Carroll Moore the difficulties that were being experienced by the excessive amount of lint being received at the Waste Treatment Plant and after a great deal of discussion, it was agreed by Mr. Gallen and Mr. McCall and Mr. James that they would take immediate steps to do what they could to correct this condition and Mr. Adams stated that he would discuss the matter with the officials in his home office.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

*D. Pat Davis*  
MAYOR  
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

February 1, 1967

A Call Meeting was held Wednesday morning, February 1 st, 1967, with the following members present: Aldermen D. Pat Davis, who acted as Mayor Pro Tem in the absence of Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr. Present: Aldermen J. Matt Smith, Ray N. Simmons, Otis L. Brophyhill, Howard T. Hawkins. This meeting was called to meet with Mr. Paul Duncan, Right-of-way Engineer from the N. C. State Highway Department in Asheville, to discuss with him certain phases of incorporating into the Agreement which had been presented by the Commission for the signature and adoption of an Ordinance agreeing to pay the Town's pro rata share in the cost in the construction of the West Henderson Street Underpass.

The items in question were considered individually and Mr. Duncan agreed that he would take this up with Mr. Hutchinson, Division Engineer, and report back to the Board at a later date.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned.

*Rice C. Snyder*  
CLERK

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

February 10, 1967

The Board of Aldermen met in regular meeting Tuesday night, February 7 th, 1967, with all members present. Mr. E. P. Dameron, Town Attorney, was also present.

The Manager was authorized to advertise for the straight purchase of one  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton pick-up truck and for the trade-in of two additional  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks, these bids to be received at the March meeting.

The Manager read a petition that he had received, which petition bore forty four signatures from a group of people in the vicinity of Miller Street Extension, requesting that a Mr. Samuel Frady be prohibited from operating any part of an automobile junk garage inside the city limits. After some discussion, the Manager was instructed to find out what steps, if any, could be taken on this matter.

Mr. McDonald, representing Cable TV, came before the Board and stated to them that he would have Cable TV service available in Marion by not later than April, 1967.

It was agreed that the Manager set a reasonable time for the people on Reservoir Road water line to make the connections thereto and notify them that the water on the old line would be cut off.

It was suggested that the street committee look into the possibility of construction of a new street from Blue Ridge Street to alleviate the congested conditions with the employees of Drexel Furniture Company when the Henderson Street Underpass is completed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was ordered that a street light be installed on Ridgecrest Drive midway between the intersection of Miller Street and Ridgecrest and the end of Ridgecrest Drive.

The Manager informed the Board that he had a letter from Mr. John Burton in which Mr. Burton stated he would be in Marion on or around February 11 th, 12 th or 13 th, and he would be glad to meet with them if they so desired.

The Manager reported to the Board that Washington Mills, Inc. would have their engineers in Marion on Wednesday, February 8 th, to make a study of the lint that was being discharged from the mill into the city sewer system.

Messrs. E. W. Fitch and Robert C. Loudermilk, of Glenview Street, came before the Board again with reference to the condition of the branch at the rear of their homes. After a great deal of discussion, the Manager was instructed to have Mr. Amos Fortenberry look at the condition of this stream and make recommendations as to his idea of correcting this problem.

Mr. E. P. Dameron stated to the Board that he had not been able to reach the proper authorities who now own or will own the post office site with reference to the excessive amount of water being discharged from their property into Garden Street.

Coach Ken Brackett came before the Board and discussed with them the possibility of operating a Summer Recreational Program similar to the one which was operated last summer and suggested a budget of about \$ 8,000.00. It was agreed that Coach Brackett and the members of the Booster Club contact industry and ask if they would help finance this program.

Alderman J. Matt Smith suggested that we look into the possibility of the Board of Aldermen being relieved of the responsibility of appointing members to the Marion City School Board.

The Manager was instructed to contact our engineer and ask that he make a study of the most feasible way to furnishing water in sufficient quantities down Highway 70 West to reach to the Biltmore Dairy Company.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Rice C. Snyder*  
CLERK

MAYOR

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

March 8, 1967

The Board of Aldermen met in regular meeting Tuesday, March 7 th, 1967, with all the members present except Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr. Mr. E. P. Dameron, Town Attorney, was also present. Mayor Pro Tem D. Pat Davis presided.

Mr. W. G. Ballew, Jr. attended the meeting simply to observe.

The Manager stated to the Board that a request from Mr. Ted Freeman, Principal of the Marion High School, that a parking space on South Main Street in front of Rice & White Furniture Company be eliminated in order that the school buses making righthand turns off of Main Street into State Street could do so more easily. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Street Committee look into this matter and make a decision.

The Manager read a letter from Mrs. Faye F. Howe, Secretary to the Open Gate Garden Club, requesting that a littering ordinance be adopted and rigidly enforced. The Manager was instructed to prepare such an ordinance and so notify Mrs. Howe.

The question of running a ten-inch water line down Highway 70 West for approximately one mile was discussed and it was agreed that the Board of Aldermen ask the Board of County Commissioners to meet with them to discuss this matter to see if the County would bear part of the costs of the installation of this line, as all of this is outside the city limits.

Mr. Earl Fitch and Mr. Robert Loudermilk came before the Board with reference to the branch running through their property, and after a great deal of discussion, it was decided that dredging and straightening the creek in this vicinity might be a solution to the problem; and Alderman J. Matt Smith suggested that the above property owners obtain permission from the adjoining property owners to do this work; and if permission is granted, then the Board would take under consideration the merits of it depending upon the cost estimates.

Bids were read on the furnishing of three 1/2-ton pick up trucks, a copy of these bids are on file in the Clerk's office. Upon motion of Alderman J. Matt Smith, seconded by Alderman Otis L. Brophyhill and unanimously voted, it was ordered that two of these trucks be awarded to Ballew Motor Company and one awarded to East Court Motor Company as follows:

Unit 1. A Chevrolet in the amount of \$ 2,307.45, less trade-in of \$ 819.45, for a 1957 Chevrolet, making a net total cost to the Town of \$ 1,488.00.  
Unit 2. A Chevrolet in the amount of \$ 2,307.45, less trade-in of \$ 969.45, for a 1960 GMC, making a net total cost to the Town of \$ 1,338.00. These two being awarded to Ballew Motor Company.  
Unit 3. A GMC purchased straight out without a trade-in in the amount of \$1,644.77, awarded to East Court Motor Company.

Upon motion made and seconded and carried the following Resolution calling for a Regular Election for Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Marion to be held on Tuesday, May 2 nd, 1967, was adopted.

A RESOLUTION CALLING A REGULAR ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MARION.

BE IT RESOLVED By the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Marion that:

(1) An election is hereby called for Tuesday, May 2, 1967, the date established by law, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and five Board of Aldermen members.

(2) The polling place will be Town Hall, and the polls will be open on election day from 6:30 A. M. until 6:30 P. M.

(3) Mrs. Julia M. Stanley, 300 Lincoln Avenue, Marion, North Carolina, is hereby appointed Registrar, and Mrs. C. R. Craig and Mr. John L. Sullivan are hereby appointed Judges of said election.

(4) The Registrar is hereby directed to open the registration books for the

purpose of registering all qualified electors who request registration and who are not now registered to vote in municipal elections.

(5) The registration period will be from Friday, April 14, 1967, through Friday, April 21, 1967, excluding Sunday, April 16, 1967. The registration books will be open for registration each day, excluding Sunday, during the registration period from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, except on Saturday, April 15, 1967, the books will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the City Hall (the Polling Place).

(6) Challenge Day will be Saturday, April 22, 1967, and challenges may be entered on such day from 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. at the polling place.

(7) The Town Clerk shall, no later than Saturday, April 1, 1967, cause a copy of this resolution to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Marion, and to be posted at the Town Hall.

ATTEST:

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

*J. W. Shadman Jr.*  
MAYOR

The Manager stated to the Board that Mr. Duke Ferris had offered to tear down the city-owned house on Blue Ridge Street for the materials that he could salvage from it, and it was agreed that Mr. Ferris could do this work provided he deposit \$ 50.00 with the Manager to guarantee complete removal of all building materials from the property within a reasonable time.

The Manager read a letter from Mr. John Burton in which he suggested that the uniforms issued to him by the City of Flint, Michigan, might be purchased from them for his use when he comes to Marion on April 1st; and it was agreed that the following items be purchased for the stated amount of \$ 245.06.

1. Outercoat	\$ 55.00	Total	\$ 55.00
2. Two blouses	\$ 38.98	Total	\$ 77.96
3. Four pairs of pants	\$ 13.80	Total	\$ 55.20
4. Two caps	\$ 5.95	Total	\$ 11.90
5. 1 dozen white shirts (cost of \$ 7.50 each)	\$ 45.00		

\$245.06

Mr. Ralph S. Suttles, 233 Depot Street, Marion, N.C. presented an application to the Board for the operation of a Pool Room consisting of six tables to be located at the old McDowell Hardware, West Court Street, owned by Hiram Bishop, and it was agreed that if he meet all the requirements of the Ordinance that a permit would be issued. An application from Mr. Al Hensley to operate a Pool Room consisting of fourteen tables to be located in a new building on East Court Street adjoining the Tastee Freeze property was considered; and upon motion of Alderman Otis L. Broyhill, seconded by Alderman Ray N. Simmons, it was agreed to issue a license to him for this operation provided he meet all requirements of the Ordinance as to building and any other requirements.

The Manager stated that he had been requested to haul off old refrigerators and stoves in connection with the Clean-Up Campaign. After some discussion, the Manager was instructed to inform those making requests that we simply did not have the time and manpower available to do this and too that they did not feel it was the responsibility of the Town.

The Manager showed a copy of the City Map to the Board which incorporated changes recently made by extending the corporate limits in two places and changing street names. These changes were approved by the Board and the Manager was instructed to go ahead and have maps printed.

Chief D. W. Smith came before the Board and stated that there would be an Officers' Training School conducted in Hickory at the Industrial Training Center in the very near future, and it was agreed that one man from our Police Department be sent to this school, all expenses to be paid by the Town and Chief Smith would designate the man to attend.

Upon motion of Alderman Howard T. Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Otis L. Broyhill, the following agreement between the Southern Railway System and the Town of Marion was approved for certain pipe lines to be located on the Railroad Right-of-Way.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF MARION TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY RELATIVE TO THE INSTALLATION OF FOUR SEWER PIPE LINES AND ONE WATER PIPE LINE IN THE TOWN OF MARION AS SHOWN ON YOUR DRAWING NO. 2-333 DATED DECEMBER 9, 1966.

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MARION, NORTH CAROLINA, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED.

That the Mayor of the Town of Marion is hereby authorized to enter into and execute a contract with the Southern Railway relative to the installation of four sewer pipe lines and one water pipe line in Marion, North Carolina, as shown on your drawing No. 2-333 dated December 9, 1966.

Upon motion of Alderman Howard T. Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Otis L. Broyhill, the foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

I, Reece C. Snyder, Clerk of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Marion, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing page contains a full, true and perfect copy of the Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the Town of Marion to enter into and sign a contract with the Southern Railway relative to the installation of four sewer pipe lines and one water pipe line in Marion, North Carolina, under the right-of-way of the Southern Railway as same appears on your drawing 2-333 dated December 9, 1966.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and seal of the said Town of Marion at the office of the Town of Marion, this 8th day of March, 1967.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
Reece C. Snyder  
Clerk, Town of Marion

(Seal of Town of Marion)  
Action taken on the 7th day of March, 1967.

Upon motion of Alderman Otis L. Broyhill, seconded by Alderman Ray N. Simmons, it was ordered that an Ordinance regulating Pool Rooms and other public amusements adopted June 29, 1966, be amended to read as follows: "That all places of business covered by this Ordinance shall close at 11:30 on Saturday nights."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

*J. W. Shadman Jr.*  
MAYOR

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

April 5, 1967

The Board of Aldermen met in regular meeting Tuesday, April 4th, 1967, with the following members present: Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr., Aldermen D. Pat Davis, Ray N. Simmons, Otis L. Broyhill, J. Matt Smith, Alderman Howard T. Hawkins was absent. Mr. E. P. Dameron, Town Attorney, was also present.

The Manager advised the Board that he had considerable difficulty trying to stop leaks in the Library Building roof, and he had checked with several local contractors to submit prices and had been unable to secure prices. After some discussion, it was suggested that we might contact the people from Lenoir who are repairing the roof of the First Baptist Church.

Upon motion made and seconded and carried, it was ordered that a street light be installed on South Garden Street between the Railroad and State Street.

Upon motion of Alderman Ray N. Simmons, seconded by Alderman J. Matt Smith, and carried, the following littering ordinance was adopted.

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DUMPING OF DEBRIS, LIQUID WASTES OR OTHER MATTER IN THE STREET, GUTTERS, DRAINAGE DITCHES OR OTHER DRAINAGE WAYS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS.

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Marion do ordain as follows:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to dump, throw or otherwise deposit upon any street or sidewalk scrap paper, bottles, cans, glass, rags, feathers, building material scraps, tree and shrubbery trimmings, liquid wastes, lubricating or fuel oil, flammable or combustible wastes or any other trash refuse or other debris.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct or cause to be obstructed the free flow of water in, over, along, upon, or through any drainage ditch, street gutter, culvert or other drainage way in any public street or other public way or in any creek, stream, or other natural drainage course within the corporate limits by depositing any trash, refuse, tree or shrubbery trimmings, building material scraps or other matter therein.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to dump or deposit or cause any gasoline, fuel oil, naphtha or other flammable liquid, or any liquid wastes containing a toxic or poisonous substance, or any lubricating oil, grease or detergent to drain into any drainage ditch, street gutter, culvert or other drainage way in any public street or other public way or in any creek, stream, or other natural drainage course within the corporate limits.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to permit any unsanitary, unwholesome or unsightly condition to exist on any lot or tract of land owned by such person, firm or corporation in the Town of Marion.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the 4th day of April, 1967.

Section 6. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars or imprisoned for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, one or both within the discretion of the Court.

*J. W. Streetman*  
Attest:  
*Reece C. Snyder*  
Reece C. Snyder  
Town Clerk

The Manager advised the Board that he had received a letter from the Southern Railway System with reference to the proposed McDowell Avenue Railroad bridge. No action was taken on this matter.

The Manager reported to the Board on the operation of the Waste Treatment Plant and stated that after the conference of the manufacturer of the new system, the engineer and representatives of the State Stream Sanitation Board that he felt encouraged about the ultimate results that might be obtained in this new installation.

Upon motion of Alderman D. Pat Davis, seconded by Alderman Otis L. Brophyll, it was agreed that Mrs. Julia M. Stanley be employed to copy the 1967 Town Taxes from the Courthouse.

Chief Smith reported to the Board on two people who had made application to operate pool rooms. He stated that to the best of his knowledge the character of Ralph S. Suttles was good and that he had not received a good reference on Mr. Shannon's application.

Mr. McDonald, representing Cable TV, came before the Board and gave a lengthy report as to why he had not completed the installation of Cable TV and stated that he was hoping the system would be in operation in the very near future.

A discussion was held on the possibility of extending a ten-inch water line along Highway 70 W for approximately one mile west of the intersection of Fern Avenue, and upon motion of Alderman Brophyll, seconded by Alderman J. Matt Smith and unanimously voted, it was agreed that the Town would participate in this extension to the extent of 1/4 of the total cost provided the County paid 1/4 of the total cost and that the property owners bear 1/2 of the total cost. This cost to include engineering services; overhead costs; right-of-way costs, if any; materials and supplies and the cost of installation; and that if the property owners agreed to this that the Manager and the Attorney prepare an Agreement setting a policy for this and other water extensions outside the city limits. It was also agreed the \$ 2,000.00 paid into the Town by Mr. P. S. Bradley, Jr., of the Bradley Lumber Company, on July 25, 1966, be returned to him as a part of the cost of the installation of the water line on Reservoir Road.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*J. W. Streetman*  
Attest:  
*Reece C. Snyder*  
Reece C. Snyder  
Clerk

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

April 10, 1967

The Board of Aldermen met in a Call Meeting at 10:00 A. M., Monday, April 10th, 1967. The purpose of this meeting was to meet with Mr. Paul Duncan, Right of Way Agent of the North Carolina Highway Commission, to see if an Agreement could be reached upon the Town's participation and the cost of the Henderson Street Underpass Project. Present: Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Aldermen Otis L. Brophyll, Howard T. Hawkins, Ray N. Simmons and J. Matt Smith. Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr. was absent.

After some discussion and upon motion of Alderman of Alderman Howard T. Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Otis L. Brophyll and unanimously voted, it was ordered that the Mayor and the Clerk-Manager be authorized to sign an agreement with the North Carolina Highway Commission for the Town's participation in the construction of the Henderson Street Underpass Project. A signed copy of the contract is filed with the Town Clerk.

After a general discussion, the Meeting adjourned.

*J. W. Streetman*  
Attest:  
*Reece C. Snyder*  
Reece C. Snyder  
Clerk-Manager

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

April 22, 1967

A Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen was called for the purpose of reaching a decision on asking some special legislation. After some discussion, it was agreed that we ask our Senator to introduce to introduce a bill making these following changes in the Town Charter: Changing the name from Town to City of Marion, changing the governing body members from Board of Aldermen to City Councilmen, setting up a salary for City Councilmen not to exceed \$ 25.00 per month and at the 1969 election that the Mayor and Councilmen be elected on staggered terms, and that candidates desiring to run for elective office should file their intention of such with the City Clerk not later than thirty days prior to said election.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
Attest:  
*Reece C. Snyder*  
Reece C. Snyder  
CLERK

MAYOR

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

May 9, 1967

The Board of Aldermen met on Tuesday, May 9th, in a call meeting. This meeting was to replace the May 2nd meeting which was not held due to the lack of a quorum. Members present: Mayor Streetman, Aldermen Otis L. Brophyll, Howard T. Hawkins, and Ray N. Simmons. Absent: Aldermen D. Pat Davis and J. Matt Smith. Attorney E. P. Dameron was also present. The results of the May 2nd election was certified to the Board of Aldermen, and it was ordered that such be spread on the Minutes of the Meeting.

CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF BALLOTING

We, the undersigned Registrar and Judges, do hereby certify that we met in the Town Hall on Wednesday, May 3, 1967 and did canvass the original returns of election of the votes cast for Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Marion at the regular municipal election held on May 2, 1967, and that the following is a true and correct tabulation thereof:

Candidates for Mayor:

D. Pat Davis	received 470 votes
Albert Neal	received 512 votes
Rowe Mauney	received 1 vote
Angus Stronach	received 1 vote

Candidates for Members of Board of Aldermen:

Brady H. Brooks	received 156 votes
Otis L. Brophyll	received 563 votes
Howard T. Hawkins	received 572 votes
Bill Ledbetter	received 542 votes
Otis Ledbetter	received 436 votes
Dr. M. A. McCall	received 194 votes
Jim Segars	received 603 votes
Ray N. Simmons	received 667 votes
J. Matt Smith	received 392 votes
Jack Triplett	received 202 votes
Ray Cline	received 2 votes
Frank Yarborough	received 1 vote
Alvin Owenby	received 1 vote

We, therefore, certify that pursuant to such tabulation we have judicially determined that:

FOR MAYOR: Albert N. Neal having received 512 votes

FOR MEMBERS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Ray N. Simmons	having received 667 votes
Jim Segars	having received 603 votes
Howard T. Hawkins	having received 572 votes
Otis L. Brophyll	having received 563 votes
Bill Ledbetter	having received 542 votes

have been duly elected Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Marion, pursuant to the provisions of the general laws of the State of North Carolina, for a term of two years.

John Sullivan (Judge)  
Mrs. Julia M. Stanley  
Registrar

Mrs. C. R. Craig (Judge)

Upon motion of Alderman Ray N. Simmons, seconded by Alderman Howard T. Hawkins and unanimously voted, it was ordered that the 1966 Tax Sales be advertised beginning May 15 th through June 5 th and sold June 12 th.

Police Chief Burton came before the Board and submitted recommendations for certain changes in the Police Department; and after some discussion and upon motion of Alderman Ray N. Simmons, seconded by Alderman Otis L. Broyhill and voted unanimously, it was ordered that Chief Burton's recommendations be approved as submitted subject to the approval of the full incoming Board.

Upon recommendation of the City School Superintendent, Mr. Hugh Beam, the following School Board Members were re-appointed for two-year term, which term will expire May 1, 1969: W. W. Greene, Jack Ballew, Robert Shirley, Jack Noyes, and Eugene Cross, Jr.

After a general discussion, the meeting adjourned.

Reece C. Snyder  
Clerk

W. H. Hawkins  
Mayor

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

May 22, 1967

The Board of Aldermen met in a Call Meeting Monday, May 22 nd, 1967, at 7:30 P. M. All members were present, with the exception of Alderman D. Pat Davis.

The purpose of this meeting being for the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen to take the oath of office.

After the Board of Aldermen had been sworn in by the Clerk of the Superior Court Robert G. Jarrett, Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr. and Alderman J. Matt Smith excused themselves from the meeting.

Upon motion of Alderman Otis L. Broyhill, seconded by Alderman Howard T. Hawkins and voted unanimously, Ray N. Simmons was appointed Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Albert M. Neal then made the following Committee appointments.

STREET COMMITTEE  
Ray N. Simmons  
Howard T. Hawkins  
James H. Segars

CEMETERY COMMITTEE  
Otis L. Broyhill  
W. R. Ledbetter

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Otis L. Broyhill  
J. H. Segars  
Ray N. Simmons

BUILDING COMMITTEE

W. R. Ledbetter  
Otis L. Broyhill

FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

Howard T. Hawkins  
Ray N. Simmons

Upon motion of Alderman Howard T. Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Otis L. Broyhill and unanimously voted, D. Pat Davis was appointed as a member to the McDowell Planning Commission.

Upon motion of Alderman Howard T. Hawkins, seconded by Alderman W. R. Ledbetter and unanimously voted, it was agreed that beginning June 1, 1967, that the charge for opening graves would be increased to \$ 30.00 for adults and that the charge for children's opening graves would remain at \$ 10.00, and that the local undertakers be notified.

NORTH CAROLINA  
McDOWELL COUNTY

I, Albert M. Neal, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States; so help me, God.

Albert M. Neal  
ALBERT M. NEAL

I, Albert M. Neal, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

Albert M. Neal  
ALBERT M. NEAL

I, Albert M. Neal, do swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of Mayor of the Town of Marion according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law, so help me, God.

Albert M. Neal  
ALBERT M. NEAL

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 22 nd day of May, 1967.

Robert G. Jarrett  
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

NORTH CAROLINA  
McDOWELL COUNTY

We, Otis L. Broyhill, Howard T. Hawkins, W. R. (Bill) Ledbetter, Ray N. Simmons, and James H. (Jim) Segars, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that we will support the constitution of the United States; so help us, God.

Otis L. Broyhill  
OTIS L. BROTHILL

Howard T. Hawkins  
HOWARD T. HAWKINS

W. R. (Bill) Ledbetter  
W. R. (BILL) LEDBETTER

Ray N. Simmons  
RAY N. SIMMONS

James H. (Jim) Segars  
JAMES H. (JIM) SEGARS

We, Otis L. Broyhill, Howard T. Hawkins, W. R. (Bill) Ledbetter, Ray N. Simmons, and James H. (Jim) Segars, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that we will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that we will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me God.

Otis L. Broyhill  
OTIS L. BROTHILL

Howard T. Hawkins  
HOWARD T. HAWKINS

W. R. (Bill) Ledbetter  
W. R. (BILL) LEDBETTER

Ray N. Simmons  
RAY N. SIMMONS

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*James H. Segars*  
JAMES H. (JIM) SEGARS

We, Otis L. Broyhill, Howard T. Hawkins, W. R. (Bill) Ledbetter, Ray N. Simmons, and James H. (Jim) Segars, do swear, (or affirm), that we will well and truly execute the duties of the office of Alderman of the Town of Marion according to the best of our skill and ability, according to law, so help us, God.

*Otis L. Broyhill*  
OTIS L. BROTHILL

*Howard T. Hawkins*  
HOWARD T. HAWKINS

*Bill Ledbetter*  
W. R. (BILL) LEDBETTER

*Ray N. Simmons*  
RAY N. SIMMONS

*James H. Segars*  
JAMES H. (JIM) SEGARS

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THIS THE 22 ND DAY OF MAY, 1967.

*Donald G. Jarrett*  
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

It was agreed that a Call Meeting be held on Monday night, May 29 th, 1967, at 7:30 p. m., to transact any business that might come before the Board.

The Manager was authorized to advertise for bids on petroleum products for the incoming fiscal year.

After a general discussion, the Meeting adjourned.

*Albert M. Neal*  
MAYOR

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
TOWN OF MARION

May 30, 1967

The Board of Aldermen met in a Call Meeting Monday night, May 29 th, 1967. Members present: Mayor Albert M. Neal, Aldermen Otis L. Broyhill, Ray N. Simmons, W. R. Ledbetter, and J. H. Segars. Absent: Alderman Howard T. Hawkins. Mr. E. P. Dameron, Town Attorney, was also present.

P. S. Bradley, Jr. came before the Board and discussed with them at length the possibility of running a water line to his property on Highway # 70 West. It was agreed to discuss this with the County Commissioners again and then to meet for further discussion with Mr. Bradley.

The Manager stated to the Board that he had request for sewer lines for three houses on Oak Street and during the discussion it was brought out there were other sections of town that should have sewer lines extended to them, and the Manager was instructed to have our consulting engineers to make a study and cost estimates of installing sewer to all unserviced areas and report back to the Board as early as possible.

Upon motion of Alderman Otis L. Broyhill, seconded by Alderman W. R. Ledbetter and unanimously voted, it was ordered that the following street lights be installed: one on Carson Street, Sinclair Avenue, Alabama Avenue, Morgan Street, Lail Street, and Airport Road.

Approval was given for the Manager to advertise for bids on two 1½ Ton Trucks to replace one 1958 Dodge and one 1958 G.M.C. Truck.

It was agreed that 1400 city automobile tags be bought for the coming year.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that Gilbert J. Hollifield had

requested permission to purchase a small tract of land or for the Town to sell him a street right of way easement over a part of the water filtration plant property. After discussing this matter at length, it was agreed that Alderman Ray N. Simmons talk with Mr. Hollifield again about this matter and report back to the Board at a later date.

Upon motion of Alderman J. H. Segars, seconded by Alderman Otis L. Broyhill and unanimously voted, it was agreed that Police Chief Burton be authorized to hire two additional police officers and three radio operators as proposed at the previous meeting and in accordance with the proposed 1967-68 Budget.

Upon motion of Alderman Ray N. Simmons, seconded by Alderman W. R. Ledbetter and unanimously voted, Mr. E. P. Dameron was reappointed as City Attorney.

Upon motion of Alderman Otis L. Broyhill, seconded by Alderman Ray N. Simmons and unanimously voted, Reece C. Snyder was reappointed as Manager and Tax Collector.

The proposed summer recreation program was discussed, but it was agreed that a recreational committee composed of Aldermen Ray N. Simmons, J. H. Segars and W. R. Ledbetter work with Coach Kenneth Brackett in setting up this program.

It was agreed that a drainage ditch on the edge of Maple Avenue be cleaned out by the City Crews.

The Manager briefly outlined the proposed budget to the Board and explained that he had incorporated into the budget a 5% increase in wages and salaries for everyone except the Police Department and at the request of Chief Burton he had included enough money in this department to pay the extra 2½% on police retirement and also to pay their hospital insurance premium. He pointed out to them that by doing this at the request of the Chief it would only cost the town about \$ 139.00 more per year for the entire department than a 5% increase. This arrangement was tentatively agreed upon.

The Manager then gave the Board a monthly report of revenue and expense and after a brief discussion, the Meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

*Albert M. Neal*  
MAYOR

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COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CITY OF MARION

June 14, 1967

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The City Council met in a Call Meeting Tuesday, June 13 th, 1967, this being to replace the regular meeting of June 6 th, which was not held. The following members were present: Mayor Albert M. Neal, Councilmen Howard T. Hawkins, RAY N. SIMMONS, J. H. Segars, and W. R. Ledbetter. Absent: Councilman Otis L. Broyhill. Mr. E. P. Dameron, City Attorney, was also present.

The question of metering parking lots was discussed, and the Manager stated that he had contacted the representatives of the Rockwell Parking Meter Company, and stated that a representative would call on us in the very near future.

It was decided that the street light which was to be installed on Morgan Street at the last meeting was not needed inasmuch as there was already a light in the vicinity.

The Manager presented the Budget for 1967-68 to the Council and after some discussion and upon motion of Alderman Howard T. Hawkins, seconded by Councilman W. R. Ledbetter and unanimously voted, the tax rate for the coming year was set at \$ 1.30 per hundred dollar valuation. The privilege licenses as adopted in the previous years were adopted at the same rate, and the Budget was approved as presented by the Manager with the exception that he had recommended the tax rate be set at \$ 1.25 and the Board set the rate at \$ 1.30. The Budget carried an approximate 5% increase for all personnel except the Police Department and it was agreed that the City pay for the full 5% Police Retirement (now paying 2½%) and pay the hospital insurance for the Police personnel other than Chief Burton. These two items would amount to less than \$ 130.00 per year above a straight 5% increase for the entire department.

Bids were opened for the purchase of two 1900 GVW trucks and chassis, and the bids were as follows:  
Marion Motors, Inc. .... \$ 5,023.92 Net bid, East Court Motor Company... \$ 5,385.00 Net bid, and Marion Buick Company.... \$ 5,675.84 Net bid. Upon motion of Councilman Hawkins and seconded by Councilman J. H. Segars, it was ordered that the contract be awarded to Marion Motors, Inc. A copy of the bids are on file in the Clerk's Office.

The Manager stated to the Council that he had advertised for bids on petroleum products for the incoming year, and had received only one, that being from Sinclair Refining Company. It was pointed out that we were not required by law to take bids

on these supplies, and that a considerable savings would be made by accepting this bid; and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed that this contract be awarded to the Sinclair Refining Company.

The Manager was instructed to install about 250 feet of two inch galvanized water pipe on Elizabeth Drive to serve about six or seven houses which are now served from one-half and 3/4 inch lines.

The Manager was instructed to look into the possibility of entering into a lease with Frank D. Glenn for a piece of possibly one hundred square feet to be used for off-street parking purposes and report back to the Council at a later date.

It was ordered that the paving assessment on Glenview Street charged against Winslow Ballew, Jr. be charged off inasmuch as the Ballew Property was outside the city limits.

It was the decision of the Council that the July 4th meeting be rescheduled for July 11th due to the holiday.

The Manager was asked to invite Mr. Allan McDonald of Cable TV Company to meet with the Council at the July 11th meeting.

After some discussion, the Meeting adjourned.

*Albert M. Neal*  
Mayor

*Reece C. Snyder*  
Clerk

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

July 19, 1967

The City Council met in a Call Meeting Tuesday night, July 18th, this meeting was to replace the regular scheduled meeting for July 4th, which was not held due to the lack of a quorum. Members present: Mayor Albert M. Neal, Councilmen Otis L. Broihill, W. R. Ledbetter, J. H. Segars and Ray N. Simmons. Councilman Simmons left the meeting early. Absent: Councilman Howard T. Hawkins. Mr. E. P. Dameron, City Attorney, was also present.

A representative from the Marion Cable TV came before the Board at the Council's request to report on the progress being made on the television installation and stated that they would open an office in Marion within the next week or two and that the system would be in service within sixty days.

Upon motion of Councilman Otis L. Broihill, seconded by Councilman J. H. Segars and unanimously voted, it was ordered that the crosswalk across Main Street in the center of the block near Belk's Store be put back into service, and that the crosswalk leading across Main Street the South side of Henderson Street be relocated.

The Manager stated to the Council that the State Highway Commission was anxious to proceed immediately with obtaining sewer line rights-of-way on the Henderson Street Project and Mr. Dameron agreed to get to work immediately on this work.

Upon motion of Councilman J. H. Segars, seconded by Councilman W. R. Ledbetter, it was ordered that a 2" water line be installed on Gay Street from State Street to its end near the Southern Railway right-of-way.

The Manager asked the Council whether or not the Senior High School would be required to pay for the water used on the Athletic Field, but no decision was reached on this matter.

Upon motion of Councilman Ray N. Simmons, seconded by Councilman J. H. Segars and unanimously voted, it was agreed that the city continue to carry life insurance on J. W. Streetman, Jr., but that Mr. Streetman would reimburse the city monthly for the amount due.

The question of distributing any excess money that the city might have between the First Union National Bank and the Marion Bank & Trust Company was discussed at great length, and it was decided to leave the certificate of deposit that is now in force at the First Union National Bank in force until its maturity on October 10, 1967, and at that time the Council would reach a decision as to how to reinvest this money provided it was still available and not needed for a reasonable period of time, and upon motion of Councilman Otis L. Broihill, seconded by Councilman J. H. Segars and unanimously voted, it was ordered that the Manager withdraw \$15,000.00 from the present checking account and deposit \$10,000.00 of this on a 90-day certificate and \$5,000.00 on a 30-day certificate with the Marion Bank & Trust Company.

It was ordered that the city be fogged for insects at the earliest convenient date, and that notice be published in the McDowell News prior to the actual fogging.

The question of the city participating in the cost of acquiring additional street decorations for the Christmas Holidays was discussed, but no decision was reached.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was ordered that no parking be enforced and proper signs be erected on the East side of Morgan Terrace from Clay Street to Court Street.

The proposed water line extension from the city limits along Highway #70 West for a distance of approximately two miles was discussed at length, and Mayor Neal promised to contact the State Highway representatives to see what action had been taken on the widening of this highway inasmuch as the two projects should be undertaken at the same time, and it was also agreed that an in line pump be purchased and installed somewhere along the present small line in order to try to better serve the present users until such time as a large line might be constructed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Albert M. Neal*  
Mayor

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Marion, North Carolina:

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the city government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1967, and ending June 30, 1968, according to the following attached schedules:

Section 2. ESTIMATED REVENUES: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1967, and ending June 30, 1968, to meet the following appropriations, according to the following attached schedules:

SECTION 3. TAXES LEVIED: There is hereby levied the following rates of tax on each one hundred dollar (\$100) valuation of taxable property, as listed for taxes as of January 1, 1967, for the purpose of raising the revenue from Current Year's Property Tax, as set forth in the following estimates of revenue, and in order to finance the following appropriations:

GENERAL FUND (for the general expenses incident to the property government of the city)..... \$ 1.07

DEBT SERVICE FUND (for the payment of interest and principal on outstanding debt)..... .23

TOTAL RATE per \$ 100 of valuation of taxable property..... \$ 1.30

Such rates of tax are based on an estimated total assessed valuation of property for purposes of taxation of \$13,000,000.00, and an estimated rate of collections of 96%.

Section 4. POLL TAX: There is hereby levied a poll tax of \$1.00 on all male persons between the ages of 21 and 50, unless exempt as provided by law, the purpose of raising the revenue from Current Year's Poll tax, as set forth in the following estimates of revenue, and in order to finance the following appropriations.

Section 5. DISTRIBUTION: Copies of this ordinance shall be furnished to the Treasurer and Accountant of the City of Marion, to be kept by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Adopted this 13th day of June, 1967.

*Albert M. Neal*  
MAYOR, CITY OF MARION

ATTEST: *Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK, CITY OF MARION

CITY OF MARION, NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1967-68		
CODE NO.	REVENUE	ESTIMATED FOR 1967-68
145	Ad Valorem Tax @ \$1.30 per \$ 100 Val. Estimated 96% Collection	\$ 162,240.00
10	Ad Valorem Tax - Prior Years	2,000.00
12-207	Tax Sales Int. & Penalties	4,000.00
209-210-154	Business License Tax	1,500.00
251	Intangible Tax Rebate	8,800.00
253	Franchise Tax Rebate	4,700.00
212	Auto Tags	600.00
20-252	Water Sales & C/o's	170,000.00
235	Water Taps, Meters & Penalties	3,200.00
231-232	Sewer Taps, Sewer Service	20,000.00
217	Revenue Mayor's Court	1,600.00
15-247-208	St. Paving & Interest	4,000.00
219-230	Cemetery Lots & Graves	3,500.00
215-220	Rents (Bldgs. & Offices)	500.00
248	Fire Protection from County	3,900.00
256	Revenue from County Trash Dump	2,200.00
225	Parking Meter Revenue	8,700.00
227	Parking Violations	3,000.00
257	Powell Bill Funds	14,500.00
254	Tax Refund on Gasoline	2,000.00
245-255-246	Misc. Rev. & Bldg. Permits Surplus	4,000.00
		47,439.86
	total	\$ 475,379.86

DISBURSEMENTS GENERAL GOVERNMENT		ESTIMATED FOR 1967-68
CODE NO.		
301	Salary-Mayor	\$ 1,200.00
301-A	" -Board Members	1,500.00
302	" -Town Manager 1/3	3,521.87
303	" -Bookkeeper	4,577.58
303	" -Office Clerk	4,577.58
311	" -Janitor	3,003.00
305-305-A	" -Attorney	1,200.00
308-308-A	Recreation	5,000.00
307	Social Security	688.77
306	Retirement	1,978.66
	TOTAL	\$ 27,247.46
314	Special Appropriations	600.00
315	Office Supplies & Postage	1,000.00
316	Telephone	500.00
317-318	Printing & Advertising	550.00
319	Auditing	1,850.00
320	Lighting Service	1,500.00
322	Maintenance of Bldgs.	1,000.00
323	Insurance - Bldgs. & Equipment	625.00
324	Insurance - Employees & Pub. Liab.	210.00
325	Insurance - Group & Bonds	1,300.00
326	Registration & Subscriptions	650.00
327	Travel Expense	600.00
327-A	Civil Defense	300.00
328-338	Janitor & Other Supplies	675.00
331	Fuel	1,500.00
332	Motor Vehicle Expense	500.00
333	Equipment Repairs	350.00
335	Rent ON Parking Lots	2,100.00
334	Miscellaneous	1,000.00
337	Capital Expense	1,500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 18,310.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 45,557.46
DISBURSEMENTS POLICE DEPARTMENT		
401	Salary - Chief Burton	\$ 6,107.19
401-2-1-68	" -Chief Smith	3,475.64
402	" Wood	5,049.12
402	" Fortner	4,851.12
402	" Arrowood	4,432.80
402	" Beck	4,851.12
402	" Trent	4,432.80
402	" Ray	4,432.80
402	" Elliott	4,432.80
402	" Dixon	4,432.80
402	" Causby	4,432.80
402	" Blankenship	4,432.80
402	" C. Arrowood	4,432.80
403	" M. Jarrett	3,600.00
403	" A. Dillingham	3,600.00
403	" A. Hawkins	3,600.00
	TOTAL	\$ 70,996.59
406-407	Retirement & Social Security	5,176.48
	Hospital Insurance	1,670.68
415	Office Supplies	300.00
416	Telephone	550.00
417	Printing	350.00
425	Insurance	820.00
427	Travel Expense	450.00
430	Other Supplies	300.00
432	Motor Vehicle Expense	2,600.00
433	Radio Repairs	1,000.00
434	Miscellaneous & Jail Board	500.00
435	Uniforms	2,500.00
437	Capital Expense	2,500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 18,717.16
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 89,313.75

DISBURSEMENTS FIRE DEPARTMENT		
502	Salary - Chief	\$ 5,292.00
502	" - Sullivan	5,093.67
502	" - Webb	5,093.67
507	Social Security	681.09
514	Pension Fund	1,300.00
516	Telephone	250.00
525	Insurance	1,200.00
527	Travel Expense	1,000.00
529	Chemicals & Hose	1,000.00
532	Motor Vehicle Expense	1,000.00
534	Miscellaneous	200.00
535	Uniforms	1,000.00
537	Capital Expense	1,000.00
538	Supplies & Materials	100.00
	TOTAL	\$ 24,210.43
DISBURSEMENTS STREET DEPARTMENT		
602	Salary - Manager 1/3	3,521.87
610	" - Superintendent	7,971.18
611	" - Allen Gillespie	3,545.85
611	" - Alvin Smith	5,460.00
611	" - D. C. Carroll	3,243.24
611	" - Fred Harris	3,603.60
611	" - Wm. N. Harris	3,243.24
611	" - Clint King	3,243.24
606	Retirement	4,276.40
607	Social Security	1,488.62
	TOTAL	\$ 39,597.24
612	Maint. & Imp. of Streets (Powell Bill)	14,500.00
620	Street Lighting	14,000.00
624	Insurance	860.00
632	Motor Vehicle Expense	1,800.00
633	Equipment Repairs	1,000.00
634	Miscellaneous	400.00
637	Capital Expense	13,500.00
638	Supplies & Materials	2,200.00
	TOTAL	\$ 48,260.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 87,857.24
DISBURSEMENTS GARBAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTIONS		
706	Retirement	\$ 3,125.66
707	Social Security	1,088.05
711	Salary - William D. Twitty	4,105.92
711	" - Raymond Bledsoe	3,464.37
711	" - James White	3,603.60
711	" - C. Albert Carson	3,243.24
711	" - Calvin Smith	3,603.60
711	" - Chas. F. Smith	3,243.24
711	" - Elbert Greenlee	3,464.37
	TOTAL	\$ 28,942.05
724	Insurance	550.00
732	Motor Vehicle Expense	1,800.00
733	Equipment Repairs	1,000.00
734	Miscellaneous	400.00
737	Capital Expense	500.00
738	Supplies & Materials	1,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 5,250.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 34,192.05

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DISBURSEMENTS  
CEMETERY

806	Retirement	\$	819.89
807	Social Security		285.40
811	Salary - Francis Jackson		3,243.24
811	" - J. H. Buchanan		3,243.24
824	Insurance		50.00
833	Equipment Repairs		150.00
834	Miscellaneous		200.00
837	Capital Expense		600.00
838	Supplies & Materials		100.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>8,691.77</b>

WATER DEPARTMENT

902	Salary - Manager 1/3	\$	3,521.87
903	" - Chemist 1/2		2,745.67
906	Retirement		3,706.40
907	Social Security		1,290.20
911	Salary - Geo. O. Conley		4,320.88
911	" J. J. Riddle		3,843.80
911	" M. L. Harris		3,482.60
911	" James Twitty		3,243.24
911	" H. D. Lowery		3,843.84
911	" Glenn Murdock		4,320.88
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>34,319.38</b>
916	Telephone		360.00
920	Electric Power		8,000.00
922	Maintenance of Bldgs.		500.00
924	Insurance		650.00
927	Travel Expense Schools		150.00
929	Chemicals		2,500.00
931	Fuel		400.00
932	Motor Vehicle Expense		600.00
933	Equipment Repairs		1,200.00
934	Miscellaneous		300.00
937	Capital Expense		38,233.44
938	Supplies & Materials		6,000.00
939	Analysis		96.00
940	Water Statements & Postage		1,900.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>60,889.44</b>
	<b>GRND TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>95,208.82</b>

SEWER DEPARTMENT

1006	Retirement		1,670.15
1007	Social Security		581.40
1011	Salary - W. C. Raines		3,243.24
1011	" - Paul Smith		3,483.48
1011	" - W. E. Melton		3,243.24
1011	" - J. V. Riddle		3,243.24
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>15,464.75</b>

1020	Electric Power		550.00
1024	Insurance		240.00
1032	Motor Vehicle Expense		200.00
1033	Equipment Repairs		300.00
1034	Miscellaneous		100.00
1037	Capital Expense		5,000.00
1038	Supplies & Materials		600.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>6,990.00</b>
	<b>GRND TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>22,454.75</b>

DEBT SERVICE

1143	Bond Principal		30,000.00
1144	Bond Interest		6,200.00
	Coupon Expense		53.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>36,253.00</b>

MOTOR VEHICLE EXPENSE  
GASOLINE & OIL

1201	Gasoline	\$	7,000.00
1202	Oil & Grease		500.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>7,500.00</b>

WASTE TREATMENT PLANT

1506	Retirement		787.36
1507	Social Security		274.08
1510	Salary - Chemist 1/2		2,745.67
1511	" - Albert Robinson		3,483.48

	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>7,290.59</b>
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1516	Telephone		200.00
1520	Electric Power		6,500.00
1522	Maintenance of Bldgs.		500.00
1524	Insurance		300.00
1527	Travel Exp. Schools		150.00
1529	Chemicals		500.00
1532	Motor Vehicle Expense		150.00
1533	Equipment Repairs		1,500.00
1534	Miscellaneous		150.00
1537	Capital Expense		5,000.00
1538	Supplies & Materials		1,500.00
1531	Fuel		400.00

	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>16,850.00</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>24,140.59</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL DEPARTMENTS</b>	\$	<b>475,379.86</b>

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

August 9, 1967

The Council met in regular meeting Tuesday night, August 8, 1967, at 7:30 p. m., with all of the members present with the exception of Councilman William R. Ledbetter. Attorney E. P. Dameron was also present.

Upon motion made and seconded and carried, it was ordered that "No Parking" signs be erected and "No Parking" be enforced at the following locations: On the East side of Burgin Street from Court Street to Henderson Street, and on the West side of Burgin Street between the driveways leading to Etta Paper Box Company's parking lot and on the North side of West Henderson Street from the Winn Dixie Stores west driveway to Burgin Street.

It was agreed that the sidewalk on Depot Street be lowered for a short distance in order that an alley paralleling the Smokey Mountain Hosiery Mill property might be opened.

The question of closing out the water line agreement with G. P. Seagle and wife by making him a lump sum payment was discussed, but no definite action was taken.

Upon motion of Councilman Ray N. Simmons, seconded by Councilman Howard T. Hawkins and unanimously voted, it was ordered that the following list of taxes be charged off for the reasons given and that Mrs. Mary Jane Sentelle be authorized to sign checks without being countersigned up to the amount of \$ 25.00 and that a notice of this be sent to our Auditors.

WRITE OFFS 1966 as of 6-30-67		
	Receipt No.	
Bill Buchanan, Outside City	149	\$ 9.40 Personal
Charlie E. Carson, Outside City	" 193	2.47 Personal
W.Ct.Bapt. Church, City Charged off	" 208	28.98 Personal
L.M.Shell, Same as #112	" 228	\$ 20.23 Tax Sale
Wm. R. Cook, Outside City	" 251	5.32 "
Donald Ray Hensley, Outside City	" 532	11.21 "
J.H.Hensley, Moved Jan. 1966	" 539	13.94 "
Rosa Ann McCall, Trailer outside	" 763	18.09 "
Alice Newell, Outside City	" 901	9.29 "
H.G.Sain, Dup. of Part # 1082	" 1081	22.94 "
Charles Shannon, Moved 6-65	" 1110	21.25 "
Roger Leon Webb, Outside City	" 1296	3.47 "
H.D.Hall, Outside City	" 1383	3.45 "

\$ 149.81 Personal \$ 20.23 Tax Sale

TOTAL \$ 170.04

The Manager stated to the Council that he had asked the firm of Harwood Beebe Company to lay out sewer lines for construction on Miller Street and Oak Street.

Mr. E. P. Dameron was asked to write the Southern Railway Officials with reference to permission to proceed with the construction of the McDowell Avenue Bridge.

Upon motion of Councilman Howard T. Hawkins, seconded by Councilman J. H. Segars, and unanimously voted, it was ordered the street running from Rutherford Road to a dead end at Westbrook Piano Company be officially named and signs erected as Westbrook Avenue.

Mr. George Brown, representing McDowell Rescue Squad, came before the Council and asked that they be granted permission to erect a building on the city-owned property that they now use on State Street for their regular operations. This request was granted.

Upon motion made, seconded and carried, it was ordered that an additional street light be installed on Pulliam Street.

A considerable discussion was held with reference to investing surplus city funds.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Cloud H. Neal*  
MAYOR

*Pierce C. Snyder*  
CITY CLERK

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

August 29, 1967

The Council met in a Call Meeting at 4:30 P. M., Monday, August 28th, 1967, to discuss a possibility of giving temporary water service to the Bradley Development on Highway 70 West. All members were present with the exception of Councilman Howard T. Hawkins. Messrs. Pierce S. Bradley, Jr. and Winslow Ballew, Jr. were also present.

The Mayor asked the Manager to explain to the members exactly what steps had been taken, and it was pointed out that Mr. Bradley had contacted Joe McNeal of the Marion Machine Shop and that Mr. McNeal had told Mr. Bradley that the present two-inch water line running to the Machine Shop was his and that he would give Mr. Bradley permission to connect to it and extend a two-inch line through the culvert down the creek to his property.

It was pointed out that nearly enough money had been solicited from property owners, county and city's participation to connect a ten-inch water line down to the Highway to the Bradley property, but that this work could not be done until such time until construction had started on widening Highway 70; and after some discussion it was agreed that if Mr. Bradley wanted to put the proposed two-inch water line in at his expense that when the ten-inch line was run that the town would salvage the two-inch pipe that he installed and would give him credit on his contribution to the large line for the cost of pipe only in laying the two-inch line. It being pointed out that the cost of installing the two-inch line would be Mr. Bradley's and he would not be reimbursed for any part of installation cost.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Pierce C. Snyder*  
CITY CLERK

*Cloud H. Neal*  
MAYOR

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

September 6, 1967

A regular meeting of the Council was held Tuesday, September 5th, with all members present. Councilman W. R. Ledbetter was about thirty minutes late. Mr. E. P. Dameron, City Attorney, was also present.

Mr. Gilbert J. Hollifield, Jr. came before the Council and stated that he was attempting to organize a Community-wide Bridge Club and asked for the use of the Community Building each Wednesday night. It was agreed that this organization would be permitted to use the Community Building for this purpose other than on special occasions when other organized clubs, such as Hospital Auxiliary, Manufacturers' Showcase week and others desired the building that the Bridge Club might have to forfeit their night, and it was decided the Manager and Mr. Hollifield agree on a charge for the use of the building comparable to what the other civic clubs are paying.

The Manager stated to the Council that we were still experiencing considerable difficulty with lint at the waste treatment plant, and Mayor Neal agreed that he would contact Mr. Blackwood, President of Washington Mills, regarding this matter.

Upon motion made, seconded and carried, it was ordered that parallel parking be marked off and meters be installed on the north side of East Court Street from Logan Street to Academy Street.

No decision was reached as to whether to bill McDowell County Library for water used at the Post Office Building.

The Manager was instructed to do the necessary work and place stone on the city-owned lot on Crawford Street to be used as an all-day parking lot.

The Manager stated that he had several complaints about the contractor on the Henderson Street job burning debris and using old tires to keep the fire burning, but no action was taken on this matter.

The Manager stated to the Council that due to the depth of the cuts on the proposed Miller, Washington and Virginia Streets sewer that the city did not have equipment in which to do this work, and it was suggested that we might have to contract this job.

Upon motion of Councilman Ray N. Simmons, seconded by Councilman J. H. Segars; and unanimously voted, the Manager was instructed to erect two twenty-mile per hour flashing signals on Robert Street and to see if the city school system would pay for the signals.

Upon motion of Councilman Otis L. Brophy, seconded by Councilman Ray N. Simmons; and unanimously voted, it was ordered that a parking space on the Northeast corner of Main Street at State Street be eliminated and to change the loading zone directly across Main Street from this location to the last meter space on the West side of South Main Street and to put this meter at the present loading zone space and to mark off and install meters in front of the new Pearlman's building which was originally a driveway. After the meeting adjourned, the Council visited this location and it was suggested that sidewalk on east side of Main Street and north of State Street might be narrowed in order to give additional room for moving traffic.

Chief Burton made certain recommendations to the Council as to eliminating parking in certain areas of South Main Street in order to increase the flow of traffic from the new Post Office. After discussing this matter a considerable time, it was finally decided that no action be taken on these recommendations at this time.

The Manager was instructed to see if there is sufficient right-of-way on Robert Street to build a sidewalk from the Elementary School to Park Avenue.

After the meeting adjourned, the entire Council went to investigate the street lighting on Pulliam Street, and it was decided that the location of one light be changed and that an additional light be installed.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned.

*Cloud H. Neal*  
MAYOR

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

October 5, 1967

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday night, October 3rd, 1967, with all members present. Mr. E. P. Dameron, City Attorney, was also present.

Upon motion of Councilman Howard T. Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Ray N. Simmons, and unanimously voted, Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem was authorized to sign city checks.

The Manager read a letter from the Marion City School Board addressed to the Mayor and the Council with reference to certain changes around the Robert Street Elementary School, and it was suggested that the City Council meet with the City School Board to discuss this matter.

The regular County Commissioners quarterly meeting with the City Council scheduled for October 12th was postponed until November 9th.

At the request of the U.S. Post Office authorities and a petition, the name of High Street running from East Court Street to Oak Street and on the outside of the city limits was changed to Highland Drive.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that several years ago the city entered into an Agreement with G. P. Seagle with reference to his installing a six-inch water line to the Seagle Lumber Company, a copy of this agreement is on file in the City Clerk's Office, and it was agreed that when Mr. Seagle recovered \$ 16,000.00 from tapping fees on this line that he would then have no further claim for reimbursements and that at the present time a balance of \$ 6,505.00 is due Mr. Seagle and he has agreed to accept \$ 5,000.00 in full settlement of this Agreement; and upon motion of Councilman Otis L. Brophy, seconded by Councilman Howard T. Hawkins and unanimously voted, it was agreed that the \$ 5,000.00 be paid Mr. Seagle provided he sign a complete release, which release is to be prepared by our Attorney.

The question of the purchase of a new Police car, trading in a 1965 Chevrolet, was discussed, and it was decided that the present car should be used until sometime next Spring.

Mr. Richard Kent and wife, Eleanor A. Kent, came before the Council and presented maps of their sub-division adjacent to the City of Marion and requested that this property be taken into the City Limits. After a great deal of discussion and upon motion of Councilman W. R. Ledbetter, seconded by Councilman J. H. Segars and unanimously voted, it was agreed that this property be taken into the City Limits provided the Kents meet all requirements as to such matters and after the Kents left the meeting, the Manager was instructed to contact them again to find out exactly how much of the streets they wanted to develop at this time, and how much of the utilities should be installed and request that they bear the cost of installing the culvert at the end of Lail Street and to explain to them that the city would do this work as time and money were available.

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It was agreed that approximately 250 ft. of 24" storm sewer drainage be installed on the property of Guy J. Crawley on State Street to carry off the water collecting from city streets at that location and running through his property.

Upon motion of Councilman Otis L. Broyhill, seconded by Councilman Ray N. Simmons, it was ordered that a section be added to the present Schedule B Privilege License imposing \$ 3.00 per year license fee a pin ball machine.

It was brought to the attention of the Council that Mr. Jack Ballew had requested that Fort Street be lowered from Garden Street to Madison Street, and it was the opinion that Mr. Ballew expected the city to bear the entire cost of this undertaking, and after a great deal of discussion, the Manager was instructed to obtain an estimate of cost for grading, paving, curb and gutter, replacing sidewalk and lowering the water line and report back to the Council at a later date.

The Manager was instructed to remove the stop sign on Tate Street at the intersection of Carson Street, and to place yield sign on Carson Street.

The question of installing two flashing school signs on Robert Street and installing traffic signals at the intersection of Railroad and Main Streets was discussed and the Manager stated that he had an estimate of \$ 725.00 for the school flashing signs and \$ 1613.65 for the signals at Main and Railroad Streets, and after some discussion, it was decided not to take any action on these matters at this time.

Mr. E. P. Dameron stated to the Board that Mr. Frank Conley through his attorney, Mr. Thomas White, had requested that we proceed immediately to connect the Laundromat on Baldwin Avenue owned by Mr. Conley to the City Sewer System, and it was the Board's decision that they still felt that the original Agreement was for a domestic-type service and not a commercial-type service, and on those grounds they refused the request as they have done previously, and told Mr. Dameron to inform Mr. White that they would be willing to discuss this matter with Mr. Conley and Mr. White at their convenience.

The Manager was instructed to have the stop sign at the intersection of Viewpoint Drive and Crescent Drive relocated. It was also suggested that the speed limit on West Court Street in the vicinity of West Court Baptist Church be lowered to 25 miles an hour.

The Manager was instructed to remove one additional parking space on South Main Street near the Cut Rate Furniture Store. This would make five parking spaces being removed instead of the four that are now in effect.

Upon motion of Councilman Otis L. Broyhill, seconded by Councilman Howard T. Hawkins, it was ordered that starting immediately that we start making deposits on an open checking account in the Marion Bank and Trust Company until such time as we have deposited \$ 10,000.00. It was entered in the motion that this might take as much as two or three months. Voting in favor of this motion: Councilmen Otis L. Broyhill, Howard T. Hawkins and J. H. Segars. Voting "No": Councilman W.R. Ledbetter and Ray N. Simmons.

The Manager was instructed to replace the two-hour parking on the south side of Blue Ridge Street and east of the R.L. James Knitting Mills with "No Parking" signs.

After some discussion, the Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:40.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
REECE C. SNYDER, CLERK

*Albert M. Neal*  
ALBERT M. NEAL, MAYOR

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION  
October 19, 1967

A call meeting of the Council was held Thursday, October 19, 1967, with the following members present: Councilmen Ray N. Simmons, Otis L. Broyhill, J. H. Segars and Howard T. Hawkins. Mayor Albert M. Neal was present. Absent: Councilman W. R. Ledbetter. The purpose of this meeting was to reach a decision on the request of the Merchants Association that the City contribute to the purchase of new street Christmas decorations, and to consider the lowering and rebuilding of Fort Street from Garden Street to Madison Street.

After some discussion and upon motion of Councilman J. H. Segars, seconded by Councilman Ray N. Simmons, and unanimously voted, it was agreed that the City contribute up to \$ 1500.00 toward the purchase of street decorations, pay the electrical bill and assist in erecting and removing the decorations.

The question of lowering and rebuilding Fort Street and upon motion of Councilman Howard T. Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Otis L. Broyhill and voting yes: Otis L. Broyhill, Howard T. Hawkins and Ray N. Simmons. Voting no: J. H. Segars. It was agreed the City would replace the curb and guttering, the sidewalk, the paving and the water line provided Mr. Jack Ballew of the Marion Buick Company paid for all the grading.

After a general discussion, the meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
REECE C. SNYDER, CLERK

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

November 8, 1967

Council met in regular meeting Tuesday, November 7th, 1967 with all members present. City Attorney E. P. Dameron was also present.

A representative from Marion Cable TV came before the Council and explained to them that they now had seven of the twelve channels in operation and expected to have the complete installation in within the next thirty days.

The question of widening South Main Street by cutting the sidewalk was again discussed, and upon motion of Councilman J. H. Segars, seconded by Councilman W. R. Ledbetter, it was agreed that the sidewalk be cut beginning at the Railroad Bridge at nothing and running to a point at the intersection of State Street and Main Street about four feet back of the sidewalk and to rework the radius at that intersection and to widen State Street on the South side from Main Street to back of the Duke Power Company and to restrict parking on the west side of Main Street from Crawford Street to Rutherford Road by erecting no parking signs from 7:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was ordered that a street light be installed on Ellis Street.

It was agreed that the regular quarterly meeting with the County Commissioners, Town of Old Fort and City of Marion be held Thursday night, November 9th.

The Mayor stated that he had talked with the officials of the Southern Railway System about the blocking of the West Henderson Street Railroad Crossing.

The question of the bad traffic condition at the intersection of Court, Tate and Carsons Streets was discussed, but no definite action was agreed upon.

It was brought to the attention of Council that Mr. Gilbert Hollifield did not feel like the Westbrook Piano Company should pay for 100 feet of street paving that they had signed a petition for and which work had been done, it was the decision of the Council that they pay the assessment as petitioned.

The Manager informed the Council as to the increased cost of making water connections and installing water meters, but it was agreed that no changes be made in this cost.

It was decided that a request be made to the Post Office Officials that one driveway leading into the Post Office be made one way going traffic and the other outgoing and that an effort be made to have them construct a driveway in order that vehicular traffic could move from Main Street to Garden Street.

Upon motion of Councilman Howard T. Hawkins, seconded by Councilman W. R. Ledbetter and unanimously voted, the following Ordinance incorporating certain lands into the City Limits was adopted.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MARION

WHEREAS, City Council did publish a notice once a week for four successive weeks in the McDowell News setting forth that a meeting of the City Council would be held to consider the adoption of an ordinance annexing certain tract of land to the City of Marion, and

WHEREAS, no petition was received from 15 per cent of the qualified voters resident in the area proposed to be annexed and no petition was received from 15 per cent of the qualified voter resident in the municipality who actively participated in the last gubernatorial election requesting an election be held on the proposed extension, no election under G. S. 160-446 was required to be called or held, and the City Council in its discretion did not call an election,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Marion as follows:

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted in the General Statutes Chapter 160, Article 36, the following area is annexed and attached to and hereby becomes a part of the City of Marion and is described as follows, viz:

BEGINNING at a concrete monument at the eastern end of Lail Street, said monument being in the present boundary of the City of Marion, and running with the City line the following courses and distances: S. 41 30' E. 47.70 feet to an iron stake; S. 64 30' E. 151.50 feet to an iron stake; S. 44 E. 144.00 feet to an iron stake; S. 15 W. 167.50 feet to an iron stake; S. 49 E. 96 feet to an iron stake; S. 45 E. 165 feet to an iron stake at toe of bank; and thence S. 5 46' W. 1094.57 feet to a concrete monument; thence leaving the present boundary line of the City of Marion. N. 85 W. 627.00 feet to a concrete monument; N. 20 W. 379.50 feet to an iron stake; thence N. 29 E. 453.75 feet to an iron stake; thence N. 10 E. 99.00 feet to an iron stake, near a marked pine; N. 34 E. 90.95 feet to an iron stake; thence N. 12 E. 82.50 feet to an iron stake near a marked pine; thence N. 2 W. 82.50 feet to an iron stake; thence N. 8 E. 102 feet to an iron stake; thence N. 5 E. 134 feet to an iron stake at fallen white oak; thence N. 25 15' E. 286.20 feet to the beginning.

Section 2. The territory annexed and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances, and resolutions in force in the City of Marion and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the City of Marion.

Section 3. The newly annexed territory shall be subject to municipal taxes levied for the fiscal year 1968.

Section 4. The Mayor shall cause an accurate map of the territory described in Section 1 to be made along with a certified copy of this ordinance, shall further cause these two documents to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of McDowell County, North Carolina, and a second copy of these documents to be filed with the Secretary of State at Raleigh, North Carolina.

Section 5. That this ordinance be published once in a newspaper published and having a circulation in the City of Marion and County of McDowell.

Section 6. That all ordinances and clauses of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the 7th day of November, 1967.

Albert M. Neal  
Mayor

Attest:

Reece C. Snyder  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
E. P. Dameron  
City Attorney

After a general discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 P.M.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

*Albert M. Neal*  
ALBERT M. NEAL, MAYOR

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

December 6, 1967

The City Council met in regular meeting December 5th, 1967, with the following members present: Councilmen Otis L. Broyhill, Howard T. Hawkins, J. H. Segars and Ray N. Simmons. Absent: Councilman W. R. Ledbetter and Attorney E. P. Dameron. Mayor Albert M. Neal was present.

Mayor Neal outlined a proposal from Charles Burgin for entering into an Agreement with the City for collecting delinquent taxes; and after some discussion, it was agreed the Manager prepare a list of delinquent taxes and present it to the Council at the next meeting for them to consider.

Chief John Burton came before the Council and discussed with them the purchase of WALKIE-TALKIE Radios and agreed to get additional information and bring it back to council at a later date. He also suggested that Chief D. W. Smith be honored with a get-together supper and a retirement gift just prior to the date of his retirement.

Chief Burton also requested that he be paid a \$800.00 a year car expense allowance. After some discussion and upon motion of Councilman J. H. Segars, seconded by Councilman Otis L. Broyhill and unanimously voted, it was ordered that this car allowance be granted beginning January 1, 1968, and be paid quarterly. It was also suggested that the Council would like to go on record of expressing their appreciation to Chief Burton for the fine job that he was doing for the Police Department.

Bids were opened on the purchase of a Police Special Automobile and the low bid was awarded to Ballew Motor Company for a net difference of \$ 1,708.83, a copy of the bids are on file in the Clerk's Office.

Upon motion of Councilman J. H. Segars, seconded by Councilman Howard T. Hawkins and unanimously voted, it was agreed that Monday, December 25th, and Tuesday, December 26th be granted as Christmas Holidays along with New Year's Day, and that a Christmas Bonus be as follows: Hourly employees \$ 20.00, Police and Firemen \$ 25.00 and Key Personnel \$ 35.00.

It was agreed that the January 2nd meeting be postponed for one week until January 9th.

It was brought to the attention of the Council that a new hourly wage law would go into effect in February and even though the City did not come under this

law that they would have to be competitive with industries in order to secure and maintain efficient help and it was agreed that this be studied and discussed at the January meeting.

Two members of the Free Will Baptist Church on Baldwin Avenue came before the Council and requested that they be permitted to connect the Church and Parsonage onto the State Street sewer line, and Council advised them that they would take this under advisement; but no definite action was reached.

Mr. Perry Ward came before Council to discuss with them the elimination of parking on the west side of Main Street from Crawford Street to Rutherford Road and suggested that if that were going to be kept in force that the real bottleneck was between State and Crawford and that this section should be considered. No action was taken on this matter.

It was brought to the attention of the Council that a request had been received from an Attorney in Lenoir requesting that the City grant permission to Marion Cable TV for them to assign the franchise for the purpose of the completion of the construction of the TV System and after a great deal of discussion, the Manager was instructed to notify the Attorney that Council would like to meet with the two Messrs. McDonalds and have a greater understanding about the Cable TV before any action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

*Albert M. Neal*  
MAYOR

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

December 12, 1967

A Call Meeting of City Council was held at 4:30 P. M. Monday, December 11th, 1967, with the following members present: Mayor Albert M. Neal, Councilmen Otis L. Broyhill, J. H. Segars and Ray N. Simmons. The purpose of this meeting being to discuss with Mr. Allan McDonald the progress being made on Cable Television and to consider granting approval for the Marion TV Cable, Inc. to assign their franchise to the Jefferson-Carolina Corporation of Greensboro, N. C., for the purpose of obtaining a construction loan.

Mr. Allan McDonald came before the board and explained to them some of the problems that he was having and completing the installation of Cable TV and explained to them that he had experienced a great deal of difficulty securing competent personnel to perform this work; Mr. McDonald had a color television set installed in the Council Room and he showed pictures of nine different stations he was receiving and the Council seemed very much impressed with the quality of these pictures.

At the end of his discussion relative to the above, he asked council if they would approve the assignment of his franchise for the purpose of obtaining a construction loan and upon motion of Councilman Otis L. Broyhill, seconded by Councilman Ray N. Simmons and unanimously voted, it was authorized that the following Resolution be forwarded to the company's Attorney.

CITY OF MARION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that the Grantee and/or Marion TV Cable, Inc. shall be granted approval and the right to assign an Ordinance heretofore granted to S. P. McDonald, Jr. and William W. McDonald on October 5, 1965, to Jefferson-Carolina Corporation, of Greensboro, North Carolina, for the purpose of obtaining a construction loan.

This the 11th day of December, 1967.

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MARION, N. C.

BY *Reece C. Snyder*  
CITY MANAGER

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

*Albert M. Neal*  
MAYOR

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

January 11, 1968

The City Council met Tuesday, January 9th, 1968; at 7:30 p.m. This was to replace the regularly scheduled meeting of January 2nd, which was not held. All members were present; however, Councilman Howard T. Hawkins came in late. Mr. E. P. Dameron, City Attorney, was also present.

Mr. Allan McDonald, representative of Marion Cable TV, came before the Council, and at his suggestion, the franchise to them was adopted on the second reading.

Mr. Roger White and Mr. Dean Wall of Jarrett-White Insurance Agency came before the Council and asked that they be permitted to bid on Workmen's Compensation Insurance and Fleet Policy and the Council agreed to meet and consider their proposal as early as possible after it had been received.

Mr. Hugh Beam appeared before Council representing Sav-A-Day Coin-operated Laundry and asked that they be permitted to stay open on Sunday. After a great deal of discussion and upon motion of Councilman Otis L. Broyhill, seconded by Councilman Ray N. Simmons, and motion carried the following amendment be added to the original:

"Motion by Broyhill, seconded by Simmons, motion carried, that the following businesses be added to section three (3) of an Ordinance adopted January 5, 1961, with reference to business activities on Sundays, except that no closing hours were placed on this amendment: coin-operated vending machines, coin-operated laundries or laundromats, coin-operated car wash and businesses selling newspapers, magazines, books and periodicals."

The meeting was adjourned about 11:00 p.m.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

*Albert M. Neal*  
MAYOR

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

January 18, 1968

The City Council met Wednesday, January 17th, 1968, with all members present.

It was agreed that a street light be installed on Oak Street East of Highland Drive.

The Manager gave each member a list of all delinquent taxes. This item was discussed at length, but no action was taken.

Motion was made by Councilman Howard T. Hawkins, seconded by Councilman J. H. Segars, that the Free Will Baptist Church on Baldwin Avenue be permitted to connect their church and parsonage to the State Street Sewer. They would pay the regular outside sewer tapping fee and service charge. Motion carried.

The Manager brought to the attention of the Council the fact that we were not able to keep competent labor and that this situation might worsen the first of February when the minimum hourly wage law went into effect and that even though we did not come under the minimum wage law, we would have to compete with it in order to get and keep competent labor. After a great deal of discussion on this matter, the Manager was asked to prepare for Council a list of names and rates for the February meeting.

Mayor Neal read a letter from Chief of Police Burton in which he requested authority to purchase two Hankie Talkie Radios and two battery chargers for a total cost of \$125.00, and upon motion of Councilman Simmons, seconded by Councilman J. H. Segars, motion carried.

A discussion was held with reference to this year's audit, and the Manager was instructed to inform Calder & Crawley that they would be happy to receive a proposal from them.

Mr. Dean Wall and Mr. Roger White came before the Board and submitted bids for Workmen's Compensation and Combined Automobile policies and after a great deal of discussion and upon motion of Councilman J. H. Segars, seconded by Councilman Howard T. Hawkins and motion carried, these policies be renewed with the McDowell Insurance Agency, it being pointed out that the Jarrett-White Insurance Company's base bid was about \$180.00 per year higher than the combined policies from the McDowell Insurance Agency.

After a great deal of discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

*Albert M. Neal*  
MAYOR

February 7, 1968

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

The City Council met in regular meeting Tuesday night, February 6th, 1968, with all members present.

Mr. Norman Joe Harris came before the Council and presented an application to operate a Pool Room. This application was referred to Chief of Police John Burton for an investigation and to report back to Mr. Harris at a later date.

The question of dogs running at large was discussed as a result of a letter from Dr. B. A. Dickson, and it was agreed that this matter and the question of operating a full time recreational program would be discussed with the County Commissioners at the April 11th meeting.

Upon motion of Councilman Otis L. Broyhill, seconded by Councilman Howard T. Hawkins and unanimously voted, it was ordered a 5% increase be granted to all monthly employees and that hourly employees be raised approximately 8¢ per hour and that the Mayor's salary be increased to \$1,500.00 per year. All of these raises to take effect February 1, 1968.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kent came before the Council and asked when the city might be able to start construction on water and sewer in their sub division that the city had recently taken inside, and it was agreed that this work would be started as soon as possible after March 1st, weather permitting.

The question of traffic conditions at Robert Street Elementary School was discussed at length, but no definite decision was reached.

After a general discussion, the meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CITY CLERK

*Albert M. Neal*  
MAYOR

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

March 6, 1968

The Council met in regular meeting Tuesday night, March 5, 1968, with all members present with the exception of Councilman Howard T. Hawkins. Mr. E. P. Dameron, City Attorney, was also present.

Mr. Allan McDonald, of Marion TV Cable, came before Council and attempted to explain why TV Cable was not available in certain areas, why two channels had not been put on the air and the quality of pictures being received on some of the other stations and he assured the Council that he was making every effort to give the best possible service, and that his company was still installing cable in certain areas.

The question of passing Ordinances and other important matters on only the second reading was discussed but no action was taken.

The Manager stated to the Council that he had made an appointment with the representatives of the N. C. Department of Water and Air Resources for 11:00 A. M. on March 28th to discuss with them an extension permit for our waste treatment plant and urged that as many members as possible could attend this meeting.

Upon motion of Councilman Otis L. Broyhill, seconded by Councilman J. H. Segars and unanimously voted, it was ordered a traffic control signal be installed at the intersection of Main and Railroad Streets, this work to cost in the neighborhood of \$1,620.00.

The question of adopting an ordinance prohibiting obscene telephone calls was discussed, and Mr. Dameron advised Council there was a statewide law prohibiting this sort of thing; therefore, no action was taken.

Upon motion of Councilman W. R. Ledbetter, seconded by Councilman Otis L. Broyhill and unanimously voted, Mr. James E. Evans and Mrs. Doris Burgin were reappointed to the Marion City School Board for another term to expire May 1, 1970.

The Manager was instructed to replace the yield to pedestrian sign across Main Street which was blown down in the heavy wind recently and to install two blinker lights, one facing North and one facing South to help warn motorists of the crosswalk.

Council advised that a right-of-way agreement had been sent to Karl and James Brown for their signatures granting permission to cross their land with a sewer line to serve four residences on Oak Street, but this petition had not been returned.

After a general discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 p. m.

Albert M. Neal  
Mayor

Reece C. Snyder  
Clerk

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RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF MARION, NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLVED that the City Council of Marion, North Carolina, urge the North Carolina State Highway Commission to construct, at the earliest time possible, a North-South By-Pass around the City of Marion in order to relieve the stifling congestion which now occurs on the principal streets of the city during certain periods;

That all the through traffic on U. S. Highways Numbers 226 and 221 must necessarily pass along main street of the City of Marion and when this through traffic is heavy, it has a paralyzing effect on local traffic in the city;

That the congestion which occurs in the City of Marion during periods of heavy traffic has the effect of stifling trade in the city and is a cause of great delay and annoyance both to local citizens and to through traffic, and it is of the utmost urgency that these conditions be remedied at the earliest possible time.

I, Reece C. Snyder, Clerk to the City Council of Marion, North Carolina, certify that the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City held on April 4, 1968.

Reece C. Snyder  
City Clerk

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After a general discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 p. m.

Albert M. Neal  
MAYOR

Reece C. Snyder  
CLERK

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

April 4, 1968

Council met in a regular meeting Tuesday, April 2nd, at 7:30 p. m., with all members present with the exception of Councilman W. R. Ledbetter. Mr. E. P. Dameron, City Attorney, was also present.

Mr. Lynn Crawley, of Calder, Crawley & Co., came before the Council and submitted a proposal for the audit of the books of the City of Marion for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1968, and upon motion of Councilman Ray N. Simmons, seconded by Councilman Jim Segars, this contract was awarded to Calder, Crawley and Company.

Mr. J. H. Beaman came before the Council and discussed with them the possibility of construction of a water line from the end of the six-inch main at Seagle Lumber Company to tie into his two-inch line on Highway 70 E. and after a great deal of discussion, it was decided that Council would discuss this with the County Commissioners at a regularly scheduled meeting for April 11th.

The Mayor brought to the Council's attention the N. C. League of Municipal Regional meeting to be held in Lenoir on April 17th and asked if anyone would like to attend and no definite decision was made.

Upon motion of Councilman Howard T. Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Jim Segars and unanimously voted, it was decided that the City Council go on record as favoring a North-South By Pass around Marion, and the City Attorney was asked to draw up a Resolution to this effect and forward it to our Highway Commissioner, Mr. James Stikeleather.

On the same motion it was agreed that the Highway Officials be notified that the City would be willing to abandon their previous decision of using the bond money for the extension of Logan Street across the Southern Railway Tracks for the time being, and that this money be applied to the construction of an overpass on McDowell Avenue across the Southern Railway Tracks and the street leading from East Court Street to State Street.

The question of granting parking spaces on the City Parking lot behind Streetman's and B. C. Moore's to be used by employees of the County Tax Dept. was refused.

It was decided to ask local people to work with the Manager in making recommendations as to the type of heating equipment to be installed in the Community Building.

The Manager was asked to contact the owners of off-street parking lots to see whether or not they would be willing to sign a two-year lease agreement in order that these lots might be metered.

It was decided that the City Council and the County Commissioners and the Officials of the Town of Old Fort meet at the Pilot House Restaurant on the eleventh of April to discuss with them the question of dogs running at large, water and sewer extensions in the county and a county-wide recreational program.

The question of extending a water line out Hy. 70 West was again discussed and after a great deal of discussion it was decided that members of Council discuss this matter again with Mr. Pierce S. Bradley, Jr.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Reece C. Snyder  
CLERK

Albert M. Neal  
MAYOR

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
MARION, NORTH CAROLINA

May 5, 1968

Council met in regular meeting Tuesday, May 7th, 1968, with all members present; however, Councilman W.R. Ledbetter arrived late. Mr. E. P. Dameron, City Attorney, was also present.

Mr. Buster Greene and Mr. George Brown, representatives of the McDowell Rescue Squad, came before the Council and stated that they were putting on a drive to purchase new rescue vehicular equipment and asked if the City could contribute to it. After some discussion and upon motion of Councilman Otis L. Broyhill, seconded by Councilman J. H. Segars and unanimously voted, it was agreed that the City contribute \$1,000.00 to them, this money to come from surplus revenue from water sales.

The Manager was instructed to advertise for bids for one new automobile and to trade the 1960 Dodge now being used by the Chief of the Fire Department, the bids to be received at the next regular Council meeting.

Upon motion of Councilman Ray N. Simmons, seconded by Councilman J. H. Segars and unanimously voted, it was ordered that current Tax Sales be advertised starting May 13th and sold on June 10th.

It was agreed that one of the front offices might be rented to the City Directory people. The office to be rented as is with no renovation by the City for \$50.00 per month plus three free copies of the new directory.

The Manager was instructed to set up a meeting with Mr. Russell McCoy of Harwood-Beebe Company for May 15th to discuss further the Waste Treatment proposals.

A long discussion was held with reference to the proposed 10" water line out Hy. 70 W. No definite action was taken.

The Manager informed Council that he had not received any bids from representatives of heating and plumbing companies with reference to installing a furnace at the Community Building.

Mayor Neal read the following letter to Council:

" HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL  
City of Marion  
Marion, North Carolina 28752

May 7, 1968

Gentlemen:

Please accept this letter as notice of my decision to retire as your City Manager as of August 1, 1968.

I assure you that I have considered this decision for a long time and from every angle and have reached the conclusion that I would like to take early retirement.

Some of us have come a long way together, and I believe have accomplished a great deal for the betterment of our community.

I will always have a warm place in my heart for the people whom I have been privileged to work with and serve.

I do not have any definite plans for the immediate future other than to take life easy.

Sincerely,

Reece C. Snyder  
City Manager

Upon motion of Councilman Ray N. Simmons, seconded by Councilman J. H. Segars and unanimously voted, it is hereby resolved that the City Council reluctantly accepts the retirement of Reece C. Snyder as City Manager. This retirement is accepted with the understanding that if at all possible he will continue until a successor can be found and employed.

AND THAT the City Council express to Mr. Snyder their appreciation for the faithful and efficient service he has rendered to the people in the City of Marion for the past nineteen years.

After a general discussion, the meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
City Clerk

*Albert M. Neal*  
MAYOR

May 16, 1968

CITY OF MARION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL

Council met in a Call Meeting Wednesday, May 15th, with all members present with the exception of Councilman Otis L. Broyhill.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss with Mr. Russell McCoy, our Engineer, our Waste Treatment Facilities and to handle any other minor business that might come before Council.

After some discussion, the following Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION

Whereas: The City of Marion operates a sewerage system which serves the citizens of the City of Marion as well as certain areas outside the City of Marion. Developments both inside and outside the City of Marion have emphasized the desirability of having an engineering study made of the current and future needs for waste disposal for the City of Marion and its environs in order that the waters into which the waste is discharged may be maintained in a condition satisfactory to the classification assigned said streams by the North Carolina State Department of Water and Air Resources.

And Whereas, the City of Marion has requested the Department of Water and Air Resources for an extension to its permit to operate its existing treatment facilities on the basis that the assigned classification of the stream into which its plant effluent is discharged is not being contravened.

And Whereas, the Department of Water and Air Resources has requested the City of Marion to advise it of its future plans insofar as its sewerage system is concerned.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that the City of Marion proposes to take the following steps toward orderly planning of its sewerage system:

1. Have an engineering study prepared by the Harwood Beebe Company of Spartanburg, S. C., for submission to the Department of Water and Air Resources for its approval by January 1, 1969.
2. Based upon the recommendations contained in the Engineer's report, a bond referendum will be held in mid summer 1969, at which time the citizens of the City of Marion will be requested to approve the issuance of General Obligation Bonds to cover the cost of carrying out the recommended program.
3. After passage of the bond referendum, the Engineers will be directed to proceed with the preparation of plans and specifications, an application for a permit to construct and operate the facility.
4. Based on the receipt of a Federal Grant, the newly constructed facilities will be placed in operation by January 1971.

This resolution was passed by unanimous consent of the Board of Aldermen on the 15th day of May, 1968.

*Albert M. Neal*  
Albert M. Neal, Mayor

Upon motion of Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Broyhill and unanimously voted, it was ordered that the Manager, through the Consulting Engineer, make application to the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development for an Advanced Public Works Planning advanced money in the amount of \$4,800.00.

*O. L. Broyhill*  
O. L. Broyhill, Alderman

*W. R. Ledbetter*  
W. R. Ledbetter, Alderman

*Ray N. Simmons*  
Ray N. Simmons, Alderman

*Howard T. Hawkins*  
Howard T. Hawkins, Alderman

*James H. Segars*  
James H. Segars, Alderman

Upon motion of Councilman Howard T. Hawkins, seconded by Councilman James H. Segars, and unanimously voted, it was ordered that Pea Ridge be paved from Fleming Avenue for a distance of 140 ft., petition for the above being on file in the Clerk's Office.

After a general discussion, the Meeting adjourned.

*Albert M. Neal*  
MAYOR

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

May 17, 1968

Council met in a call meeting May 17 th, 1968, at 12:30 a. m. The reason for this meeting being to try to reach a decision as to installing a 10" water line out Highway 70 W. All members were present.

After a great deal of discussion, it was agreed to go ahead with the construction of this line at the earliest possible date, and the Manager was instructed to place an order immediately for 10" cement asbestos pipe to be installed along said Highway 70 West from the intersection of Fern Avenue to the intersection of Hy. 70 and 221 near the Catawba River a distance of 9,600 feet and to also place an order for 10" cast iron pipe for crossing under the highway at several places and the necessary hydrants and fittings required on this job.

It was brought out by the Manager that he had recently obtained a price on cement asbestos pipe from Cement Asbestos Company for \$ 2.40 a foot and from the Grinnell Company for \$ 2.54 per foot.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

*Robert M. Neal*  
MAYOR

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

June 4, 1968

Council met in regular meeting Tuesday, June 4, at 7:30 P.M. All members were present. Attorney Dameron was also present.

The manager discussed with Council a request for the installing of storm sewer pipes on Maple Avenue and on the Blanton property off South Garden Street. This matter was referred to the Street Committee and at a later date, the committee approved the installation on Maple Avenue, but did not approve it on the Blanton property.

The manager stated to Council that he had received one bid for the installation of a furnace in the Community Building, and after some discussion, it was decided, to reject this bid, and to ask for a new bid including heating and air-conditioning.

Bids were opened on the furnishing of one automobile and in as much as only one bid was received, it was rejected.

Bids were opened on the furnishing of gasoline and oil for the coming fiscal year, and contract was awarded to Sinclair Refining co.

Upon motion made and carried, the following people were appointed to a recreation committee:

Mr. Tom Maultsby, Chairman, Jim Laughridge, Rev. Dewey Hobbs, Mrs. Jack Noyes, and Jim Segars.

Mr. Allen McDonald of Marion Cable Television came before Council and discussed with them the status of the Cable TV service, and he was urged to make every effort to improve local reception.

The question of installing a sanitary sewer system in the Miller Avenue section was discussed and the manager was instructed to contact the Southern Railway officials and ask if it would be permissible for the city to run a line through an existing culvert under the tracks.

The manager stated to Council that all materials for the 10-inch water line out Highway 70 had been received and work could be started when the proper shoulders had been constructed by the Highway on which to place the water line.

The manager stated to Council that Mr. G. A. Bradley, and J. G. Price had requested that the city take over a section of water line in the Yancy and Baldwin Avenue section, and it was agreed these people be asked to meet with Council at a later date.

The manager was asked to have our engineer make a study of water available and sprinkler systems at Etta Paper Box Co. and at Hensley Hosiery Mill.

The manager stated to Council that the water and sewer line had been installed in the Kent sub-division, and that the streets were ready for final grading with the exception that in several places, it needed to be widened and the street committee was asked to look at this work and reach a decision.

The question was raised as to how many city automobile license tags to purchase for 1968 in as much as we had been purchasing 1400 and selling only about 450. After some discussion, it was decided that an ordinance requiring that city license plates be purchased and displayed on the front of your motor vehicle be resended, and that an order be placed for only 200 tags to be sold to anyone who wishes to buy them; but no efforts be made to enforce.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

MAYOR

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

July 2, 1968

Council met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 2, 1968 with all members present with the exception of Councilman Hawkins.

It was agreed that a 2- inch water line and a 4-inch sewer line be run from Lail Street off the new part of Henderson Street to serve a Shell Service Station which will be constructed.

It was brought to Council's attention that Thursday, July 11, was the regular date on which they usually met with the County Commissioners, and requested that Mr. Ray Simmons make the necessary arrangements for meeting place and meals.

The manager stated to Council that it should meet on July 18, or soon thereafter, to officially adopt the 1968-69 budget, and upon motion of Councilman Segars, seconded by Councilman Ledbetter, it was unanimously voted. The following budget ordinance was adopted:

APPROPRIATION BRIDGING INTERVAL BETWEEN BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR AND ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

In order to operate the municipality from July 1, 1968, to the date of the adoption of the appropriation ordinance, funds are hereby appropriated to pay salaries, principal and interest on indebtedness, and ordinary expenses at the same rate of expenditure as provided for in the 1967-68 Appropriation Ordinance. This ordinance shall cease to be effective from and after the adoption of the 1968-69 Appropriation Ordinance, and all expenditures made in accordance with this ordinance shall be chargeable to appropriations made in the 1968-69 Appropriation Ordinance.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

MAYOR

Mr. Robert L. Johnson of Johnson Brothers Paving Co. came before Council and discussed with them the street paving work in the Kent sub-division; it was pointed out that he would like to be assured that if he did the grade work and the furnishing and placing of stone base, that he also be assured that he would be awarded the contract for the asphalt paving, and after some discussion, it was agreed that he be awarded this work.

A special meeting with Council was held on June 25. This meeting was called for the purpose of considering the adoption of the 1968-69 budget, setting tax rates, and considering any other matter that might come before Council.

Present, Mayor Neal, Councilmen Broyhill, Ledbetter, Segars, and Simmons.  
Absent, Hawkins.

After some discussion and upon motion of Councilman Simmons, seconded by Councilman Segars, and unanimously voted, the budget for the fiscal year 1968-69 was adopted with a tax rate of \$1.30 on \$100 valuation.

The Mayor discussed with Council a proposal for extending county-wide planning, and stated to them that it had been suggested that the county and the city bear that equally, and the question was raised that this would be fair in as much as on a per capita base, the city would be paying much more than the county, and no action was taken on this proposal.

The Mayor read a letter from Mr. J. F. Burgin addressed to the Mayor and Council inquiring as to the status of the proposed 10-inch water line out Highway 70 West. The manager was instructed to answer this letter pointing out that the cost of this undertaking would be split three ways: The county, the city, and the property owners to be served bearing part of the cost.

The question of accident insurance particularly pertaining to the recreational program was discussed, and the manager was asked to go into this matter with the McDowell Insurance Agency and to report back at a later date.

It was agreed that the city purchase back from Mr. Carter Harris, two cemetery lots for the sum of \$50 each, this being  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the plot that he purchased several years ago.

After discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

MAYOR

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

July 18, 1968

Council met in a called meeting Thursday, July 18. The purpose of this meeting being to officially adopt the 1968-69 budget, and to appoint a tax collector. Members present were Mayor Albert M. Neal, Councilman Broyhill, Hawkins, and Simmons; absent, Segars and Ledbetter.

After some discussion and upon motion of Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Broyhill, and unanimously voted, Reece C. Snyder was the Tax collector, and the budget for 1968-69 was adopted.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK

Mayor

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Marion, North Carolina:

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the city government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1968, and ending June 30, 1969, according to the following attached schedules:

Section 2. ESTIMATED REVENUES: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1968, and ending June 30, 1969, to meet the following appropriations, according to the following attached schedules:

Section 3. TAXES LEVIED: There is hereby levied the following rates of tax on each one hundred dollar (\$100) valuation of taxable property, as listed for taxes as of January 1, 1968, for the purpose of raising the revenue from Current Year's Property Tax, as set forth in the following estimates of revenue, and in order to finance the following appropriations:

GENERAL FUND (for the general expenses incident to the proper government of the city).....\$1.07

DEBIT SERVICE FUND (for the payment of interest and principal on outstanding debt).....\$.23

TOTAL RATE per \$100 of valuation of taxable property.....\$1.30

Such rates of tax are based on an estimated total assessed valuation of property for purposes of taxation of \$14,162,531.00, and an estimated rate of collection of 96%.

Section 4. POLL TAX: There is hereby levied a poll tax of \$1.00 on all male persons between the ages of 21 and 50, unless exempt as provided by law, for the purpose of raising the revenue from Current Year's Poll Tax, as set forth in the following estimates of revenue, and in order to finance the following appropriations.

Section 5. DISTRIBUTION: Copies of this ordinance shall be furnished to the Treasurer and Accountant of the City of Marion, to be kept by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Adopted this 18th day of July, 1968.

MAYOR, CITY OF MARION

ATTEST:

*Reece C. Snyder*  
CLERK, CITY OF MARION

CITY OF MARION, NORTH CAROLINA  
ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATE  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1968-1969

REVENUE

CODE NO.	ESTIMATED FOR 1968-69
145	Ad Valorem Tax # $\frac{1}{2}$ per \$100 Val. Estimated 96% Collection
10	\$ 172,400.00 1,000.00
12-207	1,000.00
209-210-154	4,000.00
251	2,000.00
253	8,800.00
212	5,000.00
20-252	500.00
235	180,000.00
231-232	4,500.00
217	2,000.00
15,247,208	1,200.00
219-230	2,000.00
215-220	2,500.00
248	1,200.00
256	3,900.00
225	2,500.00
227	8,500.00
257	5,000.00
254	15,600.00
245-255-246	1,800.00
213	3,000.00
	1,200.00
	\$ 59,305.43

TOTAL

\$ 487,905.43

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DISBURSEMENTS  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT

CODE NO.	ESTIMATED FOR 1968-69
301	Salary - Mayor & Council
302	\$ 3,000.00 1,848.96
	" - City Manager 1/3 ---RCS 6 months
	1/3 --- New Manager
303	4,854.48
303	" - Bookkeeper
305	4,854.48
311	Retainer-Attorney
308-308A	1,200.00
311	Wages - Janitor
307	3,380.00
306	6,000.00
	921.27
	2,648.55
314	600.00
315	800.00
316	500.00
317-318	1,000.00
319	1,850.00
320	1,700.00
322	1,500.00
323	600.00
324	130.00
325	1,450.00
326	700.00
327	600.00
327A	300.00
331	1,500.00
332	400.00
333	400.00
334	2,000.00
335	3,000.00
337	2,200.00
328	700.00

TOTAL

\$ 53,637.74

Disbursements  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

CODE NO.		ESTIMATED FOR 1968-69
401	Salary - Chief Burton	\$ 6,349.92
402	" - W. H. Wood	5,301.60
402	" - Fortner	5,093.76
402	" - Beck	5,093.76
402	" - Arrowood	5,093.76
402	" - Trent	4,654.56
402	" - Queen	4,654.56
402	" - Elliott	4,654.56
402	" - Dixon	4,654.56
402	" - Caustby	4,654.56
402	" - Blankenship	4,654.56
402	" - McCormick	4,654.56
402	" - Add one new policeman	4,654.56
403	" - M. Jarrett	3,780.00
403	" - Dillingham	3,780.00
403	" - Hawkins	3,780.00
406	Retirement Dues )	7,097.86
407	Social Security )	
415	Office Supplies	720.00
416	Telephone	550.00
417	Printing	500.00
425	Insurance	1,200.00
427	Travel Expense	1,400.00
438	Other Supplies	900.00
432	Motor Vehicle Expense	2,000.00
433	Radio Repairs	1,000.00
435	Uniforms	1,500.00
434	Miscellaneous	500.00
437	Equipment (Capital Expense)	2,600.00
421	Arrest Fees (Paul Smith)	100.00
TOTAL		\$ 95,577.14

DISBURSEMENTS  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

CODE NO.		ESTIMATED FOR 1968-69
502	Salary - Laughridge )	
502	" - Sullivan )	
502	" - Webb )	
507	Social Security	650.00
514	Pension Fund	1,500.00
516	Telephone	250.00
525	Insurance	1,200.00
527	Travel Expense	1,000.00
529	Chemicals and Hose	1,400.00
532	Motor Vehicle Expense	1,000.00
535	Uniforms	1,000.00
538	Supplies	150.00
534	Miscellaneous	1,000.00
537	Capital Expense	1,000.00
524	Insurance (Group Flanigan)	1,200.00
TOTAL		\$ 26, 753.04

DISBURSEMENTS  
Street Department

CODE NO.		ESTIMATED FOR 1968-69
602	Salary - City Manager 1/3 --RCS 6 months	\$ 1,848.96
	New Manager	3,000.00
610	" - Superintendent	7,950.00
611	Wages - John McKinney )	
	Alvin Smith )	
	Richard Smith )	
	Emmett J. Lowery )	
	W. C. Raines )	
	A. Ray. Ballard )	
606	Retirement	3,250.00
607	Social Security	1,850.00
612	Maint. & Imp. of Streets	17,500.00
620	Street Lighting	16,200.00
624	Insurance	1,400.00
632	Motor Vehicle Expense	1,500.00
633	Equipment Repairs	1,400.00
638	Supplies & Materials	3,000.00
634	Miscellaneous	200.00
637	Capital Expense	10,000.00
631	Fuel	300.00
TOTAL		\$ 104,797.10

DISBURSEMENTS  
Garbage and Refuse Collections

CODE NO.		
706	Retirement	\$ 3,291.05
707	Social Security	1,145.62
711	Salary - Wm. D. Twitty	4,399.60
711	" - Raymond Bledsoe	3,666.00
711	" - Elbert H. Greenlee	3,666.00
711	" - Clint King	3,432.00
711	" - James A. McPeters	3,775.20
711	" - Thomas E. Avery	3,666.00
711	" - Charles F. Smith	3,432.00

724	Insurance	450.00
732	Motor Vehicle Expense	1,900.00
738	Supplies & Materials	1,000.00
733	Equipment Repairs	1,000.00
734	Miscellaneous	400.00
737	Capital Expense	3,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 38,223.47

DISBURSEMENTS  
Cemetery

CODE NO.		ESTIMATED FOR 1968-69
806	Retirement	\$ 926.00
807	Social Security	322.60
811	Salary - Francis Jackson	3,666.00
811	" - James Twitty	3,666.00
824	Insurance	70.00
833-832	Equipment Repairs	150.00
834	Miscellaneous	200.00
837	Capital Expense	600.00
838	Supplies & Materials	100.00
TOTAL		\$ 9,701.36

CODE NO.	DISBURSEMENTS Water Department	ESTIMAT
		1968
902	Salary - Manager 1/3--RCS 6 months New Manager	\$ 1,848.96
903	Salary - Chemist 1/2	3,000.00
906	Retirement	3,000.00
907	Social Security	4,155.00
911	Salary - Floyd Wilson      } " - Lewis V. Carroll      } " - J. J. Riddle      } " - Fred Ballard      } " - Glenn Murdock      } " - Geo. O. Conley	1,446.66 23,000.00 4,514.88 4,514.88
916	Telephone	430.00
920	Electric Power	1,000.00
922	Maint. of Buildings	500.00
924	Insurance	675.00
927	Travel Expense Schools	200.00
929	Chemicals	3,500.00
931	Fuel	350.00
932	Motor Vehicle Expense	465.00
933	Equipment Repairs	1,000.00
934	Miscellaneous	200.00
937	Capital Expense	15,000.00
938	Supplies & Materials	1,000.00
939	Analysis	100.00
940	Water Statements & Postage	2,300.00
	TOTAL	\$ 72,201.25

DISBURSEMENTS  
Sewer Department

CODE NO.		ESTIMATE 1968-6
1006	Retirement	\$ 752.75
1007	Social Security	497.35
1011	Salary - Clarence A. Carson )	
	" - Burdette Carroll )	
	" - John E. Greenlee )	9,850.00
	" - Donald M. Crow )	
1020	Electric Power	575.00
1024	Insurance	150.00
1032	Motor Vehicle Expense	200.00
1033	Equipment Repairs	300.00
1034	Miscellaneous	100.00
1037	Capital Expense	5,000.00
1038	Supplies & Materials	2,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 19,425.10</b>

DEBT SERVICE

1143	Bond Principal	30,000.00
1144	Bond Interest	5,475.00
	Coupon Expense	68.44
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 35,543.44</b>

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E OF NORTH CAROLINA August 7, 1968  
TY OF McDOWELL  
E OF MARION

Council met in a regular monthly meeting Tuesday, August 6, at 7:30 P. M. with all members present. Mr. Dameron, City Attorney, was also present.

After some discussion, and upon motion of Councilman Segars, seconded by Councilman Ledbetter, and unanimously voted, a contract for installing a new oil-fired heating unit at the Community Building was awarded to Jack Buckner in the amount of \$2,283.15.

The question of connecting Blue Ridge Street into Henderson Street was discussed, and the manager was asked to arrange a date when some of the officials of Drexel Furniture Co. could come to Marion and meet with members of Council and Mr. Hutchinson of the Highway Department to discuss this matter.

It was decided to ask Mr. Victor H. Denton to come to Marion on August 21 to discuss with the entire Council the position of City Manager.

The Manager presented an estimate from Johnson Brothers Paving Co., for a proposed resurfacing and adding new curbs on Broad Street, Willow Street, Clairmont, and Glenview. It was estimated that this work would cost approximately \$22,000.00, and was decided that the Street Committee look at this work to determine which of the streets in town were in the worst condition and which should be done first.

The question of disposing of a city owned lot on Blue Ridge Street was discussed, and it was pointed out that the West Court Bapt. Church was interested in this property, and also that Drexel Furniture Company and the R. L. James Hosiery Mill might be interested; and it was agreed that no decision be reached until these two manufacturing concerns be contacted.

The Manager stated that he had been contacted by Miss Doris Hill of the Marion Bank and Trust Company, with reference to the city using the Bank Americard plan for the payment of city taxes. After some discussion, it was decided that this plan be adopted, and that the Attorney prepare the necessary agreement between the city and the bank.

After general discussions, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR

*Reuel C. Bradley*  
CLERK

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDowell  
CITY OF MARION

September 5, 1968

Council met in a regular meeting Tuesday, September 3, 1968 with all members present with the exception of Mayor Neal. Mayor pro-tem Simmons presided. Mr. Dameron, the attorney was also present.

Mr. J. H. Bradley and J. G. Price came before Council and asked that they take over a number of small water lines in the Baldwin Avenue section for maintenance and operation. These lines, having been put in by local residents a number of years ago, Mr. Bradley asked that in turn for this, that he be permitted to tap on to the McGalliard line. After a great deal of discussion, and upon motion of Councilman Segars, seconded by Councilman Broyhill, and carried, it was agreed that the attorney and the manager prepare an agreement that each person connected to this line be asked to sign this agreement granting all the rights and right-of-ways to the city.

Chief Burton came before Council and suggested that he be permitted to purchase a second-hand 1967 Plymouth Fury II, 4-door sedan with air-conditioning from the N. C. Highway Patrol office in Asheville for the amount of \$1500; and to equip this car with a new 2-way radio, light and siren, and upon motion of Councilman Segars, Seconded by Councilman Ledbetter, and unanimously voted, it was ordered that this car be purchased and equipped.

On motion of Councilman Broyhill, seconded by Councilman Ledbetter the motion was carried.

Mr. Gary Hollifield was granted the privilege of connection to the city sewer system for a residence to the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and State Street provided that he make the necessary arrangements with The Baldwin Avenue Bapt. Church and that he pay the regular outside tap fee and sewer charge, which is, at the present time, 100% of the water bill.

Upon motion of Councilman Broyhill, seconded by Councilman Hawkins, and unanimously voted, it was agreed that the Johnson Brothers Paving Company be employed to replace curb and re-surface parts of Broad, Clairmont, Willow, and Glenview Streets as proposed in his quotation which was presented to Council in the regular meeting on August 6. A copy of the proposal is on file in the clerk's office. SEE MINUTES OF MEETING ON PAGE 62.

The manager was instructed to install a traffic signal at the intersection of State and Clay Streets.

Upon motion of Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Ledbetter, it was agreed that a sidewalk be built on the south side of Azalea Ave. and McDowell Avenue from Park Ave. to Oak Street, provided we have, or could obtain without cost, the necessary right of way.

The Manager gave each member a copy of the recent audit and advised them that the auditors would be at the October 8 meeting to go over the audit and answer any questions that Council might have.

Upon motion of Councilman Hawkins seconded by Councilman Ledbetter and unanimously voted, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The City of Marion operates sewerage system which serves the citizens of the City of Marion as well as certain areas outside the City of Marion. Developments both inside and outside the City of Marion have emphasized the desirability of having an engineering study made of the current and future needs for waste disposal for the City of Marion and its environs in order that the waters into which the waste is discharged may be maintained in a condition satisfactory to the classification assigned said streams by the North Carolina State Department of Water and Air Resources.

And Whereas, the City of Marion has requested the Department of Water and Air Resources for an extension to its permit to operate its existing treatment facilities on the basis that the assigned classification of the stream into which its plant effluent is discharged is not being contravened.

And whereas, the Department of Water and Air Resources has requested the City of Marion to advise it of its future plans insofar as its sewerage system is concerned.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved that the City of Marion proposes to take the following steps toward orderly planning of its sewerage system:

1. Have an engineering study prepared by the Harwood Beebe Company of Spartanburg, South Carolina, for submission to the Department of Water and Air Resources for its approval by January 1, 1969.
2. Make application to the Board of Water and Air Resources for a P. L. 660 Grant by April 1, 1969.
3. Based upon the recommendations contained in Engineer's Report, a bond reference will be held during May 1969, at which time the citizens of the City of Marion will be requested to approve the issuance of General Obligations Bonds to cover the cost of carrying out the recommended program.
4. It is our plan to start construction of the new facilities by November 1, 1969 and have the new facilities in operation by December 31, 1970.

This resolution amends one adopted by the City Council on the 15th day of May, 1968 as to the changes of dates.

Albert M. Neal Mayor

O. L. Broyhill Councilman

W. R. Ledbetter Councilman

Ray N. Simmons Councilman

Howard T. Hawkins Councilman

James H. Segars Councilman

Upon motion of Councilman Broyhill, seconded by Councilman Segars and unanimously voted, the following list of taxes was ordered charged off. Also, the following in the name of Marion City Schools was charged off under the same motion:

The sidewalk on Roberts Street and Wall on Fleming Avenue in the amount of \$2,723.69, and paving assessments on Roberts Street in the amount of \$723.46, and paving assessments on Hillcrest Drive originally in the name of C. D. Hudgins estate, but now property owned by the Marion City Schools. This paving assessment in the amount of \$67.20.

CITY OF MARION  
TAXES TO BE CHARGED OFF  
1967 Levy  
6-30-68

Rec.	Name	Reason	Amount
39	Arthur Winn Baldwin III	Listed in Buncombe County	\$ 11.31
114	Ellen Romine Bradley	Outside City Limits	.65
118	Reuben Bradley	Outside City Limits	1.95
126	Albert & Ruby Brooks	In Pennsylvania	19.11
155	Rev. Billy & Bonnie Bryant	Outside City Limits	117.29
227	Robert L. Cloer	Outside City Limits	21.12
230	James R. Clontz	Outside City Limits	14.54
231	S. H. Clontz	Duplicate listing of L. M. Shell	22.87
401	Bennie & Clara Franklin	Duplicate listing of Bennie & Clara Baker	2.99
433	W. M. Gladden	Outside City Limits	1.43
578	Estelle (Pierce) Higgins	Duplicate listing of #988	40.30
678	James Robert Kent	Outside City Limits	20.89
822	C. Jerry McNeely	Outside City Limits	7.73
854	John W. Martin	Same as John Cassell	6.11
859	Cecil E. Mask	In Florida 1/67	15.08
894	Donnie D. Moore	In South Carolina 11/66	14.53

Rec	Name	Reason	Amount
929	Alice Newell	Outside City Limits	\$ 7.80
1012	A. Ray Poteat	Outside City Limits	.33
1096	Daniel W. Roper	Outside City Limits	5.56
1103	James A. Ross	In Gaston County 6/66	29.60
1109	Samuel L. Howe	In Charlotte 2 years	1.00
1294	Jewel Twitty	Outside City Limits	3.93
1440	Claude Ed. Dulaney	Outside City Limits	8.48
1455	Harold L. & Phyllis Gouge	Duplicate of #413	40.88

After general discussion, the meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
Clerk

Mayor

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

September 21, 1968

City Council met in a called meeting at 5 p.m. on Friday, September 20. The purpose of this meeting being to receive bids on resurfacing a number of streets and building new asphalt curb.

All members were present. Bids were received from Asheville Paving Company, A. R. Thompson Contractor, Inc., and Johnson Brothers Paving Co. After tabulating the bids and considering particularly the three major items and the length of time for completing the work, and upon motion of Councilman Ledbetter, seconded by Councilman Hawkins, it was agreed to award this contract to A. R. Thompson Contractors, they being the low bidder.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
Clerk

Mayor

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

October 9, 1968

Council met in a regular meeting Tuesday, October 8 with the following present: Mayor Neal, Councilmen Ledbetter, Segars, and Simmons. Absent, Councilmen Broyhill and Hawkins. Attorney Dameron was also absent due to conflicting commitments.

Mr. Floyd Brooks came before Council and discussed with them the possibility of using the Community Building one night each week to, first, set up an organized Western Square Dance Club and then, secondly, to use the building at least two nights a month for square dances. After some discussion, it was agreed to permit the use of the Building for this purpose, provided a night could be worked out that would not conflict with present use.

Mr. Charles Turner, General Superintendent of Drexel Furniture Co. asked Council what steps had been taken to connect Blue Ridge St. into the new part of Henderson St. He stated that it would be virtually impossible for the Drexel Employees to get to and from work if this connection was not made, or the Henderson Railroad crossing left open. It was agreed that Mayor Neal would contact members of the State Highway Commission and arrange for a meeting in Marion between the Highway officials, Drexel officials, and City Council.

Messrs. Lynn Crawley and Harry Stolte of the firm of Calder, Crawley, and Co. discussed with Council the recent audit and suggested that in order to comply with the local government Commission's request, that a separate account for the water and sewer department be set up retro-active to July 1, 1968; and they agreed that they would work with Mrs. Sullivan in setting up this new account.

It was agreed that a floor furnace and oil tank be installed at the City-owned Mackey's Creek residence.

The Manager stated that he had had a request from Mr. Terry Moore for the possible use of one office in the City Hall to be used by the new Magistrate when the new court system went into effect in December. It was agreed that Council would take this item under consideration.

The Manager asked the Board if they wanted to advertise again for a new automobile to be used by the Manager and it was suggested that we investigate the possibility of purchasing a used Highway Patrol Car to be assigned to the Police Department, and a 1967 Chevrolet now being used, be assigned to the Fire Chief, and the Manager continue to use the car he is now using.

The Manager asked Council if they wanted to consider re-surfacing the street in front of Mr. William Noyes' and Mr. Neal Morris' house this fall; no action was taken on this matter.

The Manager stated that Mr. Denton and himself had investigated a complaint from Mrs. Margaret Stauffer concerning two creeks intersecting on her property, and that she asked if the City would build a diversion wall in order to keep the water flowing in these creeks from damaging her property; but no action was taken on this matter.

After general discussion, the meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
Clerk

Mayor

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

November 6, 1968

Council met in a regular meeting Tuesday, November 5, 1968. All members were present. Mr. Dameron, City Attorney was also present.

A delegation of residents of Blue Ridge Street and Pulliam Street came before Council and presented a petition bearing some 41 signatures requesting that parking be re-instated on Pulliam Street and Blue Ridge Street. After a great deal of discussion, and upon motion of Councilman Segars, seconded by Councilman Hawkins and unanimously voted, it was agreed that the parking be permitted on the streets mentioned above; the same as had been for several years until the most recent change.

The question of installing approximately 450 ft. of 18 inch storm drain on the Blanton property between South Garden Street and South Madison Street was discussed and upon motion of Councilman Hawkins seconded by Councilman Segars, and unanimously voted, it was decided that the City would install this pipe, provided the property owner would furnish the proper amount of 18 inch pipe.

It was agreed that a separate bank account for the water and sewer fund be opened at the First Union National Bank.

The manager was requested to have Blue Cross-Blue Shield representative present a new proposal for a more liberal benefit for the City employees.

Mayor Neal stated that he had asked the City School Board about the possibility of them deeding the Junior High School property to the City to be used for recreational purposes, and he stated that his request met with the favor of the School Board and that the School Board had instructed Mr. E. P. Dameron, City Attorney, and Mr. Paul Story to work out the details on this transfer.

A discussion was held on the poor quality of service of Cable TV, and their failure to make payments to the City as agreed, and Attorney Dameron was instructed to write these people pointing out these conditions and request that immediate steps be taken to correct them.

Upon motion of Councilman Broyhill, seconded by Councilman Ledbetter, and motion carried, it was agreed that one additional street ~~pipe~~ be installed on Pulliam St.

Councilman Segars suggested that the necessary steps be taken to eliminate parking on one side of the West end of Hillcrest Drive where the street is narrow. After some discussion, it was generally agreed that the necessary signs be erected to enforce this parking restriction.

After a general discussion, the meeting adjourned.

*Reece C. Snyder*  
Clerk

Mayor

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

December 6, 1968

Council met in a regular monthly meeting Tuesday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m.; members present were Mayor Neal, Councilmen Hawkins, Ledbetter, Segars, Simmons; absent, Councilman Broyhill, City Manager, Reece C. Snyder, incumbent City Manager, Victor H. Denton, and City Attorney E. P. Dameron met with the board.

Two members of the McDowell County Rescue Squad met with the City Council to request permission to add additional radio units to some of their equipment. As the Rescue Squad is on the same radio frequency as the Fire Department, the representatives of the Rescue Squad wanted to get the Board's approval before installing the equipment. The Board members expressed no objections to adding the new equipment, provided our Fire Chief, Glenn Laughridge, concurred, and provided the total number of units, existing and proposed, on this frequency would not exceed the number authorized by the F. C. C.

Mr. John Price, president of McDowell Technical Institute, and Mr. Story, Mr. Moore, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Ekkard, members of the Board of Directors of the Institute, met with the Board to request permission to connect the proposed new Institute to our sewer line in the vicinity of our treatment plant. Mr. Price estimated that the waste for the first several years would probably average 3000 gallons per day, possibly increasing to around 14000 gallons per day in 15 or 20 years when the student capacity reaches 700. After some discussion by the Board, Mr. Segars motioned that permission be granted to the Institute to tie into our Municipal sewage line. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Board discussed a recent request by Jack Morris for permission to tie into a municipal 6-inch water line in the vicinity of the cemetery along Rutherfordton Road, and extend a 2-inch water line approximately 1100 feet south to his property, which is outside the Corporate limits. The Board expressed concern about expanding the water system in this area, as this section of the city is served only by 6-inch lines. After considerable discussion, the board generally agreed that if a water line is extended south of Rutherfordton Road, it should be a 6-inch line, and that we should supervise the installation. Mr. Hawkins made the motion that we should accept only a 6-inch line and that the city should pay Jack Morris either the difference between the installation of a 2-inch and 6-inch pipe, or 1/3 of the total cost. Included in the motion was a statement that 6-inch cement asbestos pipe should be used if this particular pipe is considerably less expensive than cast iron pipe. This motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Clark, Mr. Jim Neal, and Mr. Griffin, Chairmen of the Parking Committee of the McDowell Merchants Association met with the Board to discuss their concern about the need for more parking, the need to improve traffic circulation, the need to install a street light in the municipal lot near Burgin Plumbing, and to request a greater assistance from the City in the installation of Christmas decorations in the downtown area. Each of these items were discussed in considerable detail, and it was a mutual feeling of all concerned, that additional parking space is needed in the downtown area, and that the downtown area is congested certain times during the day. It was indicated to the Members of the Merchants Association that the Council is very much aware of these problems, and that the Council is attempting, with the limited financial resources, to eradicate these problems. Mr. Simmons made the motion that we install a street light at the Municipal lot near Burgin Plumbing. This motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Jim Laughridge appeared before the Board to inquire if we are interested in buying his mother's property at the corner of Blue Ridge and Henderson Streets. It was expressed to him that we would like to acquire the property, but we would need a few days to look into the matter in more detail. The Board indicated that they would be back in touch with him sometime in the very near future.

The subject of Christmas vacations and bonuses was discussed, and upon a motion by Ray Simmons, the Christmas-New Year vacation should include Wednesday afternoon, December 25; Thursday, December 26; and Saturday morning, December 28, and also, Wednesday, January 1. He also motioned that employees be granted the same bonuses as last year. This motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

A letter from the First Free Will Baptist Church at 250 Baldwin Ave. was read. The letter was a request that the City annex the Church property. Mr. Segars made the motion that we take this property into the Corporation limits if it is legally possible. This motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

The Board authorized that no parking should be permitted on the northeast side of Lail St. between the new and old portions of West Henderson.

A memorandum from the McDowell County Medical and Dental Society, and a letter from the County Health Director, Mr. Loftin was presented to the Board endorsing fluoridation. The Board generally agreed that there is growing interest in fluoridation and that this matter should be pursued. Mr. Denton indicated to the Board that we would probably have some technical difficulties to overcome in attempting to fluoridate water for all of our customers. As many of the technical problems could apparently be overcome by fluoridating only the water customers on the town side of the reservoir, the Board requested that they be provided more information about this matter

at the January meeting.

Mr. Snyder expressed to the Board that he had enjoyed working with the City and with the present Board, and that although he is leaving his position December 31, he will have many fond memories of the community and of his relationship with the Councils over the last 19½ years. The Board expressed considerable disappointment in seeing him leave his job and the community, but wished him well in his retirement.

The Board indicated that they would like the City Manager to contact a Traffic Engineer and get an estimate of what it would cost to obtain his service in developing a traffic circulation plan for the community.

Mr. Ray Simmons read a letter that he had sent to Cable TV expressing his general dissatisfaction with their service. All of the Board members indicated that they have received numerous complaints about the service and there was a general consensus of opinion that the quality and service provided by this company is substandard, and that we should have Mr. McDonald, local representative, attend our next board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Victor H. Denton*  
*Reece C. Snyder*

Mayor

Clerk

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

January 7, 1969

Marion City Council met in a regular monthly meeting Tuesday, January 7, 1969 at 7:30 p.m. All Board members and Victor H. Denton, City Manager, and E. P. Dameron, City Attorney were present. Other individuals in attendance included Miss Rosalind Clark, Mr. Carter Hudgins, Miss Newell, Mr. Allen McDonald, Police Chief John Burton, Mr. E. C. Carnes, and a reporter from the McDowell News.

FLUORIDATION: Miss Rosalind Clark expressed to the Board her opposition to the fluoridation of the municipal water system. Each of the Board members received from the City Manager, copies of the following information relating to this subject. As two or three of the Board members indicated that some of the local residents have expressed opposition to fluoridation, it was decided to defer until a later date the discussion of this matter.

Estimated costs for Fluoridating  
The Entire Marion Municipal Water Supply

Fluoridation Equipment for 8" Mackey Creek Line <sup>1</sup> .....	\$ 1240.00
Metering Equipment For 8" Mackey Creek Line <sup>2</sup> .....	<u>1107.00</u>
Subtotal.....	2347.00
Structure for Equipment <sup>3</sup> .....	700.00
Subtotal.....	3047.00
Miscellaneous - Technical Asst., Etc.....	500.00
Contingencies <sup>3</sup> .....	<u>3547.00</u>
Fluoridation Equipment for 6" Clear Creek Line <sup>1</sup> .....	1240.00
Metering Equipment for 6" Clear Creek Line <sup>2</sup> .....	<u>1107.00</u>
Subtotal.....	2347.00
Structure for Equipment <sup>3</sup> .....	700.00
Subtotal.....	3047.00
Miscellaneous - Technical Asst., Etc.....	500.00
Contingencies <sup>3</sup> .....	<u>3547.00</u>

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Fluoridation Equipment for Filter Plant <sup>1</sup> .....	\$ 700.00
Total.....	7794.00
Laboratory Equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	300.00
Grand Total (Labor provided by the City).....	8094.00

<sup>1</sup>Cost estimate provided by Wallace & Tiernan, Inc.

<sup>2</sup>Cost estimate provided by Ray Sturgill & Associated, Inc. (Badger Meters)

<sup>3</sup>Cost estimated by City Manager.

#### FLUORIDATING THE WATER SUPPLY AT THE RESERVOIR

1. The cost would not be appreciably less than treating the entire system.
2. The unincorporated water customers west of town (mainly in the Pleasant Gardens area), would get untreated water while the unincorporated water customers elsewhere would have fluoridated water.
3. Partial treatment is not recommended by the fluoridating equipment representatives we have consulted or by our consulting engineer.

RECOMMENDATION: That if we decide to fluoridate our water supply, the entire supply be treated. Because of the sizeable cost involved and because there is no apparent urgency to fluoridate the water, I would suggest that we phase the fluoridation program over two or three years. The first year - and this probably could be this coming fiscal year - we could construct one of the two required buildings and install the required water metering equipment on one raw water line. The second fiscal year we could install the second building and metering equipment on the other raw water line. This metering equipment is currently needed, therefore, if the interests in fluoridation diminishes, we would have made no unnecessary expenditures.

If after the buildings and metering equipment have been provided, we still want to fluoridate the water, we could the following year, add the necessary fluoridation equipment.

The annual expenditures under this approach would be:

1969-70	\$1107.00	Metering Equipment
	700.00	Structure
	<u>1807.00</u>	
1970-71	\$1107.00	Metering Equipment
	700.00	Structure
	<u>1807.00</u>	
1971-72	\$3180.00	Fluoridation Equipment
	300.00	Laboratory Equipment
	1000.00	Miscellaneous
	<u>\$4180.00</u>	

An alternative to the preceding would be to budget the total amount this coming year and make all the necessary improvements during the one fiscal year. I question this approach mainly because I feel we have some other costly projects that probably should have priority over fluoridation, i.e., street improvements, off street parking, upgrading our water and sewer lines, adjusting municipal employee salaries and benefits, etc.

LIBRARY Mr. Carter Hudgins, member of the Board of Trustees of the McDowell County Library, and Miss Alice Newell, Librarian, appeared before the Board requesting the City to annually make a monetary contribution toward the operating expenses to the library. Mr. Hudgins mentioned that this request was being made primarily because the operating expenses are higher than anticipated. After some discussion, the Board decided to take this request under consideration and take action on it at a later date.

MARION CABLE TV Mr. Allen McDonald, Vice President of Marion Cable TV appeared before the Board as requested - (Reference: December 3 Minutes). The Board expressed that they frequently receive complaints about the quality of the reception, and in general, the quality of service provided to the Marion residents by his company. Mr. McDonald stated that he would have service telephones installed in the homes of two of his employees that live in Marion. He also indicated that his firm is in the process of moving the control equipment for the local time and weather channel from the tower facility to the local office on Main Street. After considerable discussion, he indicated that he would attempt to correct the complaints of the Board and that he would get back in touch with the Board in the near future to give a progress report.

EXTENSION OF WILLOW STREET Mr. E. C. Carnes appeared before the Board to request the City to open Willow Street between Broad and Glenview Streets. Some members of the Board indicated to Mr. Carnes that there has been some opposition to the opening of this street, but that the Board would investigate the cost of constructing the street and the necessary bridge and consider this matter at a later date.

PARKING LOTS - TIME LIMITATIONS Police Chief, John Burton appeared before the Board to request that the time limitations on the parking lot behind the City Hall be changed from "Two-hour" parking, to "all-day" parking. Upon a motion by Mr. Segars, the Board unanimously voted to remove the two-hour parking limitation on this lot and make it an all-day parking facility.

#### TRAFFIC SIGNALS: TURNING ARROWS AT MAIN AND HENDERSON STREET AND MAIN AND STATE STREET

Police Chief Burton indicated to the Board that the present signalization arrangement for left turn movements at the two above intersections are both dangerous and confusing, and he suggested that turn arrows be installed below the existing signals. The Board expressed interest in this proposal, however, it was a general feeling that this matter should be deferred until it could be discussed with a traffic engineer.

State Street: Racing in the Vicinity of the High School - Mr. Brophy indicated that he had received some complaints about auto racing on State Street in the vicinity of the High School. Chief Burton indicated that his Department had received similar complaints and that his men are currently using the radar unit on State Street to curtail speeding.

ANNEXATION OF THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH PROPERTY ON BALDWIN AVE. It was the consensus of the Board members that the necessary action to annex this property was taken up at the December 3 meeting. The Board indicated, however, that the Church would have to bear the expense of having an accurate survey made of the Church property.

COUNCIL CHAMBER The Board expressed interest in renovating the room upstairs above the City Manager's office for use as a Council Chamber. The City Manager indicated that work would begin immediately on this room, and that an attempt would be made to keep the cost under \$200.00.

LAUGHRIDGE PROPERTY Upon a motion of Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Segars, the Board unanimously voted to purchase the Laughridge property adjoining the corner of Blue Ridge and West Henderson Streets for \$12,720.00

TANTER PROPERTY Mr. Dameron indicated to the Board that he thought Mrs. Dean Tainter was interested in renting her property on West Henderson across from the County Welfare Offices to the City for a parking lot. The Mayor indicated he would discuss this matter with Mrs. Tainter.

RUTHERFORDTON ROAD PROPOSED 6" WATER LINE EXTENSION Mr. Ray Simmons briefly reported to the Board on his meeting with Jack Morris (Reference: December 3 minutes). The Board expressed interest in extending the existing 6" line South approximately 1100 feet on Rutherfordton Road, with the City paying 1/3 of the cost, the County 1/3, and Jack Morris, 1/3.

CONLEY-BROWN STORM SEWER (East Court Street) The City Manager gave the Board an estimated cost of \$1500 to extend the proposed storm sewer line from the Conley property to an existing catch basin 270 feet east on Court Street. Mr. Ledbetter was asked by the Board to contact Mr. Brown to see if he would accept a payment from the City for use of a catch basin that is much nearer the proposed storm sewer coming off the Conley property. (Mr. Brown claims he constructed this catch basin on this property several years ago.)

#### BLUE CROSS - BLUE SHIELD

A. Mr. Snyder: The Board, after some discussion, decided that Mr. Reece Snyder should be retained in the municipal group plan, if possible, and that he should continue to make the required monthly payments on his policy.

B. Coverage for Municipal Employees: The present Blue Cross-Blue Shield coverage for municipal employees was discussed in some detail and it was decided to not change the present benefits or the type of coverage at this time.

CITY MANAGER The Board unanimously voted to appoint Victor H. Denton as City Manager, making the appointment retroactive to January 1, 1969.

CITY CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, AND TREASURER The Board unanimously voted to appoint Victor H. Denton as City Clerk, Tax Collector, and Treasurer, making the appointment retroactive to January 1, 1969.

BONDING OF VICTOR H. DENTON, FRANCES E. BRISCOE, AND DONNA YOUNG The Board unanimously voted to bond Victor H. Denton for \$10,000, to increase the amount of bond on Frances Briscoe, and to bond Donna Young, the amounts to be determined by the City Manager.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER STUDY The Board, upon motion of Mr. Brophy, seconded by Mr. Segars, unanimously voted to enter into a contract with the traffic engineer firm of Kimley-Horn and Associates for a traffic study of the City for a cost not to exceed \$3,000.

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OAK GROVE CEMETERY:

A. Purchase of a Lot Upon a motion of Mr. Segars, the Board unanimously voted to buy back a 2 1/2 acre plot from Mr. Fred L. Daves and wife, Virgie Mae Daves for \$50.00 per acre. ( Lot # 4, Plot # 3, in the new addition).

B. Paving of Driveways Mr. Hawkins expressed interest in having the City pave the streets in Oak Grove Cemetery. The Board asked the City Manager to investigate the cost and to report back at the next meeting.

SURDIVISION REGULATIONS The City Manager informed the Board that Municipalities in McDowell County are exempt from the Municipal Subdivision Act ( G.S. Chapter 160, Article 18, Part 3-A). The Board delegated the City Manager to contact Mr. Hugh Beam and request that he introduce the necessary legislation to have this exemption removed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

A. Roster of Firemen: The Board approved the following roster of Firemen:

L. D. Atkins	Cecil Kaylor	Sammy Proctor, Jr.
James F. Austin	Glenn Laughridge	C. R. Robinson
John W. Beck	Jack Laughridge	Edward Rowe
Clyde Bobo	John M. Laughridge	Harold Smith
R. M. Dark, Jr.	Morris S. Laughridge	Johnny Sullivan
D. Pat Davis	Phillip Laughridge	Earl J. Webb
Arthur Edwards	C. W. Morgan	H. R. Wilkerson
Arthur Evans	A. M. Neal	Clarence Wise
George Goldsmith	J. E. Neal, Jr.	Donald Wise

B. Fire Department's Annual Report: Copies of the appended Fire Department's Annual report was distributed to all the Councilmen and briefly discussed.

BLUE RIDGE EXTENSION The Board adopted the following resolution requested by the North Carolina Highway Commission and instructed the City Manager to send a copy to Mr. Hutchinson, Division Engineer:

"The Marion City Council is vitally interested in the construction of an urgently needed connecting street between West Henderson and Blue Ridge Street."

"The City is acquiring the Marie S. Laughridge property which will be required for this purpose and wishes to assure you that it will cooperate in every way possible to expedite the completion of this project."

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT The Board upon a motion by Mr. Hawkins unanimously voted to approve the "Agreement for Public Works; Plans, and Preparations." Identified as Project No. P - NC 3086. Contract # H-302-3561.

WASTE TREATMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN The Board agreed to call a special meeting on Tuesday, January 14, at 7 p.m. to discuss the Harwood-Beebe and Associates engineering report on Marion's proposed sewerage system improvements.

JOINT CITY-COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING The Board was informed by the City Manager that the next quarterly meeting of the City-County governing bodies would be at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 9 at The McDowell House.

MR. SNYDER The following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board:

Whereas REECE C. SNYDER who served the City of Marion as City Manager for more than nineteen years retired on December 31, 1968; and

Whereas during the period of his service as City Manager, Mr. Snyder was instrumental in initiating and implementing many improvements in the services provided by the City to its' citizens, and

Whereas Mr. Snyder served the people of the City of Marion during his tenure as City Manager with unusual dedication and was largely responsible for many significant improvements in municipal government and services:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the City Council of Marion, North Carolina, in regular meeting assembled on the 7th day of January, 1969, that the Council, in behalf of all the citizens of Marion, hereby expresses appreciation to Reece C. Snyder, former Marion City Manager, for his outstanding service and significant contributions to the improvement of municipal government and services for the citizens of Marion, North Carolina; and

\* Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and that a copy be forwarded to Mr. Snyder.

VANDALISM The City Manager reported to the Board that during the Christmas holidays several windows at the Water Filter Plant were broken as a result of someone shooting at the building. The Manager indicated that the damage would be covered by our insurance.

MR. SIMMONS RESIGNATION The appended letter of resignation was submitted by Mr. Ray N. Simmons. The resignation was accepted with regret by the entire Board.

U.S. 70 NORTH - PROPOSED 10" WATER LINE The City Manager was instructed by the Board to obtain a cost estimate for installing a proposed 10" water line along U.S. 70 North, from the engineering firm that is presently doing the grading work on this highway.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Victor H. Denton*  
Mayor

*Clerk*

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

January 14, 1969

The Mayor and City Council met in a special meeting Tuesday, January 14, 1969 at 7 p.m. Board members present: Mayor Neal and Councilman Ledbetter; others present: Victor H. Denton, City Manager; Russell McCoy, Consulting Engineer; Frank Callcott, engineer accompanying Mr. McCoy; and Carroll Moore, City of Marion Chemist.

Mr. Russell McCoy, Consulting Engineer for the Harwood-Beebe Company gave a detailed presentation of a preliminary engineering report describing the needed sewerage system improvements. He indicated that the basic problem confronting the City is that our sewage plant is overloaded, and as a result, the effluent does not fall within the tolerance range set by the State Department of Water and Air Resources.

Mr. McCoy stated that his recommendation, based upon an analysis of our present situation, is to build a new sewage treatment plant between our present plant and the State of North Carolina Prision facilities on U. S. Highway 226. Total estimated cost of this project would be \$1, 593,100.00. Mr. McCoy estimated that approximately \$415,125.00 would be available through a Federal Public Works (FWPCA) Grant. (Reference is made to the engineering report on file in the City Hall for a complete presentation of the engineer's findings and recommendations.

The proposed improvements were discussed in some detail by all those present. Because of the absence of three of the Council members, it was decided that no official action should be taken at this time, however, the Mayor instructed the City Manager to meet with the Local Government Commission prior to the next Council meeting to determine the feasibility of financing a project of this magnitude. Mr. Russell McCoy indicated that he would be glad to attend this ~~next~~ meeting with the City Manager.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Victor H. Denton*  
Mayor

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A. **First Union National Bank**  
OF NORTH CAROLINA • POST OFFICE BOX 190 • MARION, NORTH CAROLINA 28752

January 7, 1969

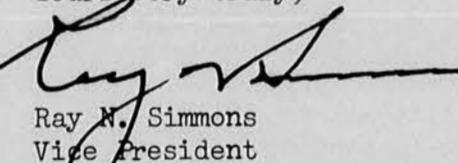
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The Honorable Albert M. Neal  
Mayor  
City of Marion  
Marion, N. C.

Dear Mayor:

Due to the fact I am being transferred from Marion to the Brevard office of First Union National Bank, it becomes necessary for me to submit my resignation as a member of the City Council effective January 7, 1969.

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It has certainly been a pleasure serving with you and the other members of the Council.

Yours very truly,

  
Ray N. Simmons  
Vice President

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**GLENN LAUGHRI**GE, Chief

**JOHNNY SULLIVAN**, Asst. Chief

**C. WALTER MORGAN**, Sec'y-Treas.

## Marion Fire Department

### MARION, NORTH CAROLINA

#### 1968 Fire Report

	No	Estimate Loss	No Men Response	No Men Hours
Inside House Fires	15	\$38,385.00	103	71
Outside House Fires	23	\$53,975.00	179	186
Inside Mfg. Fires	I	None	II	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
Outside Mfg. Fires	None	None	None	None
Inside Merc. Fires	2	\$117,300.00	34	163 3/4
Outside Merc. Fires	None	None	None	None
Inside Misc. Fires	5	\$600.00	20	7
Outside Misc. Fires	2	\$800.00	23	14 $\frac{1}{4}$
Inside Auto Fires	9	\$250.00	52	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
Outside Auto Fires	II	\$7,800.00	56	41 $\frac{1}{2}$
Inside Grass Fires	5	None	24	II 3/4
Outside Grass Fires	38	None	186	114 $\frac{1}{4}$
Total	III	\$219,400.00	688	634 $\frac{1}{4}$

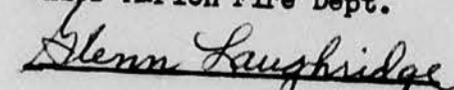
No Fire Calls Inside ----- 37

No Fire Calls Outside ----- 74

Estimate Loss Inside ----- \$156,535.00

Estimate Loss Outside ----- \$62,575.00

Chief Marion Fire Dept.



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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

February 4, 1969

Marion City Council met in a regular monthly meeting Tuesday, February 4, 1969 at 7:30 p.m. All Board members and Victor H. Denton, City Manager and E. F. Dameron, City Attorney were present. Other individuals in attendance included Miss Rosalind Clark, Rev. E. E. Church, Rev L. H. Atkins, four members of the Marion Jaycees, and Mrs. Rosamond Braly of the McDowell News.

CONLEY-BROWN STORM SEWER (East Court Street) Mr. Ledbetter reported to the Board on his contact with Mr. Brown relating to the proposed storm sewer. (Ref: January 7 minutes). Mr. Ledbetter indicated that Mr. Brown would not permit the City to tie the proposed storm sewer into his catch basin. After considerable discussion the City Manager was instructed to invite Mr. Brown to the next board meeting so it can be determined what kind of an agreement would be acceptable to him.

A.B.C. Mr. Dean Wall, representing the Marion Jaycees, indicated to the Board that the Jaycees were going to draft a special act that would permit the citizens of Marion to vote for or against A.B.C. Stores. Mr. Wall indicated that this proposed act would be presented to our N. C. General Assembly by Representative Hugh Beam. He further indicated that they would like for the Board to determine how the A.B.C. funds would be used so this information could be stated in the act. He also asked the Board to endorse the Jaycee's action. After considerable discussion, the Mayor indicated to the Jaycees that the Board would take these requests under consideration, and that the Board would attempt to determine how such funds would be spent.

RUTHERFORDTON ROAD - PROPOSED 6" WATER LINE EXTENSION The City Manager reported to the Board that the County Commissioners are interested in contributing to the City one third of the total cost of extending a 6" water line approximately 1100 feet south on Rutherfordton Road. However, the County Commissioners indicated that this contribution would be contingent on having anticipated unappropriated funds at the end of the fiscal year. After some discussion, the Board accepted this previously agreed arrangement (Ref: January 7 minutes) for the County contributing one-third, Jack Morris one-third, and the City one-third, and they instructed the City Manager to proceed with the installation of this line.

U.S. 70 NORTH: 10" WATER LINE - The City Manager reported to the Board he had talked with the Mid State Construction Engineer for the highway improvement project and he indicated that the proposed water line should be installed within the next four to six weeks. The Board instructed the City Manager to get an estimate from Mid State Contractors on installing the 10" water line in conjunction with the highway improvement project so that a determination can be made as to whether the contractor or the City would install this line.

DIXON DORIS: WATER SERVICE Mr. Segars expressed concern to the Board about the removal of Mrs. Dixon's meter. The City Manager indicated that the meter was removed in accordance with our present policy because her account was four months delinquent. Mr. Segars indicated that she stated to him that she had practically no water for the last six months and that she objected to still being required to pay the minimum rates. Mayor Neal and Mr. Ledbetter indicated that she had contacted them about her service. After some discussion the Board instructed the City Manager to replace the meter and adjust as necessary her delinquent water account and to inform her that steps are being made to improve the water pressure in her area.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Purchase of Police Car - The Board, upon a motion by Mr. Broyhill, unanimously approved the purchase of a Highway Patrol Car. This car is being acquired to replace a 1967 Chevrolet with approximately 70,000 miles.

DEMOLITION OF OLD LIBRARY BUILDING AND THE TANTER AND LAUGHRIDGE HOUSES: The City Manager requested permission from the Board to demolish the old library building and the Tainter and Laughridge houses. Mr. Hawkins made such a motion and it was unanimously passed.

SEWERAGE IMPROVEMENTS PLANS: The City Manager briefed the Board on his meeting with the local government officials in Raleigh, (Ref., January 14 minutes). He indicated to the Board that the Local Government Commission has tentatively given the City the approval to proceed with working out the financial arrangements for the proposed sewerage plant improvements. He indicated that the Commission has requested the City to present to them a detailed report on how the entire project will be financed. The City Manager indicated that he will be meeting with Mr. Russell McCoy, our consulting engineer within the next few days to work out this information.

WILLOW STREET EXTENSION: (Ref. Jan. 7 minutes). The City Manager reported that he has contacted a construction firm and that they will provide him with an estimate within the next few days as to what it will cost to construct a bridge across Young's Creek.

CEMETERY: (Ref. Jan 7 minutes). The City Manager reported to the Board that he has requested a paving firm to provide an estimate on what it would cost per running foot to pave the driveways in Oak Grove Cemetery. He indicated that as of this date, he has not received this estimate.

RAY SIMMONS: Mr. Segars made the motion, which was unanimously passed, that we adopt the following resolution commending Mr. Simmons for his many years of dedicated service to the City of Marion:

RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF MARION, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, RAY N. SIMMONS served as a member of the City Council of Marion, North Carolina, for more than seven years before his recent resignation; and,

WHEREAS, during his tenure in office RAY N. SIMMONS performed invaluable service to the City and its people by giving unselfishly of his time and talents to the improvement of the services of the City to its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the City Council of Marion, North Carolina, in regular meeting assembled on Tuesday, February 4, 1969, that the Council expresses to Mr. Simmons, in its own behalf, and on behalf of the citizens of the City of Marion, sincere appreciation for his outstanding service as a member of this Council.

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Mayor

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AZALIA - McDOWELL STREET SIDEWALK: Mr. Segars requested the City Manager to determine the problems and cost of installing a sidewalk on the west side of Azalia and McDowell Streets between Park Avenue and Oak Street.

McDOWELL COUNTY HEALTH CENTER: Light in Parking Lot Area - Mr. Segars and Mr. Ledbetter expressed to the Board that they had received numerous complaints about people using the parking lot at night for other than official business, and they suggested that we install a street light in the immediate area. Mayor Neal indicated that he would talk with Dr. Loftin about this problem and that if he concurred, the City would install a street light either on the County Health Center property or on the adjacent public right-of-way.

TRASH CANS: Mr. Segars indicated to the Board that several of the downtown merchants have expressed to him dissatisfaction over the appearance of the trash cans in the down-town area. After some discussion, it was agreed that the City Manager should repair and repaint the trash cans, and if necessary, purchase new cans to replace some of the old ones.

GARBAGE COLLECTION: The City Manager reported to the Board that two garbage collections a week could be provided to local residents if minor changes could be made regarding trash pick-ups; the principal change being that a city-wide trash collection would be provided once a week rather than on a daily basis. The Board endorsed this request and encouraged the City Manager to inaugurate this service as soon as possible.

CITY-COUNTY WATER-SEWER COMMITTEE: Mayor Neal appointed Mr. Segars to serve on The City-County Water-Sewer Committee that is being set up to explore the water and sewer needs throughout the County.

WATER STUDY: The City Manager requested permission to investigate what it would cost to have our consulting engineer make a study to determine what water improvements projects will need to be undertaken within the next 5 or 6 years, and (2), what priority should be given to the projects, with the understanding that he would report back to the Board on the cost of such a study.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES: Saturday Closing - The City Manager asked that the Board give consideration to modifying working hours so that the Municipal Offices will be open all day Wednesday and closed all day Saturday. Upon a motion by Mr. Segars, this proposal was unanimously approved by the Board.

MARION BANK & TRUST COMPANY: The City Manager requested permission to activate the Marion Bank & Trust Company checking account to be used solely for paying bond indebtedness. After some discussion, the motion was made by Mr. Broyhill and unanimously approved.

CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE: The City Manager requested to attend the City Managers Conference at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, February 5, 6, 7. The Board unanimously approved this request...

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Mayor

*Victor H. Denton*  
Clerk

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

February 28, 1969

Marion City Council met in a special session Wednesday, February 19, 1969 at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Mayor Neal, Councilmen Otis Broyhill, Howard T. Hawkins, and W. R. Ledbetter. Councilmen absent: James Segers. Others present: Victor H. Denton, City Manager, E. P. Dameron, City Attorney, Dean Wall, and three others representing the Marion Jaycees.

The Mayor opened the meeting by stating that this meeting was called primarily to discuss the A.B.C. issue and to determine how the revenue from the A.B.C. sales would be utilized, if such sales are permitted in the City of Marion. Mr. Dean Wall stated that he and his committee members are interested in the passage of their proposal for A.B.C. stores in Marion. He indicated they have attended this Council meeting to share this fact with the Council members. He further stated that as a committee, they do not desire to make specific proposals on how the funds should be utilized; however, he stated there was general agreement among their committee members, that they would like to see a portion of the funds used for recreational purposes. Mr. Wall further stated that they would like to see such a bill drafted and introduced in the General Assembly as soon as possible and an election held locally on this matter on or before the May municipal election. Mr. Dameron stated that the general statutes of North Carolina specify that a beer or wine referendum cannot be held within 60 days of a municipal election and it is his opinion that this would also apply on a referendum including A.B.C. stores. He further stated that it was his opinion that this also meant that such an election could be held in conjunction with a Municipal election. After considerable discussion, the Council members mutually agreed that 70% of the net revenue should be designated for the general fund of the City of Marion to be used wherever tax or non-tax revenue may be expended. It was further agreed that 30% should be allocated to the county; of this 30%, 20% should be used for education, and 10% for recreation. The Board members also agreed that the referendum should be held on the 3rd Tuesday in July, which will be July 15, 1969. After considerable discussion, Mr. Hawkins made the motion that the Council ask the McDowell County Representative, Mr. Hugh Beam to introduce a bill that would permit the off-premises sales of beer and wine <sup>and liquor</sup> in the City of Marion, and that the bill indicate that 70% of the net revenue be given to the City of Marion to be spent for tax and non-tax expenditures and that 30% be allocated to the County, and that of this 30%, 20% should be used for education, and 10% for recreation. Mr. Hawkins also included in his motion that a special election be held on the 3rd Tuesday of July, 1969. This motion passed with Councilmen Broyhill and Hawkins voting in favor and Councilman Ledbetter voting against. The Mayor instructed the City Manager to get together with Mr. Dameron within the next few days and draft a letter to Mr. Beam stating the actions of the Board on this night, and for the City Manager to discuss with Mr. Dameron, the major contents of a proposed bill and the procedure for drafting and submitting such a bill.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Mayor

*Victor H. Denton*  
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

MARCH 3, 1969

Marion City Council met in a regular monthly meeting Monday, March 3, 1969 at 7:30 p.m. All Board members were present along with Victor H. Denton, City Manager, and E.P. Dameron, City Attorney. Other individuals in attendance included Edwin Deyton, Guy Robinson, and Karl Brown.

VALLEY STREET WATER LINE: Mr. Edwin Deyton and Guy Robinson attended the meeting to express to the Board their interest in the proposed 10" water line along U.S. 70 and to determine if the City has plans for extending a water line up Valley Street. After some discussion, it was concluded that if the water pressure on the private lines serving several residents on Valley Street is not improved with the installation of the 10" line, some joint effort would have to be taken by the residents on this street and the City to extend a water line from the 10" line up Valley Street.

CONLEY-BROWN STORM SEWER: Mr. Karl Brown attended this meeting at the request of the Board to discuss the possibilities of either working out a mutual agreement so the City could tie a proposed storm sewer on Conley's property into his catch basin, or extending a storm sewer, as Mr. Brown recently proposed to Mr. Ledbetter and the City Manager, from the N.W. rear corner of his property to the S.E. front corner of his property, with the understanding that Mr. Conley's water could be emptied into this line. (Ref: Feb. 4 minutes).

As Mr. Brown was not interested in granting an easement to the City for such a line, the Board, on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Ledbetter, unanimously voted to install the storm sewer line as originally proposed; that being for the City to:

- (1) Install a catch basin on Conley's property near his east property line a few feet behind the paved parking area,
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- (3) Install in the existing easement on Conley's property a two inch water line from the existing tap at the front property line of his property to the existing two inch water line at the rear of his property, (this being a line serving several residents east of the Corporate Limits of Marion).
- (4) Provide a 3/4 inch metered outlet near the planned catch basin on the Conley property and,
- (5) Resurface the portion of pavement damaged or removed in the process of installing the water and sewer lines.

AZALIA-MCDOWELL STREET SIDEWALK: The City Manager invited Mr. Roy Davis to attend the Board meeting to discuss the availability of some of his property on Azalia Street for a sidewalk. As Mr. Davis was unable to attend because of sickness, this matter was tabled. (Ref: Feb. 4 minutes).

WILLOW STREET EXTENSION: The City Manager provided the Board with an estimate from A.R. Thompson of \$12,000 - \$14,000 for constructing a bridge across Young's Fork at Willow Street. As this estimate seemed unreasonably high, the Board instructed the City Manager to obtain an estimate from Amos Fortenberry, a local contractor. (Ref: Feb. 4 minutes).

CEMETERY-PAVING DRIVEWAYS: The City Manager provided the Board with an estimate for paving Oak Grove Cemetery Driveways. He stated the only estimate he had received to date was from Mid State Contractors for \$7950 for an 18 foot wide driveway extending from the main entrance east to the last drive, then north to the railroad, and then along the drive nearest the railroad to the north-south drive that extends to the front of the cemetery near the main entrance. After some discussion, it was decided that because of the cost of this project, it should be deferred.

POLICE - CHIEF BURTON'S RESIGNATION: The attached letter was read to the Board by the Mayor. Upon a motion by Mr. Broyhill, seconded by Mr. Ledbetter, the Board unanimously voted to accept the resolution. After some discussion of a replacement, the Board decided to invite Marion Police Captain William Wood to the next meeting for an interview.

ELECTION - MUNICIPAL: The City Manager informed the Board that two judges, a registrar, and an election resolution would need to be adopted prior to April 5. After some discussion, the Board decided to defer this matter until the next Board meeting.

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Clerk

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL

Office of the Chief

**CITY OF MARION  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

MARION, N. C. 28752

March 3, 1969.

To Mayor Albert M. Neal

From John Burton, Chief Of Police

Subject: Resignation

Due to personal reasons, I am submitting my resignation, effective

April 1, 1969.

My almost two years working for the City of Marion has been most rewarding and enjoyable to me. No one could have given me and the Police Dept. more cooperation and consideration than did you and

the City Council.

Sincerely Yours:

*John Burton*

John Burton, Chief of Police.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Victor H. Denton*  
Clerk

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

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U.S. 70 NORTH - 10" WATER LINE: The City Manager informed the Board that it would be necessary to put out for bid the installation of the 10" water line along U.S. 70 North. He indicated that the closing date for accepting bids would be 5:00 p.m. March 17, 1969.

WATER TAP FEES: The City Manager informed the Board that he has been receiving numerous inquiries about tap fees for those individuals that have made contributions toward the installation of the 10" water line along U.S. 70. After some discussion, the Mayor appointed Mr. Broyhill and Mr. Segars to serve on a committee with the City Manager to review and revise as necessary the existing tap fees and to determine if tap fees should be waived for the individuals that have made contributions to the U.S. 70 water line.

POTEAT SUBDIVISION: The City Manager informed the Board that he has had an inquiry as to the availability of water and sewer in the vacant area of the Poteat Subdivision. After some discussion it was generally agreed that the City Manager should further explore the cost and the feasibility of extending the existing water and sewer lines into this area.

COMMUNITY BUILDING - USE OF GYM: Mr. Ledbetter indicated that John Price of McDowell Technical Institute is interested in using the Community Building Gym for a physical fitness class. After some discussion the Board instructed the City Manager to clean up the gym and dressing rooms and paint as necessary to make it more inviting.

WATER LINE EXTENSION PROPOSAL: Mr. Broyhill expressed to the Board his concern over the dead end water lines on Glenview and Rutherfordton Road and suggested that consideration be given to tying these two lines together in the vicinity of Washington Mills. The City Manager was instructed to look into this matter and report back to the Board.

HENDERSON STREET WEST - STREET LIGHTING: Mr. Broyhill indicated that he feels additional street lighting is needed on the new portion of West Henderson Street from near the underpass west to where it intersects with the old portion of West Henderson Street. The Mayor instructed the City Manager to work with the lighting specialist from Duke Power in determining how many lights are needed and where they should be placed.

LAIL STREET - PARKING: Mr. Broyhill indicated to the Board that trucks have difficulty negotiating the turn at intersection of Lail Street and the old portion of West Henderson Street because parked cars near the intersection on the south side of Lail Street. The Mayor asked the Street Committee and the City Manager to further investigate this matter.

BLUE RIDGE STREET CONNECTOR: The Board expressed concern over the delays on the Blue Ridge connector project. The Mayor instructed the City Manager to write the District Highway Engineer to ascertain the status of this project.

POLICE: Mr. Ledbetter indicated that he has been receiving some queries as to whether our police are patrolling some areas outside the corporate limits. The Mayor indicated that although they have jurisdiction up to one mile beyond the corporate limits, they normally do not patrol this area. The Mayor further stated that they do go beyond the corporate limits when assistance is requested or when it is convenient for a patrol vehicle to go through a small portion of the unincorporated area to get to another part of the City.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Mayor

*Victor H. Denton*  
Clerk

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

March 17, 1969

Marion City Council met in a special meeting Monday, March 17, 1969 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall. All Board members were present along with Victor H. Denton, City Manager, and E. P. Dameron, City Attorney. Other individuals present included Robert Kimley and Police Captain William Wood.

ELECTION; MUNICIPAL: Upon a motion by Councilman James Segars, seconded by Councilman William Ledbetter, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolution calling for a regular municipal election for Mayor and City Councilmen of the City of Marion to be held on Tuesday, May 6, 1969:

**R E S O L U T I O N**

A RESOLUTION CALLING A REGULAR ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEN OF THE CITY OF MARION.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Marion that:

(1) An election is hereby called for Tuesday, May 6, 1969, the date established by law, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and five City Councilmen.

(2) The polling place will be the City Hall, and the polls will be open on election day from 6:30 A.M. until 6:30 P.M.

(3) Julia M. Stanley, 300 Lincoln Avenue, is hereby appointed Registrar, and Mrs. C.R. Craig, 205 Park Avenue and Glenn Laughridge, West Henderson Street are hereby appointed Judges of said election.

(4) The Registrar is hereby directed to open the registration books for the purpose of registering all qualified electors who request registration and who are not now registered to vote in municipal election.

(5) The registration period will be from Friday, April 18, 1969, through Friday, April 25, 1969, excluding Sunday, April 20, 1969. The registration books will be open for registration each day, excluding Sunday during the registration period from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. at City Hall, except that on Saturday, April 19, 1969, the books will be open from 9:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M. at the City Hall.

(6) Challenge Day will be Saturday April 26, 1969, and challenges may be entered on such day from 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. At the City Hall.

(7) The City Clerk shall, no later than Saturday, April 5, 1969, cause a copy of this resolution to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City, and to be posted at the City Hall.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

*Victor H. Denton*  
Clerk

MARION HIGH SCHOOL RIPPERETTES: Mayor Albert Neal suggested to the Board that a resolution be drawn up by City Attorney E. P. Dameron commending the Marion High School Ripperettes for winning the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association's girls basketball Championship. Upon a motion by Councilman Howard Hawkins, seconded by Councilman James Segars, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

**R E S O L U T I O N**

The Following Resolution was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the City Council of Marion, North Carolina, on Monday, March 17, 1969:

RESOLVED, that the City Council of Marion, North Carolina, extends to Coach Jerry Greene and each of the members of the Marion High School Girls Basketball Team hearty congratulations upon their outstanding achievements during the 1968-69 basketball season, as a culmination of which they won the championship of the Northwestern Conference, and were the tournament champions of the Bi-Conference Tournament between top teams of the Northwestern Conference and those of the Southwestern Conference, and also won the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association Tournament Championship by defeating the girls basketball team of Kannapolis High School.

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The City Council and the people of the community are proud of Coach Jerry Greene and his team consisting of

Donna King	Cathy Quinn
Aletha Ballew	Donna Willis
Anita Borders	Wanda Ledford
Lucy Lowder	Phyllis Borders
Kathy Noyes	Rose Sellers
Susie Lowder	Revonda Glenn
Nancy Laughridge	April Walker
Donnette Mills	Cathy Cable
	Debbie Young

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Coach Jerry Greene.

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Mayor of Marion, North Carolina

WATER TAP FEES: City Manager Victor H. Denton presented to the Board the committee's recommendations for revising water tap fees. (Ref. March 3 minutes). After some discussion, and upon a motion by Councilman Howard Hawkins, seconded by Councilman William Ledbetter, the following schedule of fees were adopted:

<u>WATER TAP FEES</u>		
Tap Size	Price includes Meter, Meter Box, and Corporation Stop	
	<u>Incorporated Area</u>	<u>Unincorporated Area</u>
3/4"	\$ 80.00	\$200.00
1"	150.00	325.00
1 1/2"	275.00	450.00
2"	375.00	600.00

Tap fee policy for individuals making contributions to a municipal water line:

- if contributor is presently connected to an existing water line, no charge will be made for connecting to a new municipal water line.
- if additional taps are desired, the above fees apply.
- if contributor is not connected to an existing line, tap fee equals cost of meter for the first tap. The above fees apply for additional taps.

POLICE; LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOLUTION: Mayor Albert Neal briefly summarized the purpose and objectives of the law enforcement and criminal justice planning proposed for this region of the State under the Governor's Committee on Law and Order. Mayor Neal stated that the Board has been requested to adopt a resolution indicating that the City of Marion would agree to participate in joint law enforcement and criminal justice planning. Upon a motion by Councilman Otis Broihill, seconded by Councilman Howard Hawkins, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

#### R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the city of Marion recognizes the value of planning for the improvement of law enforcement and the criminal justice system in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 provides matching funds to permit planning for the future of law enforcement and the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, these planning funds are available to local government planning units through the Governor's Committee on Law and Order in North Carolina;

BE IT THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the city of Marion does agree to participate in joint law enforcement and criminal justice planning efforts in cooperation with other units of local government in this area of North Carolina through the Unit 17.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we hereby appoint Sheriff Hubert Haynes, McDowell County to serve on the law enforcement planning board of Unit 17.

Adopted this 17 day of March, 1969.

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Mayor

APPROVED:

RESCUE SQUAD; RADIO: Councilman James Segars stated that the McDowell Rescue Squad has at least two radio units in their vehicles that cannot be used because they have not been granted permission from the Board to add additional units. Councilman Segars requested the City Manager to discuss this matter with the Rescue Squad Director and to grant them permission to add two more units. The Board concurred with this proposal and also instructed the City Manager to determine how many units the F.C.C. has granted the City of Marion for the assigned frequency. They further indicated that a request should be submitted to the F.C.C. for additional units if we now have all the authorized units.

RADIO EQUIPMENT: The City Manager stated to the Board that radio equipment is needed in the General Superintendent's vehicle. He further stated that it would be desirable to have a remote unit in the front administrative office so it will not be necessary to go through the police radio operator in communicating with the General Superintendent. After some discussion, and a motion by Councilman Howard Hawkins, seconded by Councilman William Ledbetter, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of a radio unit for our General Superintendent and a remote unit for the front administrative office for a cost of approximately \$1000.00.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORT: Mr. Robert Kimley, of Kimley-Horn Associates, presented to the Board his preliminary findings and recommendations for improving traffic circulation in the Central Business District. Mr. Kimley stated that he needed the Board's acceptance of one of five basic alternatives before he could continue with his study and plan. Mr. Kimley's five alternates were:

- Removal of parking on Main Street in the downtown area from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily.
- Removal of parking on Main Street in the downtown area permanently.
- Removal of parking on Main Street in the downtown area and prohibit left turns at Main and Court.
- Eliminate the exclusive pedestrian interval at Court and Main and Henderson and Main.
- Eliminate the exclusive pedestrian interval at the above locations and prohibit left turns at Main and Court.

Mr. Kimley indicated that all the alternatives include the removal of the mid-block crosswalk, removal of the traffic signal at Railroad Street and Main, and the upgrading of our signalization system so that the signals can be interconnected and synchronized according to a predetermined plan. After considerable discussion, the Board, upon a motion by Councilman James Segars, unanimously voted to accept the alternative recommended by Mr. Kimley which incorporates the elimination of the exclusive pedestrian interval and the prohibition of left turns at Main and Court Streets. (Alternative No. 5).

POLICE - APPOINTMENT OF AN ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE AND CAPTAIN: At the request of the Board, Police Captain William Wood attended the meeting to be interviewed for the position of Chief of Police. (Ref. March 3 minutes). After considerable discussion, the Board, upon a motion by Councilman James Segars, seconded by Councilman William Ledbetter, unanimously voted to appoint William Wood as acting Chief of Police and John Beck as Captain, and that William Wood's salary be increased \$100.00 per month and John Beck's salary \$50.00 per month, effective April 1, 1969.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Mayor

*Victor H. Denton*  
Clerk

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

March 28, 1969

The Marion City Council met in a special meeting on Friday, March 28, 1969 at 1:30 p.m. Board members present: Mayor Albert Neal, Councilmen Otis L. Broyhill, Howard T. Hawkins; councilman absent, James H. Segars. Others present, Victor H. Denton, City Manager.

This council meeting was called to consider the bids received on the U. S. 70 West water line project. Contractors submitting bids included Blue Ridge Contractors, Easley, South Carolina, Hobson Construction, Asheville, Mid-State Contractors, Inc., Hickory, and Spartan Construction Company, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Following a discussion of the contractors bids, and a comparison of the four bids, the board, upon a motion by Councilman Hawkins and seconded by Councilman Ledbetter, unanimously voted to accept the March 17, 1969 bid proposal submitted by Spartan Construction Co.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

April 1, 1969

Marion City Council met in a regular monthly meeting Tuesday, April 1, 1969 at 7:30 p.m. All Board members were present along with Victor H. Denton, City Manager, and E. P. Dameron, City Attorney. Other individuals present included Albert Rader and Roy Davis.

RADER: ALBERT: Mr. Rader attended the Board meeting to express dissatisfaction regarding a water tap fee for a mobile home recently placed on his property. After Mr. Rader departed, this matter was discussed in considerable detail. It was concluded that the City Manager should write Mr. Rader to inform him that the City would be willing to install a new meter and make no connecting charge if he would dedicate to the City, an easement and his line (from where it taps another private line on Greenwood Drive to his meter). If he is not willing to make this dedication, he is to pay the standard fee of \$200.00.

AZALIA-MCDOWELL STREET SIDEWALK: Mr. Roy Davis attended the meeting at the request of the Board to discuss the availability of a small portion of his property along Azalia Street for a sidewalk. Mr. Davis stated that he is not interested in dedicating or selling any of his property to the City for a sidewalk. He further stated that he would only be interested in trading a strip of his land approximately five feet by 292 feet for a lot belonging to the City at the corner of Azalia and Park Avenue. Mr. Davis also stated that he would expect the City to have Mrs. Craig remove her fence for the City lot before trading. City Attorney, E. P. Dameron stated that it is his opinion that the City has no legal authority to trade property. Mr. Davis, at this point, suggested that we ask Mr. Beam, our State Representative, to introduce a bill in the General Assembly to make it legally possible to make this exchange of property. After further discussion, Mayor Albert M. Neal stated that he would talk with Representative Beam about the feasibility of introducing such a bill.

PARKING LOTS - PROPERTY LEASED FROM MR. C. D. BLANTON: The City Manager informed the Board that Mr. Blanton told him that the current City lease for three of his parcels of land used for public parking expired April 1, 1969. Mr. Blanton stated that he was increasing his monthly charge from \$100.00 to \$150.00. After some discussion and upon a motion by Councilman James Segars, seconded by Councilman William Ledbetter, and unanimously approved, the Board instructed the City Manager to inform Mr. Blanton that the City would be interested in leasing the three parcels for no more than \$125.00 per month.

MAIN STREET - REQUEST TO PERMIT PARKING: The City Manager stated that Doctor William Bell has requested that parking be permitted on one or both sides of South Main Street. After some discussion, the Board decided to table his request as a traffic circulation study is currently being undertaken.

SCHOOL BOARD: MARION - APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: The Board, upon a motion by Councilman Otis Broyhill, seconded by Councilman Howard Hawkins unanimously voted to reappoint W. W. Greene, Jack Ballew, Robert Shirley, Jack Noyes, and Eugene Cross, Jr. to the Marion School Board.

SCHOOL PROPERTY: JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL: Councilman James Segars stated that a representative from the N. C. Recreation Commission recently told a local group meeting on the subject of recreation that the present Junior High School property is adequate for a recreational complex, provided the entire property can be used. Councilman Segars further stated that the representative from the Recreation Commission informed the group that if the site size is reduced, it will become more difficult to obtain a Federal grant.

Mayor Neal indicated that it was his understanding, until the last day or two, that arrangements were being made to convey the entire property from the Marion School Board to the City. He further stated, as did some of the other Board members, that the First Presbyterian Church is interested in a portion of the property and that attempts are now being made by church officials to have the property they are interested in exempted from the conveyance. After considerable discussion the Board generally agreed that the School Board should be informed again, as soon as possible, of the City's interest in and need for all of the Junior High School site.

TAXES - COPYING CITY TAX INFORMATION FROM COUNTY RECORDS: Upon a motion by Councilman Howard Hawkins, seconded by Councilman William Ledbetter, the Board unanimously voted that Mrs. Julia M. Stanley be employed to copy 1969 city taxes from county records in the Courthouse.

TANTER HOUSE - DEMOLITION: The City Manager informed the Board that Mr. E. P. Workman has expressed interest in tearing down the old Tainter house at the intersection of Logan and West Henderson Streets for \$300.00. After some discussion, and upon a motion by Councilman James Segars, seconded by Councilman Howard Hawkins, the Board unanimously voted to let Mr. Workman tear down the house provided (1) he would put up a deposit of \$150.00 to assure the City that he would tear down the house within a specified time and clean the site, and (2), sign a written contract agreeing among other things that he would be responsible for any damages to individuals or property relating to tearing down the house.

AUDITORS - AWARDING CONTRACT: Upon a motion by Councilman James Segars, the Board unanimously voted to award the auditing contract for the year 1968-69 to the firm of Calder, Crawley & Company.

U. S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS - FLOOD PLAN STUDY: The City Manager informed the Board that a representative of the Corps of Engineers recently talked with him about their willingness to undertake a flood plan study of the Catawba River and its tributaries in the Marion area at no cost to the City. After some discussion, the Board instructed the City Manager to make a written request to the Corps of Engineers for a flood plan study of the Catawba River and its tributaries in the Marion area.

CITY LICENSE TAGS: The City Manager informed the Board that he would need to place an order for City tags prior to June 1, 1969. He further indicated that approximately 350 tags have been sold thus far this year and suggested that 500 be purchased for the year 1970. After some discussion, the Board authorized the City Manager to order 500 tags.

FILING FEES FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION: Mayor Albert Neal stated that consideration should be given sometime in the future to taking the necessary steps to require candidates to pay a small filing fee. After some discussion, it was generally agreed that this matter should be considered later but in sufficient time to have the necessary legislation enacted by General Assembly in 1971.

MILLER AVENUE EXTENSION - REQUEST FOR A SEWER LINE: The City Manager informed the Board that a resident on Miller Street Extension recently requested the City to provide sanitary sewer service to his house. Councilman James Segars and other Board members indicated that our consulting engineer, Harwood Beebe Company made a study of this proposed line several months ago, and that this matter should be deferred until the engineering study can be reviewed by the Board and the City Manager.

P.A.C.E. - (PLAN ASSURING COLLEGE EDUCATION): The City Manager stated that he had recently attended a county meeting on the P.A.C.E. program. He further stated that within the next few days we will need to submit a request for the employment of one or more students if we desire to participate in the program this summer. After some discussion the Board authorized the City Manager to submit a request for the employment of four students for the summer months.

LIBRARY: The City Manager stated to the Board that Mrs. McRee has requested permission to place a booth on the sidewalk in the downtown area from April 19 to May 3 to solicit memberships for Friends of the Library. The Board granted this request.

TELEPHONE - ADDITIONAL OUTSIDE BOOTHS: Councilman James Segars stated that there is a need for additional outside public telephone booths. After some discussion the City Manager was instructed by the Board to submit a request to the telephone company for at least one more booth, to be placed on Main Street south of Henderson Street.

U.S. 70 WEST - 10" WATER LINE: The City Manager stated that it would be necessary to enter into a claim agreement with Mid State Contractors before they would permit another contractor to install the water line along U.S. 70. The City Manager further stated that the agreement would have to state that the City would assume liability for damages and delays caused by the water line contractor while in the process of installing the water line. City Attorney E. P. Dameron at this point informed the Board that the City's contract with the waterline contractor, Spartan Construction Company, states that Spartan Construction Company will assume responsibilities for damage and delays to others while in the process of installing the water line. On the advice of our City Attorney, and on a motion by

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Councilman Otis Broyhill, seconded by Councilman William Ledbetter, the Board unanimously voted to enter into this agreement with Mid State Contractors.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION - MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT RELATING TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES:

The following resolution was offered by the City Manager and a motion was made by Councilman James Segars that it be adopted; this motion was seconded by Councilman Howard Hawkins, and upon being put to a vote was unanimously carried;

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission, pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 136-41.3 and G.S. 136-18, proposes to contract with the City of Marion for the maintenance of Traffic Control Devices on the State Highway System streets within this Municipality and for which this Municipality shall be reimbursed by the State Highway Commission; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry out the aforesaid policy and the responsibilities of Commission under the General Statutes, and to promote the public interest and general welfare of the Municipality, it is necessary for the Municipality to enter into a contract for the maintenance of Traffic Control Devices on the State Highway System streets within the Municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality is hereby formally authorized to enter into a contract with the State Highway Commission for the maintenance of Traffic Control Devices on the State Highway System streets within the Municipality, and that the Mayor and Clerk (or Manager) of the Municipality be and it is hereby empowered to sign and execute the required Agreement between the Municipality and the State Highway Commission.

This Resolution passed and adopted the 8th day of April, 1969.

BLUE RIDGE STREET CONNECTOR: The Board instructed the City Manager to contact the District Highway Engineer to ascertain the status of this project.

STATE STREET - WIDENING PROJECT: Councilman William Ledbetter stated that the Board should take the necessary steps to acquire the remaining right-of-way needed to widen State Street before the State Highway Commission resurfaces this facility. After considerable discussion, the Board generally agreed that the remaining right-of-way should be acquired and that the Board members should contact the property owners involved to determine the availability and cost of the needed property.

RECREATION: Councilman James Segars stated that the softball leagues are getting organized and made the motion that the City allocate \$400.00 to aid in supporting this recreational activity. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mc DOWELL STREET EXTENSION: The City Manager informed the Board that Mr. Dallas Clark of the Highway Commission informed him that Federal money may be available for the acquisition of needed right of way on McDowell Street between State Street and Railroad Street. The City Manager stated that Mr. Clark suggested that the City take no action at this time on acquiring right-of-way as it may not be necessary for the City to invest in the needed right-of-way.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Mayor

Victor H. Denton  
Clerk

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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April 21, 1969

The Marion City Council met in a special meeting Monday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. Board members present: Mayor Albert Neal, Councilmen Otis L. Broyhill, William Ledbetter, and James Segars. Absent: Councilman Howard Hawkins; others present: Victor H. Denton, City Manager.

VALLEY STREET - 6" WATER LINE EXTENSION: The City Manager informed the Board that he received a request from Mr. Thomas Revis, 201 Valley St., to extend an existing 6" water line on Valley St. approximately 200 feet north to a point across Valley St. from the Revis property. The City Manager stated that this proposed extension fits in with our overall plan for extending a 6" water line down Valley St. to U.S. 70 West. After some discussion, and upon a motion by Councilman James Segars, seconded by Councilman Otis L. Broyhill, the Board unanimously voted to make this extension, provided Mr. Revis pays for the necessary 6" cast-iron pipe.

CIVIL DEFENSE: The City Manager stated that John Sullivan, Civil Defense Director and Mr. Eugene Seagle, Assistant Director, has requested permission to attend, at City expense, a one-week Civil Defense conference in Biloxi, Mississippi; the cost estimated to be \$150.00 a piece. After some discussion, the Board agreed that the City should pay the expense of Mr. Sullivan; however, if Mr. Seagle desires to attend the conference, he should ask the County Commissioners to pay his expenses.

BLUE RIDGE STREET - ON STREET PARKING PROVISIONS: Upon a motion by Councilman William Ledbetter and seconded by Councilman James Segars, the Board unanimously adopted a parking provision specifying "No Parking" on the Drexel Furniture side of Blue Ridge Street from a point approximately 20 feet west of their main gate eastward to the end of Blue Ridge Street; and for the extension of the "Two Hour Parking" area on Blue Ridge Street westward along Blue Ridge Street to a point approximately 30 feet from the intersection of Blue Ridge Street and Carson Street.

GARDEN STREET - ON STREET PARKING PROVISIONS: Upon a motion by Councilman William Ledbetter seconded by Councilman James Segars, the Board unanimously adopted a parking provision specifying "No Parking" on the west side of North Garden Street starting at James Drive and extending North on the west side of Garden Street to Dula Hawkins' driveway and to permit parking starting at a point ten feet north of where James Drive intersects with North Garden Street north on east side of Garden Street to a point 15 feet south of an existing fire hydrant.

POLICE - APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF POLICE: Upon a motion by Councilman James Segars and seconded by Councilman William Ledbetter, the Board unanimously voted to remove the word "acting" from William Wood's position title, thus making him Chief of Police for the City of Marion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Victor H. Denton  
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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April 25, 1969

The Marion City Council met in a special meeting Friday, April 25 at 2:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. Board members present: Mayor Albert M. Neal, Councilmen Otis L. Broyhill, Howard T. Hawkins, James Segars. Absent: Councilman William Ledbetter. Others present: Victor H. Denton, City Manager.

SEWER CONNECTION REQUEST - RUTHERFORDTON ROAD: The City Manager informed the Board that he had received a request to connect to the municipal sewer system the development taking place on Jack Morris' property located on the west side of Rutherfordton Road approximately 300 feet south of the intersection of Baldwin Avenue. After considerable discussion, the Board generally agreed that Mr. Morris should not be permitted to connect to the Municipal sewer line primarily because (1) our present sewage treatment plant is over-loaded and (2), that any additional sewage, especially the type that may come from a Kentucky Fried Chicken Establishment, which is the proposed use for the site, would only further aggravate the treatment problems we are now having at the treatment plant. The Board instructed the City Manager to inform Mr. Morris that a connection would not be permitted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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May 13, 1969

The Marion City Council met in a regular monthly meeting Tuesday, May 13, 1969 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. Board members present: Mayor Albert M. Neal, Councilmen Howard T. Hawkins, William Ledbetter, and James Segars. Councilman absent: Otis L. Broyhill. Others present, Victor H. Denton, City Manager and E. P. Dameron, City Attorney.

COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD: Mayor Albert M. Neal announced that the newly elected Board would be inducted into office at a meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 26 in the City Council Chamber in accordance with Chapter 388, Section 3 of the General Statutes of North Carolina. After some discussion, the Board unanimously agreed that a request should be extended to Robert G. Jarrett, Sr., Clerk of Superior Court to administer the oaths of office.

ELECTION, MUNICIPAL: The Board acknowledged the certified results of the municipal election held on Tuesday, May 6 and instructed the City Manager to record the results of the election in the minutes of this meeting:

We, the Undersigned Registrar and Judges of election for the City of Marion, regular municipal election, May 6, 1969, do hereby certify that the following is a true and accurate count of the ballots cast in said election:

Candidates for Mayor:

Albert M. Neal received 537 votes  
Brady Brooks received 308 votes  
D. Pat Davis received 1 vote

Candidates for Councilman:

Oliver R. Cross received	396 votes
Howard W. Gouge received	262 votes
Robert G. Jarrett, Jr. received	133 votes
Clell Laney received	203 votes
Philip M. Laughridge received	274 votes
Bill Ledbetter received	524 votes
Jim McGarr received	270 votes
Ike McLain received	234 votes
Cecil Owenby received	183 votes
Edwin E. (Ed) Rankin received	258 votes
James H. (Jim) Segars received	537 votes
D. W. "Wes" Smith received	129 votes
Jack Walker received	256 votes
Horace Wilkerson received	349 votes

We, therefore, certify that pursuant to such tabulation we have judicially determined that:

FOR MAYOR: Albert M. Neal having received 537 votes

FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

Jim Segars	having received 537 votes
Bill Ledbetter	having received 524 votes
Oliver R. Cross	having received 396 votes
Horace Wilkerson	having received 349 votes
Philip Laughridge	having received 274 votes

have been duly elected Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Marion pursuant to law.

Mrs Julia Stanley  
Registrar

Glenn Laughridge (Judge)  
Mrs. C. R. Craig (Judge)

TAXES; DELINQUENT: The City Manager gave each Board member a list of taxpayers still owing 1968 taxes. After some discussion, the Board instructed the City Manager in his capacity as tax collector, to offer for sale the liens on real estate on July 14, 1969 after advertising for four weeks in the local newspaper. The liens are to be offered for sale at the City Hall door at 12:00 noon on the above date.

SIDEWALK SALE BY THE DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS: The City Manager informed the Board that Mr. Ray Smart, manager at Roses, has requested permission on behalf of the Marion Merchants Association to have a sidewalk sale the first Friday and Saturday in August. Upon a motion by Councilman James Segars and seconded by William Ledbetter, the Board unanimously voted to give the Merchants permission to permit the sidewalk sale.

FIVE DAY WORK WEEK: The City Manager recommended to the Board that the working hours of the men in the Public Works Department be modified so that it would be possible for them to work only five days a week. He stated that the crews presently are working an 8 hour day, Monday through Friday, and 4 hours on Saturday; however, there are several absentees on Saturdays. He indicated that he would like to have the crews work a 9 hour day, 5 days a week. He indicated that whereas they are working a 44 hour week now, with this change, the men would be able to put in 45 hours a week. He indicated that this matter has been discussed with Jack Brown, Director of Public Works and that it is his feeling that the men would welcome this change. After some discussion, the Board unanimously gave their approval to this change in working hours.

MAPLE AVENUE; DEMOLITION OF A DILAPIDATED HOUSE OWNED BY ZEB V. HAWKINS: Councilman James Segars indicated that several residents on Maple Avenue have expressed dissatisfaction with the appearance of an old house on this street. (It is the first house on the right on Maple Avenue after turning off of East Court Street). After some discussion, the Board agreed that if Mr. Hawkins would give the Fire Department permission, the house could be burned down, preferably at a time when it could be used for fire drill purposes for the Volunteer Firemen. Councilman James Segars indicated that he would talk with Mr. Hawkins and ask him to discuss this matter with the City Manager.

WEEDS ON VACANT LOTS: Councilman Howard T. Hawkins indicated that there is a vacant lot across from the Westmoreland-Hawkins Funeral Home that is growing up in weeds. He also indicated that there is a big tree on this lot that should be cut down before it is blown over. After discussing the weed problem on this and other vacant lots in the City, the Board instructed the City Manager to obtain weed-control ordinances from other communities and to attempt to determine the problems in administering such an ordinance.

JUNKED AUTOMOBILES: Councilman James Segars indicated that he has received complaints from people living on Park Avenue regarding the junked and unoperative vehicles on property thought to be owned by David Blanton. After considerable discussion about this and other unsightly areas in the City caused by junked and unoperative vehicles, the Board instructed the City Manager to check with other communities to determine if any effective means can be utilized to prohibit such uses of land, particularly in residential areas.

LIFE INSURANCE: Councilman Howard T. Hawkins stated that he would like to continue his life insurance with the City after leaving the Board with the understanding that he would make the necessary payments on the policy to the City. The City Manager stated that he had discussed this matter with Mr. Streetman, our insurance representative, and it was Mr. Streetman's opinion that it would be alright to carry Councilman Hawkins or any other individual that has been employed or served an official capacity for the City of Marion for more than 10 years. Upon a motion by Councilman James Segars, seconded by Councilman William Ledbetter, the Board unanimously voted to permit Councilman Howard Hawkins to continue his life insurance with the City of Marion after he leaves the Board with the understanding that he will make the monthly payments to the City.

CEMETERY; PAVING OF DRIVEWAYS: Councilman Howard Hawkins indicated that although he was leaving the Board, he would like for the new Board to try to take steps to pave the driveways in Oak Grove Cemetery at sometime in the future when money is available.

COUNCIL CHAMBER: The Board unanimously agreed that a letter should be sent to Drexel Furniture Company thanking them for the conference table that was donated to the City of Marion for use in the Council Chamber.

VALLEY STREET - WATER SERVICE: Councilman James Segars and Councilman William Ledbetter indicated that some of the residents along Valley Street have not had water for several weeks although they are connected to the municipal system by private lines. After some discussion, it was generally agreed that the residents on this street should be encouraged to buy the necessary 6" pipe and the City would install it.

ANNEXATION; OAK STREET: Councilman William Ledbetter indicated that some of the residents living on Oak Street in the vicinity of Highland Street and Greenwood Drive have expressed interest in being annexed into the City. After some discussion, Councilman William Ledbetter indicated that he would look into this matter in more detail at his earliest convenience.

Mayor Albert Neal, on behalf of the City, extended a vote of thanks to Councilman Howard Hawkins and Councilman Otis Broyhill for their service to the community as Board members for the last several years.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Mayor

*Victor H. Denton*  
Clerk

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

May 26, 1969

The Marion City Council met in a special meeting Monday, May 26, 1969 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. Board members present: Mayor Albert M. Neal, and Councilmen James Segars and William Ledbetter. Councilmen absent: Otis Broyhill and Howard Hawkins. Other individuals present: Incoming Councilmen Oliver R. Cross, Philip M. Laughridge, Horace Wilkerson, Victor H. Denton, City Manager, E.P. Dameron, City Attorney, Robert G. Jarrett, Clerk of the Superior Court, Mrs. E.D. Braly, Editor of "The McDowell News", and a "McDowell" newspaper photographer.

This meeting was called on this date, the third Monday after the municipal election, for administering the oaths of office to the newly elected Mayor and City Council. Robert G. Jarrett, Clerk of the Superior Court, administered the following oaths of office:

NORTH CAROLINA  
McDOWELL COUNTY

I, Albert M. Neal, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States; so help me, God.

*Albert M. Neal*

ALBERT M. NEAL

I, Albert M. Neal, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

*Albert M. Neal*

ALBERT M. NEAL

I, Albert M. Neal, do swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of Mayor of the Town of Marion according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law, so help me, God.

*Albert M. Neal*

ALBERT M. NEAL

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 26th day of May, 1969.

*Robert G. Jarrett*  
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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We, Oliver R. Cross, Philip Laughridge, W. R. (Bill) Ledbetter, James H. (Jim) Segars, and Horace Wilkerson, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that we will support the constitution of the United States; so help us, God.

*Oliver R. Cross*

OLIVER R. CROSS

*Philip Laughridge*

PHILIP LAUGHRIDGE

*Bill Ledbetter*

W.R. (BILL) LEDBETTER

*James H. Segars*

JAMES H. (JIM) SEGARS

*Horace Wilkerson*

HORACE WILKERSON

We, Oliver R. Cross, Philip Laughridge, W. R. (Bill) Ledbetter, James H. (Jim) Segars, and Horace Wilkerson, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that we will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that we will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help us, God.

*Oliver R. Cross*

OLIVER R. CROSS

*Philip Laughridge*

PHILIP LAUGHRIDGE

*Bill Ledbetter*

W.R. (BILL) LEDBETTER

*James H. Segars*  
 JAMES H. (JIM) SEGARS  
*Horace Wilkerson*  
 HORACE WILKERSON

We, Oliver R. Cross, Philip Laughridge, W.R. (Bill) Ledbetter, James H. (Jim) Segars, and Horace Wilkerson, do swear (or affirm) that we will well and truly execute the duties of the office of Councilmen of the City of Marion according to the best of our skill and ability, according to law, so help us, God.

*Oliver R. Cross*  
 OLIVER R. CROSS  
*Philip Laughridge*  
 PHILIP LAUGHRIDGE  
*W. R. (Bill) Ledbetter*  
 W. R. (BILL) LEDBETTER  
*James H. Segars*  
 JAMES H. (JIM) SEGARS  
*Horace Wilkerson*  
 HORACE WILKERSON

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THIS THE 26th DAY OF MAY, 1969.

*Robert G. Jarrett*  
 CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Upon a motion by Councilman James Segars, seconded by Councilman William Ledbetter, the Board unanimously voted to reemploy the firm of Dameron and Burgin as City Attorney.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Mayor

*Victor H. Denton*  
 Clerk

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
 CITY OF MARION

June 16, 1969

The Marion City Council met in a special meeting Monday, June 16, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Chamber. All Board members were present. Others present: Victor H. Denton, City Manager and Linda Mace, reporter for the McDowell News.

The Mayor stated that the main purpose of this special meeting was to elect a Mayor Pro-Tem and to appoint Council Committees.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM:** Councilman William Ledbetter nominated Councilman James Segars as Mayor Pro-Tem. As there were no further nominations, the Board unanimously elected Councilman Segars as Mayor Pro-Tem.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:** Mayor Albert M. Neal announced the following Committee Appointments:

Street Committee:  
 W.R. Ledbetter  
 Philip Laughridge  
 James H. Segars

Cemetery Committee:  
 W.R. Ledbetter  
 Oliver R. Cross

Recreation Committee:  
 James H. Segars  
 Horace Wilkerson  
 Oliver R. Cross

Firemen's Relief Committee:  
 Philip Laughridge  
 Horace Wilkerson

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR

*Victor H. Denton*  
 CLERK

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
 CITY OF MARION

June 17, 1969

The Marion City Council met Tuesday, June 17, 1969 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. This meeting was re-scheduled from the regular monthly meeting date of June 4, 1969 because of numerous conflicts. Board members present: Mayor Pro-Tem James H. Segars, Councilmen Oliver R. Cross, Philip Laughridge, William R. Ledbetter, and Horace Wilkerson. Absent: Mayor Albert M. Neal who is out of town on business. Others present, Victor H. Denton, City Manager, E. P. Dameron, City Attorney, Linda Mace, newspaper reporter for the McDowell News, Pat Davis, and five individuals from the Merchants Association including Theodore Brooks, Jim McGarr, Clell Laney, Bob Gourley, and Everette Clark.

**BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, AND PLUMBING INSPECTOR:** Mr. Pat Davis, speaking as a member of the County Planning Commission, informed the Board that the County is establishing a building, electrical, and plumbing inspection program and that they plan to employ on July 1, the present County Electrical Inspector on a full-time basis to serve in this capacity. Mr. Davis indicated that the Inspector would attend a six-week school for inspectors at the Institute of Government before the County program is initiated. He further stated that the County Planning Board and County Commissioners would like to make the inspection program applicable in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas. There would be no expense to the municipalities. Mr. Davis distributed to each of the Board members a proposed fee schedule and stated that the inspection fees are anticipated to cover the cost of the inspection program. After considerable discussion, Councilman Oliver Cross made the motion that the City of Marion authorize the County to administer the Building, Electrical, and Plumbing codes within the corporate limits of the City of Marion. This motion was seconded by Councilman Philip Laughridge and was unanimously passed.

COMMUNITY BUILDING: Mr. Pat Davis speaking for the Civic Clubs of Marion indicated that they are willing to purchase four window air-conditioning units, a p. a. system, and a projector and screen for the Community Building. Contributions are now estimated to be \$1500.00. Mr. Davis asked the Board on behalf of the Civic Clubs if the City would be willing to install, operate, and maintain the equipment if it is provided at no expense to the City. Mr. Davis stated that the Civic Clubs are also interested in knowing if any adjustments will be made in the near future to the rental fees. After some discussion, the Board unanimously agreed that the City would install, operate, and maintain this equipment if it is provided by the Civic Clubs at no expense to the City. The City Manager informed the Board that we annually collect approximately \$1200.00 in rental charges, and the annual operating costs of the Community Building are averaging around \$4000 to \$4500.00. After some discussion regarding fees, the Board informed Pat Davis that no commitments could be made at this time. The Board instructed the City Manager to make a study of rental charges and report back with a proposed rental fee schedule within two months.

MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION: Mr. Theodore Brooks, Jim McGarr, Clell Laney, Bob Gourley, and Everett Clark representing the Merchants Association stated that they were reappearing before the Council as had been requested at a January meeting to discuss among other things, Christmas lights in the downtown area. All of the representatives voiced the opinion that they thought it was the responsibility of the City to assume all responsibilities for Christmas lights in the downtown area. Mr. Theodore Brooks stated that the City Council has been derelict in their duties because they have not assumed this responsibility. After considerable discussion, it was generally agreed that a committee composed of two members of the City Council and two members of the Merchants Association should be appointed to look into this matter in more detail. Mayor Pro-Tem James H. Segars appointed Councilman William R. Ledbetter and Councilman Horace Wilkerson to serve on this committee as representatives of the City Council. The group representing the Merchants Association also inquired about the metering of off-street parking lots. They indicated that Mr. William Griffith was supposed to be present at this meeting to speak to the Board on matters relating to parking; however, they stated that since he was not present, they didn't want to take up this matter in detail at this time. Jim McGarr stated to the Board that he felt the City should make a contribution to the Merchants for the Christmas parade. He indicated that money is needed for gifts to those who win contests connected with the parade and also money is needed to bring in more bands. Mr. Theodore Brooks stated that he felt the Board should assume a much greater responsibility relating to the Christmas parade. Before the group excused themselves, Bob Gourley stated that the Kiwanis Club has been having difficulty conducting the latter part of their meetings on Tuesday evenings because of other group activities in the basement of the Community Building. Mr. Gourley stated that he would appreciate it if something could be done to correct this situation as the noise downstairs is very distracting to the group meeting upstairs.

APPOINTMENT OF VICTOR H. DENTON AS CITY MANAGER, CLERK, AND TAX COLLECTOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 1969-1970: Upon a motion by Councilman Philip Laughridge, seconded by Councilman William R. Ledbetter, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Victor H. Denton as City Manager, Clerk, and Tax Collector for Fiscal Year 1969-1970.

RECREATION COMMISSION: COUNTY: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS: Mayor Pro-Tem James H. Segars stated that a County Recreation Commission is being organized and that the Council has been asked to recommend two people to serve on this commission - one to serve three years and the other to serve a one year term. He indicated that it is his understanding that this new Commission would replace the Marion Recreational Commission. Councilman Oliver Cross nominated Mr. Marshall Dark and Pat Davis to serve on this commission. After some discussion, it was generally agreed that Marshall Dark should be recommended for a one year appointment and Pat Davis for a three year appointment. This motion was seconded by Councilman Horace Wilkerson and was unanimously passed by the Board.

BLUE RIDGE STREET CONNECTOR: City Manager, Victor H. Denton stated that he has received a proposed Municipal Agreement relating to the construction of the Blue Ridge Street connector. He also stated that Mr. Dallas Clark of the right-of-way section of the North Carolina Highway Commission has indicated to him that the Commission plans to begin necessary proceedings to acquire the necessary property for this facility and that they are in hopes of letting the construction contract in September. After the Municipal Agreement was summarized to the Board by the City Manager and briefly reviewed by the Marion City Attorney, Mr. E. P. Dameron, the following resolution was unanimously adopted....

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Horace Wilkerson and a motion was made by Councilman Wilkerson that it be adopted; this motion was seconded by Councilman Oliver R. Cross and upon being put to a vote, was unanimously carried;

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission has prepared and adopted plans to make certain street and highway improvements within the City of Marion consisting of the construction and improvement of Blue Ridge Street Connector, as shown on the plans of Project W. O. 9.8131604, McDowell County; said project having a right of way width as shown on the plans of Project W. O. 9.8131604, McDowell County, as filed with the State Highway Commission in

Raleigh, North Carolina; that said project is considered to be a most necessary improvement in the street and highway system within the corporate limits of this Municipality for the promotion of public safety and convenience; and,

WHEREAS, in the plans and proposals of said improvement, it is provided that this Municipality cooperate with the State Highway Commission to the extent of:

- (1) Exercising any rights which it may have under any franchise to effect the changing, adjusting or relocating of telephone, telegraph, electric power lines, underground cables and gas lines or any privately or public owned utilities without expense to the Commission and without cost or obligation to the Commission, shall lay, change, relay, repair and otherwise adjust any municipal owned electric lines, water sewer, gas or other pipelines or conduits, and shall make all necessary adjustments to house or lot connection or services lying within the right of way of Project W. O. 9.8131604 which are owned by the Municipality or by others. Except the Commission will, in accordance with Section 307-3.3 of the Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures, have vertical adjustments of two feet or less in the existing manholes, valve boxes and meter boxes encountered within the limits of the project, made at its own expense.
- (2) Participating in the cost and expense of acquiring all of the rights of way necessary for the location and construction of said project and the removal therefrom of all obstructions of any kind or character necessary for the construction thereof to the extent of one-hundred (100) percent of the total cost thereof to be paid in five (5) equal annual installments with the due dates of said installments being December 1, 1969, December 1, 1970, December 1, 1971, December 1, 1972, and December 1, 1973. The proportionate part that the Municipality shall pay will be based on cost estimates to be adjusted when the actual cost figures are determined.
- (3) Authorizing the State Highway Commission to withhold so much of the Municipality's share of funds allocated to said Municipality by the General Statutes of North Carolina, Section 136-41.1, in the event the Municipality fails for any reason to pay said Commission for said right of way costs, in accordance with the provisions for payment hereinabove provided, until such time as said Commission has received payment in full for said right of way costs.
- (4) Entering into an agreement with the State Highway Commission as to establishing and maintaining traffic operating controls for the regulation and movement of traffic on said project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Project W. O. 9.8131604, McDowell County, be and it is hereby formally approved by the Board of Councilmen of the City of Marion and that the Mayor and City Manager of this Municipality be and they are hereby empowered to sign and execute the required agreement between this Municipality and the State Highway Commission.

This Resolution was passed and adopted the 17th day of June, 1969.

I, Victor H. Denton, Manager of the City of Marion, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the minutes of the Board of Councilmen of this Municipality:

WITNESS, my hand and the official seal of the City of Marion on this 17th day of June, 1969.

Victor H. Denton  
MANAGER  
CITY OF MARION  
NORTH CAROLINA

RECREATION: MARION SUMMER PROGRAM: The City Manager stated to the Board that he does not know how to handle some of the matters that have been developing related to the recreational program. He stated that he has received from Coach Brackett a list of salaries for the summer program, which runs from the middle of June through August, for a total of over \$4500.00 and that it is his understanding from the Coach that other salaries might be added. The City Manager indicated that his primary concern is that we have some fiscal control over this program. He also stated that someone has taken out a small insurance policy relating to the recreation program in the name of the City. After considerable discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem James H. Segars indicated that the Marion Recreational Committee would be called together to discuss these matters.

LOGAN STREET; LOADING ZONE: The City Manager stated that Jack James has requested the loading zone on Logan Street at the corner of Logan and West Court Street be moved south on Logan Street to a point in front of a small store that he is renting to an auto supply dealer. Upon a motion by Councilman Oliver Cross and seconded by Philip Laughridge, this request was unanimously approved.

YANCEY ROAD: The City Manager indicated that he has received a request for a street light from Frank Hall on Yancey Road. After a brief discussion of some of the problems in this general area, and the fact that there is no street light in the immediate area, the Board instructed the City Manager to have a street light installed in the vicinity of Mr. Hall's property on Yancey Road.

PRIVILEGE LICENSE: The Board, upon a motion by Councilman Philip Laughridge seconded by Councilman William R. Ledbetter, unanimously voted to re-adopt the 1949 Business Privilege License Ordinance as amended through June 16, 1969.

PETROLEUM BIDS: The City Manager informed the Board that he has advertised, as required by law, for petroleum bids for fiscal year 1969-1970. He stated that the only bid received was from Sinclair Oil Company, the same firm that we are currently getting our petroleum products from. As no other bids were submitted for these products, on the advice of our City Attorney, and upon a motion by Councilman Philip Laughridge and Councilman William Ledbetter, the Board unanimously voted to continue to buy our petroleum products from the Sinclair Oil Company for the Fiscal Year 1969-1970 provided the products can be procured for the bid prices.

1969-1970 PROPOSED BUDGET: The City Manager distributed to each member of the Board a copy of the proposed Budget for 1969-1970. He indicated that we will experience this year considerable difficulty balancing our budget as the City operated during the year 1968-1969 on a budget that was balanced by using approximately \$60,000.00 surplus which we no longer have. After considerable discussion of the budget, and budget-related matters, the Board adjourned, planning to meet at 7:30 on Friday, June 20 in the City Council Chamber to work on the 1969-1970 Budget.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR

*Victor H. Denton*  
CLERK

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

June 20, 1969

The Marion City Council met in a special meeting Friday, June 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. Board members present: Mayor Pro-Tem James H. Segars, Councilmen Oliver R. Cross, Philip Laughridge, William R. Ledbetter, and Horace Wilkerson. Absent: Mayor Albert M. Neal who is out of town on business. Others present: Victor H. Denton, City Manager and Linda Mace, reporter for the McDowell News.

Mayor Pro-Tem called the meeting to order and chaired a lengthy discussion of the proposed budget drafted and presented by the City Manager. The meeting adjourned around 11:00 p.m. with the Board instructing the City Manager to compile additional information on sources of revenue for a meeting tentatively scheduled for the week of June 23.

MAYOR

*Victor H. Denton*  
CLERK

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

June 23, 1969

The Marion City Council met in a special meeting Monday, June 23 at 7:30 in the City Council Chamber. Board members present: Mayor Albert M. Neal, Councilmen Philip Laughridge, William Ledbetter, James H. Segars; Absent, Councilman Oliver R. Cross. Others present, Victor H. Denton, City Manager.

Mayor Albert M. Neal called the meeting to order and chaired a lengthy discussion of the proposed budget. Upon a motion by Councilman James Segars, seconded by Councilman Philip Laughridge, the Board unanimously voted to tentatively approve the proposed budget with final action to be taken at a later meeting.

The budget, tentatively approved, totaled \$545,389.00. Major new or additional sources of revenue required to balance the budget include:

1. Ad-Valorem tax of \$1.50 per \$100.00 of valuation of taxable property.
2. Incorporated area sewer charge amounting to 10% of each customer's monthly water bill.
3. Charge all City Schools for water.
4. Increase the industrial sewer charge from 3.8¢ per thousand gallons of meter water to 14¢. This proposal includes taking steps to insure that this rate is applied to all water used by industries.
5. Increasing the sewer charge to Marion Manufacturing Company from a flat \$30.00 per month to 14¢ per thousand gallons of water they produce and empty into the City Sewer System.
6. Increase the monthly City water rate from 17¢ to 30¢ per thousand gallons for 30,000 to 60,000 gallons.

✓ OFF-STREET PARKING: Upon a motion by Councilman James Segars seconded by Councilman William Ledbetter, the Board unanimously voted to limit parking behind the City Hall to two hours.

THE CITY MANAGER'S SALARY: The City Council agreed to increase the City Manager's salary from \$12,000 to \$13,500.00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR

*Victor H. Denton*  
CLERK

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

July 8, 1969

The Marion City Council met in a regular meeting Tuesday, July 8, 1969 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. All Board members were present along with Victor H. Denton, City Manager and E. P. Dameron, City Attorney.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING STUDY: The City Manager stated that Mr. Robert Kimley, of Kimley, Horn & Associates, Inc., is ready to meet with the Board to present the Marion traffic engineering plan to the Board. After some discussion, it was decided that the Board should meet with Mr. Kimley on Tuesday, July 15, at 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Councilman William Ledbetter reported that the Christmas Decorations Committee met and it was generally agreed by the Committee that approximately \$1500.00 will be needed annually to meet the expenses related to displaying street decorations in the downtown area during the Christmas season. Councilman Ledbetter indicated that the Committee is considering a fund raising proposal that includes annually assessing each downtown businessman \$.50 per front foot. For the first year the assessment fee would be doubled. Councilman Ledbetter indicated that it was the Committee's feeling that this fund should be separate and apart from the general fund of the City. He also indicated that the Committee would like for the City to be responsible for installing and taking down the lights. It was the Committee's feeling that all of the work related to installing and taking down the lights should be contracted out and the expense related to this work should be paid for out of the Christmas Fund Account.

COUNTY RECREATION COMMITTEE: The City Manager stated that Marshall Dark and Pat Davis were appointed to the County Recreation Committee along with Cecil Swepson, Joe Kaylor, and William B. Early.

COMMUNITY BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS: The City Manager stated that Pat Davis has ordered six 15,000 BTU window air-conditioning units for the Community Building and that he will install them as soon as they come in. The City Manager stated that he will have one of the local electrical contractors install the necessary wiring for these units.

INTERIM APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE: The City Manager stated that since the budget has not been adopted an Interim Appropriations Ordinance should be adopted. Upon a motion by Councilman Oliver R. Cross and seconded by Councilman Philip Laughridge, the following ordinance was unanimously adopted:

INTERIM APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

In order to operate the municipality from July 1, 1969 to the date of adoption of the Appropriations Ordinance, funds will be appropriated to pay salaries, principal and interest on indebtedness and ordinary expenses at the same rate of expenditure as provided for in the 1968-1969 Appropriations Ordinance. This ordinance shall cease to be effective from and after the adoption of the 1969-1970 Appropriations Ordinance and all expenditures made in accordance with the ordinance shall be chargeable to appropriations made in the 1969-1970 Appropriations Ordinance.

Mayor

Victor H. Denton  
City Manager

WEED CONTROL ORDINANCE: The City Manager requested that the Board defer action on the weed control ordinance until a later date when more time can be devoted to the study of such an ordinance. Councilman James Segars indicated that consideration should also be given to some type of ordinance to require the removal of accumulated junked automobiles on private property. After some discussion, the Mayor asked our City Attorney to look into these two matters giving special attention to the way such ordinances can be enforced.

DOG CONTROL: Upon a motion by Councilman Philip Laughridge and seconded by Councilman James Segars, the Board unanimously adopted a proposal to contribute the requested amount of approximately \$900.00 to the County for establishing a dog control program in the County.

1969-1970 BUDGET: After discussing the 1969-1970 budget, it was decided that the Board should meet with Eugene Cross of Cross Cotton Mills, Robert Twitty of Marion Manufacturing Co., and Horace Adams of Washington Mills to discuss the proposed increase in sewer charges before the budget is adopted. The meeting was scheduled for Friday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber if all industrial representatives can be present.

QUARTERLY CITY-COUNTY MEETING: The County Commissioners have suggested a meeting date of Thursday, July 24 for the quarterly City-County meeting. All of the Board members stated that this was an acceptable date and they instructed the City Manager to prepare an agenda of City-County items to be discussed at this meeting.

PARK AVENUE SIDEWALK: The City Manager reported that a sidewalk has been covered on Park Avenue in the process of grading a lot. After some discussion, it was decided that the Street Committee should visit the site and make an investigation as to what steps should be taken if any, to correct this situation.

BURGIN SUBDIVISION: The City Manager presented a sub-division of the James E. Burgin property on the south side of U.S. 70 between Marion and Old Fort. The City Manager stated that Mr. Burgin has requested permission to tap onto the 8" water line from the Mackey's Creek intake that dissects his property. After some discussion, it was generally agreed that a tap would be permitted on this 8" line at no cost, if Mr. Burgin would purchase 6" cast iron pipe and install the pipe according to city specifications on public right-of-way and then dedicate the line to the City. The standard tap fee of \$200.00 is to be charged to the property owners at such time service taps are made.

CITY COUNCIL CHAIRS: The City Manager stated that Mr. Otis L. Broyhill has offered to donate up to \$500.00 for chairs for the City Council Chamber. The Council gave the City Manager authority to purchase these chairs and send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Broyhill.

COMMUNITY BUILDING FLAG: The City Manager reported that we have a flagpole at the Community Building. He stated that if the Council had no objections, he would like to repair the flagpole and display the American Flag. The Council gave unanimous approval to this proposal.

WATER LINE; PRIVATE: The City Manager stated that in the near future we will have municipal water lines in operation along U.S. 70 West and along Rutherfordton Road to the south. He indicated that there are private water lines along both of these roads and that he would like to know the Board's feeling in regards to phasing out these private water lines when the new service is provided. After some discussion, the Board unanimously endorsed the establishment of a policy calling for the phasing out of all private lines in areas where there are municipal water lines. This would include private lines along U.S. 70 West and the private lines along Rutherfordton Road to the south.

WATER METERS - METER BOXES; CHARGE FOR: The City Manager stated that we need to establish a charge for a water meter and meter box for those customers that have failed to have meters installed for each service connection. The City Manager stated that he felt the tap on fee of \$200.00 might be a little unreasonable since they are already using City water. After some discussion, the Board unanimously agreed that all customers should have individual meters and that a charge should be made of \$50.00 for meter and meter boxes for customers that are being required to change from a multi-service connection to an individual service connection.

U.S. 70 WATER LINE - PIERCE BRADLEY'S CONTRIBUTION: The City Manager stated that we have not received the \$6000.00 pledge from Pierce Bradley, Jr. for the U.S. 70 ten inch water line. After some discussion, the Board instructed the City Manager to write Mr. Bradley reminding him of his recent \$6000.00 pledge to the City.

MOSQUITO CONTROL: The City Council instructed the City Manager to fog the City for mosquitos at least two times this summer.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Victor H. Denton  
Clerk

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

July 9, 1969

The City Council met in a special meeting on Wednesday, July 9, 1969 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber.

Board members present: Mayor Albert M. Neal, Councilmen Philip Laughridge, William Ledbetter, James H. Segars, Horace Wilkerson. Absent: Councilman Oliver R. Cross; others present, Victor H. Denton, City Manager, Carroll Moore, City of Marion Chemist, Russell McCoy and Frank Callcott, Consulting Engineers from Harwood Beebe Company.

Mr. McCoy and Mr. Callcott briefly summarized the engineering report prepared by the Harwood Beebe Company. The proposal is for a sanitary waste treatment plant designed for treating 5 mgd; however, initial construction would be minus a second clarifier which would restrict the capacity to 3 mgd. After some discussion, the Board instructed the engineer to include in the initial construction the second clarifier so the new facility could handle 5 mgd. The engineers concluded their presentation by stating that the N. C. Department of Water and Air Resources are questioning the adequacy of the receiving stream to handle the quantity of effluent from the proposed plant. After considerable discussion, all present generally expressed the feeling that we will need to know the State's reaction to the engineer's report before any further action can be taken. (A meeting with the N. C. Department of Water and Air Resources is scheduled for July 10, 1969.)

The meeting was concluded after the following resolution was unanimously approved:

Whereas, the City of Marion accepted an offer from the United States Government for an advance for preparation of planning documents pertaining to a public work described as Sanitary Waste Improvements; and

Whereas, the Harwood Beebe Company was engaged to prepare the planning documents for the aforesaid public work, and said architect and/or engineer has completed documents and submitted them for approval; and

Whereas, the completed planning documents have been carefully studied and are considered to comprise adequate planning of the public work essential to the community and within the financial ability of the City of Marion to construct;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved by The City of Marion, the governing body of said applicant, that the planning documents submitted by The Harwood Beebe Company as the basis for detailed planning of the Sanitary Waste Improvements dated May 1969, and the statements in Form HUD-4430, Request for Review and Approval of Planning Documents, in connection with Department of Housing and Urban Development Project No. NC-3086 be and the same are hereby approved; and that certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting City Manager and Clerk of the City of Marion and the keeper of the records of the applicant, including the Journal of Proceedings of the City of Marion do hereby certify:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution as finally adopted at a meeting of the governing body on the 9 day of July, 1969, and duly recorded in my office;

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law and to the extent required by law due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting, and a legally sufficient number of members of the governing body voted in the proper manner and for the adoption of said resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings under the law incident to the proper adoption or passage of said resolution; including publication, if required, have been duly fulfilled, carried out, and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10 day of July, 1969.

Mayor

*Victor H. Denton*  
Clerk

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

July 11, 1969

The Marion City Council met in a special meeting on Friday, July 11, 1969 at 7:30 in the City Council Chamber. All Board members were present; others present, Victor H. Denton, City Manager, E. P. Dameron, City Attorney, Mr. Horace Adams, plant manager of Washington Mills, Mr. Eugene Cross, owner of Cross Cotton Mills, and Mr. Robert Twitty, president of Marion Manufacturing Company.

This meeting was called by the City Council to meet with Mr. Adams, Mr. Cross, and Mr. Twitty to discuss the proposed increase in the industrial sewer charge. City Manager, Victor H. Denton, at the request of the Mayor, briefly summarized the reasons why the City is considering a sewer charge increase. Mr. Twitty stated that the sewage from Marion Manufacturing had not significantly increased for several years and that they have been plagued in the last few years with a shortage of water. He further indicated that this problem is becoming so acute that they will have to take some steps within the next 6 months to obtain additional water either from the City or from additional wells. He concluded his remarks by stating that Marion Manufacturing would like to buy all of their water from Marion.

Mr. Adams stated that they have had no major increase in water consumption over the past several years. He stated that he felt the charge of 14¢ per thousand gallons was high, but that they would be willing to go along with it.

Mr. Cross stated that he too, felt the 14¢ charge was high, but they would be willing to go along with it. He indicated that he wants Cross Mills to pay their fair share. Mr. Cross concluded his remarks by stating that he hopes that if the City adopts the higher sewer charge, the City will not again in the near future turn to industry seeking additional sources of revenue to balance the budget. After a discussion of the matters relating to our sewer problems and the proposed sewer charge, the three industrial representatives stated that they would be willing to go along with the proposed rate increase.

After Mr. Adams, Mr. Cross, and Mr. Twitty excused themselves from the meeting, the Board discussed the budget in more detail and upon a motion by Councilman Philip Laughridge and seconded by Councilman James Segars, the Board unanimously adopted the Appropriations Ordinance and the budget presented below for the year 1969-1970. The major additional sources of revenue incorporated in the adopted budget include:

Ad valorem tax of \$1.50 per \$100.00 valuation on taxable property; Incorporated area sewer charge amounting to 10% of each customer's monthly water bill; Charge all City Schools for water, increase the industrial sewer charge from 3.8¢ per thousand gallons of metered water to 14¢; and increase the monthly City water rate from 17¢ to 30¢ per thousand gallons for 30,000 to 60,000 gallons.

1969-70 Appropriations Ordinance

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Marion, North Carolina:

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS: The amounts set forth in the adopted budget are hereby appropriated for the operation of the city government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1969 and ending June 30, 1970.

Section 2. ESTIMATED REVENUES: It is estimated that the revenues set forth in the adopted budget will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1969, and ending June 30, 1970, to meet the adopted budget appropriations.

Section 3. TAXES LEVIED: There is hereby levied the following rates of tax on each one hundred dollar (\$100) valuation of taxable property, as listed for taxes as of January 1, 1969 for the purpose of raising the revenue from current year's Property Tax in the amount set for in the adopted budget.

GENERAL FUND (for the general expenses incident to the proper government of the city).  
.....\$1.27

DEBIT SERVICE FUND ( for the payment of interest and principal on outstanding debt).....23

TOTAL RATE per \$100 of valuation of taxable property.....1.50

Such rates of tax are based on an estimated total assessed valuation of property for purpose of taxation of \$14,462,156.00 and an estimated rate of collection of 96%.

Section 4. POLL TAX: There is hereby levied a Poll Tax of \$1.00 on all male persons between the ages of 21 and 50, unless exempt as provided by law, for the purpose of raising the revenue from current year's Poll Tax, as set forth in the following estimates of revenue, and in order to finance the following appropriations.

Section 5. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS: Funds shall generally be disbursed in accordance with the allocations set forth in the adopted budget.

Adopted this 11th day of July, 1969.

ATTEST:

*Victor H. Denton*  
CLERK, CITY OF MARION

MAYOR, CITY OF MARION

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1969-1970 BUDGET		
CODE NO.	CITY OF MARION <u>GENERAL FUND REVENUE</u>	ESTIMATED FOR 1969-70
145	Ad Valorem tax @ \$1.50 (Est. 96% Collections)	\$ 208,255.00
10-12	Prior Year Taxes	4,000.00
207	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	500.00
154,209,210	Business License	4,300.00
251	Intangible Tax	10,700.00
253	Franchise Tax	12,000.00
212	Auto Tags	350.00
217	Court Revenue	450.00
15,208,247	Paving Assessments & Interest	500.00
219,230	Cemetery Lots and Grave Openings	2,600.00
215,220	Rent Revenue	1,200.00
248,	Fire Protection County Contributions	3,900.00
256	Maintenance of Dump	2,300.00
225	Parking Meter Revenue	8,500.00
227	Parking Violations	3,600.00
257	Powell Bill Funds	17,500.00
254	Gasoline Tax Refund	2,000.00
245,246,255	Miscellaneous Revenue	2,000.00
213	Cable TV	1,700.00
250	Interest	500.00
270	State Contribution for Maintenance of Traffic Control Devices	1,000.00
SUB TOTAL		\$ 287,855.00
<u>WATER AND SEWER REVENUE</u>		
233	Water Sales	\$ 186,000.00
235	Water taps, Meters, Meter Boxes, & Penalties	7,000.00
231,232	Sewer Rents and Sewer Taps	57,034.00
261,263,265	Water line Installation Contributions	2,500.00
SUB TOTAL		\$ 252,534.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 540,389.00
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
General Government		
301	Mayor & Council Salary	\$ 3,000.00
302	City Manager Salary	13,500.00
305	City Attorney Retainer	1,200.00
303	Bookkeeper	
303	Tax Listing & Election Personnel Salaries	11,816.00
303	Office Secretary	
311	Janitor (½)	
306	Retirement	3,146.00
307	Social Security	998.00
314	Hospital Contribution	600.00
315	Office Supplies & Postage	1,000.00
316	Telephone	1,000.00
317	Printing & Advertising	1,200.00
319	Auditing	1,600.00
320	Electrical Power for City Hall	1,000.00
322	Maintenance of City Hall	500.00
326	Memberships & Subscriptions	825.00
327	Travel Expenses	250.00
328	Janitorial Supplies	500.00
331	Fuel for City Hall	850.00
332	Motor Vehicle Expense	650.00
333	Office Equipment Service & Maintenance	400.00
334	Miscellaneous	500.00
337	Capital Expense for City Hall	0
TOTAL		\$ 44,535.00

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<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> <u>POLICE DEPARTMENT</u>		ESTIMATED FOR 19
CODE NO.		
401	Chief	
402	Captain	
402	Sergeant	
402	Sergeant	
402	Patrolman	
403	Radio Operator	
403	Radio Operator	
403	Radio Operator	
406-406A	Retirement	3,545.00
407	Social Security	2,942.00
409	Hospital Insurance	2,102.00
415	Office Supplies	350.00
416	Telephone	580.00
417	Printing	450.00
427	Travel Expense	200.00
432	Motor Vehicle Expense	6,000.00
433	Radio Maintenance	1,140.00
434	Miscellaneous	300.00
435	Uniforms	2,000.00
437	Capital Expense	0
438	Arsenal Supplies	700.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 100,092.00</b>

CODE NO.	DISBURSEMENTS		ESTIMATED FOR 19
		<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>	
501	Chief		
502	Assistant Chief	Salaries	\$ 18,434.00
502	Fireman		908.00
507	Social Security		
514	Pension Fund		1,625.00
516	Telephone		400.00
527	Travel Expense & Contribution to Volunteer Firemen		1,100.00
529	Chemicals		300.00
529-A	Hose		900.00
532	Motor Vehicle Expense		1,000.00
535	Uniforms		200.00
534	Miscellaneous		200.00
537	Capital Expense		500.00
538	Supplies		150.00
538-A	Radio Maintenance		100.00
540	Capital Reserve fund for Fire Truck		0
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 25,817.00</b>

DISBURSEMENTS <u>STREETS</u>		ESTIMATED FOR 1969-70
CODE NO.		
601	Superintendent of Streets	\$
602	Laborer (Truck Driver)	
602	Laborer (Truck Driver-part time)	
602	Laborer (Truck Driver-part time)	Salaries 27,542.00
603	Laborer	
603	Laborer	
606	Retirement	3,490.00
607	Social Security	1,326.00
Street Maintenance		
612-A	Contractual	14,166.00
612-B	City Forces	2,000.00
612-C	Street Construction (new streets)	0
612-D	Street Paving (from gravel to hard surface)	2,000.00
612-E	Sidewalk Maintenance	300.00
Municipal Parking Lots		
612-F	Parking lot Improvements (paving, wheel stops, etc.)	2,500.00
612-G	Parking lot rent	3,600.00
612-H	Parking meters (purchase & repair)	2,000.00
Right of way Acquisition		
612-I	City	0
612-J	State	12,000.00
Electrical power		
620-A	Street Lights	15,000.00
620-B	Traffic Signals	1,000.00
Capital Expenditures		
637-A	Mower for Ford Tractor (replacement)	600.00
637-B	Sand & Salt Distributor for snow & ice	1,400.00
637-C	Traffic Control Devices	2,000.00
637-D	Traffic & Street signs	300.00
637-E	Heavy duty Jack (replacement)	400.00
637-F	Other	1,000.00

631	Fuel for heating shop	370.00
632	Motor Vehicle Expense	1,200.00
633	Equipment repair	1,500.00
638	Supplies & Materials	2,500.00
634	Miscellaneous	<u>200.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 98,394.00</b>

DISBURSEMENTS  
SANITATION

#### **Garbage & Refuse Collection, Dump, Dog & Mosquito Control**

702-A	Laborer (Truck driver)	\$
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703	Laborer	
703	Laborer	Salaries
703	Laborer	34,773.00
703	Laborer	
703	Laborer	
703	Laborer	
706	Retirement	4,391.00
707	Social Security	1,670.00
732	Motor Vehicle Expense	3,000.00
733	Equipment repair (Dozer)	800.00
734	Miscellaneous	100.00
737	Capital Expense (Trash recepticals)	300.00
738	Supplies & Materials	1,200.00
739	Bog Control (Contribution to county)	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 46,234.00</b>

DISBURSEMENTS  
CEMETERY

803	勞工	薪金	\$ 5,411.00
803	勞工		
806	退休		694.00
807	社會安全		255.00
832	設備維護		150.00
834	雜項		50.00
837	資本開支		150.00
838	供應品及材料		150.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ 6,860.00

CODE NO.	DISBURSEMENTS		ESTIMATED FOR 1969-70
		<u>WATER</u>	
901	Director of Public Works		\$
902	Assistant City Clerk		
902	Chemist $\frac{1}{2}$		
902-A	Meter Repairman		
902-A	Meter Reader		
902-A	Meter Reader	Salaries	55,191.00
902-B	Filter Plant Operator		
902-B	Filter Plant Operator		
902-A	Heavy Equipment Operator		
903	Laborer		
903	Laborer		
906	Retirement		7,036.00
907	Social Security		2,610.00
912	Right of Way Acquisition		1,000.00
916	Telephone		400.00
Electrical Power			
920-A	Filter Plant		8,000.00
920-B	Other including shop		1,000.00
Maintenance of Buildings, Structures, & Grounds			
922-A	Filter Plant (new roof)		2,500.00
922-B	Intakes (repairs)		1,000.00
922-C	Shop		200.00
922-D	Other		500.00
927	Travel Expenses		125.00
929	Chemicals		4,000.00
931	Fuel for Heating Filter plant		350.00
932	Motor Vehicle Expense		1,300.00
Equipment Repairs			
933-A	Meters		1,000.00
933-B	Other		2,000.00
934	Miscellaneous		100.00
Capital Expense			
937-A	New water lines		15,000.00
937-B	New water meters		2,000.00
937-C	Other		1,000.00
938	Supplies & Materials		4,000.00
940	Water statements & Postage		1,900.00
939	Water analysis Fee		64.00
TOTAL			\$ 112,276.00
Code No.	DISBURSEMENTS		ESTIMATED FOR 1969-70
	<u>SEWER</u>		
1003	Laborer		\$ 12,917.00
1003	Laborer	Salaries	
1003	Laborer		
1006	Retirement		1,655.00
1007	Social Security		620.00
1020	Electrical Power (Pumping Stations)		650.00
1032	Motor Vehicle Expense		100.00
1033	Equipment Repairs		700.00
1034	Miscellaneous		0
Capital Expense			
1037-A	Sewer Cleaning Machine		22,600.00
1037-B	Other		1,500.00
1038	Supplies and Materials		1,600.00
1012	Right of way Acquisition		0.00
TOTAL			\$ 22,392.00

CODE NO.	DISBURSEMENTS	DEBT SERVICE	ESTIMATED FOR 1969-70
1101	Bond Principal	\$ 30,000.00	
1102	Bond Interest	6,900.00	
1103	Coupon Expense	50.00	
	TOTAL	36,950.00	

CODE NO.	DISBURSEMENTS	RECREATION	Estimated for 1969-70
1403	Janitor $\frac{1}{2}$ salary	1,919.00	
1408 & 1408-A	Recreational Program	1,906.00	
1406	Retirement	250.00	
1407	Social Security	125.00	
Electrical Power			
1420-A	Community Building	700.00	
1431	Fuel for heating Community Building	900.00	
1422	Maintenance of Community Building & Grounds	1,000.00	
1438-A	Supplies & Materials	200.00	
	Community Building		
	Total	\$ 7,000.00	

CODE NO.	DISBURSEMENTS	GASOLINE & OIL	Estimated for 1969-70
1201	Gasoline	8,500.00	
1202	Oil & Grease	375.00	
	Total	\$ 8,875.00	

CODE NO.	DISBURSEMENTS	WASTE TREATMENT PLANT	Estimated for 1969-70
1502	Chemist $\frac{1}{2}$	Salaries	7,662.00
1502-B	Plant Operator		
1506	Retirement		968.00
1507	Social Security		367.00
1516	Telephone		325.00
1520	Electrical Power		8,000.00
1522	Maintenance of Buildings, Structures, & Grounds		500.00
1529	Chemicals		100.00
1533	Equipment Repairs		3,000.00
1534	Miscellaneous		0
1537	Capital Expense		0
1538	Supplies & Materials		200.00
1531	Fuel for heating & Foam control		700.00
1532	Motor Vehicle Expense (Chemist's truck)		100.00
	Total		\$ 21,922.00

CODE NO.	DISBURSEMENTS	INSURANCE	Estimated for 1969-70
1601	Vehicles	1,500.00	
1602	Fire	737.00	
1603	Workmen's Compensation	3,700.00	
1604	Bonds	300.00	
1605	Office & Safe Robbery	36.00	
1606	Walkie talkies	55.00	
1607	Firemen's Group Life	1,000.00	
1608	Firemen's Disability	84.00	
1609	Employee's Life	1,680.00	
	Total		\$ 9,092.00

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

JULY 22, 1969

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Mayor

Victor H. Denton

City Manager  
(Clerk)

July 22, 1969

The Mayor  
The City Manager  
The Chairman and City Council Members  
Marion, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

We, a Committee for the Community Action, along with a group of concerned citizens, are vitally interested in the problems that now face our community.

We request this meeting to discuss the existing conditions of the water and sewer lines in the West Marion Community.

The two-inch water line that was placed in the West Marion Community by a group of private citizens has long since proved inadequate to meet the needs of the people. Because of the number of families who have connected to the water line, our water situation is now critical! It takes half an hour for a flushed commode to refill. There is seldom enough water to take a bath or shower. We get ready to cook a meal, and there's no water for this purpose. An automatic washer that should fill, wash and rinse in twenty minutes time, takes an hour and twenty minutes to complete the cycle. With such low water pressure, it raises the question: Is our water supply sanitary for drinking and cooking purposes?

With Federal assistance, during the past years, there has been a new annex built to West Marion Elementary School. Here again--there is not enough water that could be used in case of emergency or fire. Because of our inadequate water supply, the City Fire Department has not been able to save any homes that have caught fire in the last twenty to thirty years. They have been completely destroyed in each case.

Because of the water situation in our community, the amount of insurance we can get on our homes is, not only limited, but our rates are the highest in the county. We also pay the highest water rates for the outside user, and receive little or no service for these rates.

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Victor H. Denton

City Manager  
(Clerk)

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Neither do we have a sewer system; yet, we are helping pay for the city sewerage system. This service has not been extended to our area.

We offer this recommendation to the City Council:

1. That a ten-inch water line be extended from the City Limits as far as the West Marion Elementary School.
2. That four-inch lines be extended from the main line to all side and cross streets in the West Marion Community.

We feel this would relieve the critical water shortage condition that now exists in our community.

Gentlemen, the recommendation, submitted above, needs your immediate attention. We feel it should be given top priority. Thank you.

Sincerely,

THE COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY ACTION

*V. E. Carson*

V. E. Carson, Chairman

*Cecil Swepson*

Cecil Swepson

*Charles E. Ervin*

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Rev. J. H. Williams

Rev. L. H. Howell

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

August 5, 1969

The Marion City Council met in a regular monthly meeting Tuesday, August 5, 1969 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. Board members present: Mayor Albert M. Neal, Councilman Oliver R. Cross, William Ledbetter, James Segars, and Horace Wilkerson. Absent: Councilman Phillip Laughridge. Others present: E.P. Dameron, City Attorney; Victor H. Denton, City Manager; Rosamond Braly, Editor of the McDowell News; C.D. Hawkins; Gilbert Hollifield Sr.; and J.B. Brooks.

BLUE RIDGE STREET CONNECTOR: Mr. C.D. Hawkins appeared before the Board at their request to discuss the purchase of his property on West Henderson Street between Blue Ridge and Burgin Streets. Councilman Segars stated to Mr. Hawkins that the City needs a portion of his property for right-of-way for the proposed Blue Ridge Street connector. In response to a question related to how much he was asking for the property, Mr. Hawkins stated that he would sell the entire property to the City for \$18,000.00. After further discussion, he indicated that he might be willing to sell only the needed right-of-way to the City for \$15,000.00 provided the right-of-way could be staked out so he could see how much of his property will not be needed. After considerable discussion centering around the usefulness of the alley between Pulliam and West Henderson Streets and upon a motion by Councilman Cross, the Board unanimously voted to abandon the alley if all of the adjoining property owners favor this course of action. The City Manager stated that he would request the Highway Commission to stake out the right-of-way.

COMMUNITY BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS: The City Manager stated that he had contacted Mr. Wiseman and Mr. Brooks, two local electrical contractors, regarding the installation of the window air-conditioning units at the Community Building. He stated that he had not received any response from Mr. Wiseman; however, Mr. Brooks has developed an electrical wiring proposal to service the air-conditioning units. The City Manager stated that Mr. Brooks was present at his request to explain his wiring proposal. Mr. Brooks stated that the Community Building electrical demands are outgrowing the service equipment. He stated that the electrical system is designed for 200-amper; however, the peak load now exceeds this amperage. He stated that his proposal is for a 400-amper distribution panel, installing the necessary wiring for the window air-conditioning units, and rewiring the kitchen. The estimated cost would be \$1,450.00. He indicated that his estimate is based on "cost" plus 15%. He stated that he has looked over the Community Building wiring with the County Electrical Inspector and that his proposal incorporates only the improvements required by the Electrical Inspector. The City Manager stated that prior to the installation of the window air-conditioning units, he discussed the adequacy of the wiring with Mr. Yapp, a Duke Power representative, and that Mr. Yapp informed him that the electrical system would need to be upgraded if central air-conditioning were installed; however, only nominal improvements would have to be made to the wiring system to install window air-conditioning units. After considerable discussion, it was decided to table this matter until more information could be compiled.

WESTBROOK AVENUE: Mr. Gilbert Hollifield Sr. appeared before the Board to request the Westbrook Avenue street assessment against Westbrook Piano Company be waived. He stated that when this street was paved, he was lead to believe by a Councilman that there would be no street assessment levied. The City Manager pointed out that the Council considered a similar request from Mr. Hollifield on November 8, 1967 and at that time they decided that the street assessment should be paid. After considerable discussion the Mayor informed Mr. Hollifield that it would be necessary for the Council to give further consideration to this matter before any decision could be reached regarding his request.

WEST MARION WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM: The City Manager stated that the City and County Water and Sewer Committee has discussed the recent request of the West Marion Community Action Committee regarding water service. (reference July 22 minutes). He stated that consideration was given mainly to two alternatives for upgrading the water system in this area: One, that the City would install the water pipe if the residences or the County would purchase the pipe. Two, that the City, the West Marion residences, and the County each participate on a 1/3 base. The City Manager stated that Mr. Walker, County Commissioner and Committee member, favored the latter approach. It was decided by the Committee that as an interim step, the City and County should consider extending the 6" line in front of Mountain View School, south-west to California Street, east to Sugar Hill Road and then back toward town to a point in a vicinity of Grayson Street, where the line would connect back into the system forming a loop. The City Manager stated that Jack Harmon, County Manager, called him prior to the Council meeting to inform him that the County Commissioners have decided not to participate in the extension of any distribution lines, rather that they would only be interested in participating in trunk lines beyond the corporated limits of Marion.

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The City Manager stated that the Committee had given consideration to a proposal by the County Consulting Engineer that a water distribution plan be developed for the entire Marion area. This plan would extend outward from Marion to tie in with the county water and sewer plan. He stated that the County Consulting Engineer estimated it would cost six to eight thousand dollars for the feasibility study and three to four thousand dollars for making application for a federal loan; with the study costing between thirty and forty thousand dollars. The actual cost of the study, he indicated, could be financed by a loan from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. If the proposed plan is implemented, the loan would have to be repaid, but it is not implemented it would not be necessary to repay it. The City Manager stated that Paul Hughes, Director of the Isothermal Development Corporation, informed the Committee that all of the Appalachian funds have been committed through June of next year, thus we would not hope for any grant from this source for a minimum of fifteen to eighteen months, even if the project were approved for funding. After considerable discussion, the Board authorized the City Manager to explain to the West Marion Community Action Committee the position of the City regarding extension of the water into the unincorporated areas. The position being that the City will install water lines in the unincorporated areas if at least a 6" pipe is provided at no expense to the town. In regards to fire hydrants, the City of Marion will install fire hydrants on these lines if they are provided at no cost to the City. As an alternative to this arrangement, the City will be willing to participate on a one-third cost basis with the County.

PARK AVENUE: STREET LIGHT REQUEST: The City Manager stated that he has received a request for a street light on Park Avenue in front of the old American Legion Building.

After some discussion it was decided that the Street Committee should review this request and determine whether a street light should be installed.

HUDGINS STREET: STREET LIGHT REQUEST: The City Manager stated that he has received a request for a street light in front of Mountain View High School. This request was approved unanimously by the Board.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The City Manager informed the Board that the last Certificate of Deposit has been cashed to provide funds to meet the operating expenses in the City. He stated that he feels that we will receive, during the fiscal year, at least the amount of revenue estimated in the City Budget; however, because of the high bank interest rates and low discount rates paid by the City for the prepayment of taxes, few people are prepaying their taxes. He stated that prepaid taxes at the end of 1967 fiscal year totals \$48,611.00. At the end of the 1968 fiscal year \$12,600.00 and at the end of the 1969 fiscal year \$7,800.00.

After considerable discussion it was decided that the tax billings should be mailed out the first of September.

RECREATION IN WEST MARION COMMUNITY: The City Manager informed the Board that the County Commissioners have notified the West Marion Community that they must terminate the use of Mountain View School for recreational purposes within the next 60 to 90 days, as the County plans to use this facility for office space.

STREET PAVING: The City Manager stated that our street maintenance this year will consist of patching streets throughout the City rather than concentrating on repaving only a few streets. He stated that he has talked to one paving contractor regarding this project; however, because of limited funds no extensive street repairs can be made until the City's financial situation improves.

U.S. 70 WATER LINE--PIERCE BRADLEY CONTRIBUTION: The City Manager stated that he has written Mr. Bradley reminding him of his pledge of \$6,000.00 toward the U.S. 70 Water Line. He stated that he has received no reply to his letter. After some discussion, the Board instructed Councilman Segars and the City Manager to meet with Mr. Bradley to work out some satisfactory arrangement on the payment of this pledge.

PULLIAM STREET: Councilman Segars stated that he has received some complaints from people living on Pulliam Street that vines are growing over the side walks. The City Manager stated that he would have the City work crew remove the vegetation from the side walks.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION: The City Manager stated that he has received a bill for \$500.00 for membership to the Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission. Upon recommendation by the City Manager, the Board unanimously agreed not to renew the City's membership in this organization.

SOUTH MAIN STREET: The City Manager stated that the Highway Commission gave the City permission to burn two of the houses at the intersection of South Main and Morgan Street. He stated that he had discussed this matter with the fire chief and the chief feels the lower house could be burned, but he questions burning the upper house, as it is near an adjoining occupied dwelling.

After some discussion regarding the smoke involved in burning a house in this location, it was decided that the fire chief should talk with some of the neighbors to see if they would object to the burning of this house.

DELINQUENT TAXES: After a general discussion regarding delinquent taxes, the Board instructed the City Manager to bring a listing of delinquent tax payers and the amount they owe to the next board meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Councilman Segars expressed concern about the limited number of police personnel on duty during the 3rd. shift and suggested that some of the men on first shift be transferred to the 3rd. shift. After some discussion, the Mayor stated that he would instruct the Police Chief to make this change.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Mayor

*Victor H. Denton*  
Clerk

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

August 25, 1969

The Marion City Council met in a special meeting Monday, August 25, 1969 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. All Board members were present. Others present: E. P. Dameron, City Attorney and Victor H. Denton, City Manager.

BLUE RIDGE STREET CONNECTOR: The Mayor opened the meeting by stating that this meeting was called to give further consideration to the purchase of Mr. Hawkins's property for the Blue Ridge Street Connector. The Mayor ask the City Manager to read the following letter from Mr. Hawkins dated August 25, 1969.

Dear Mr. Denton:

I have examined the right-of-way stakes on the F.C. Hawkins Property at 300 West Henderson Street, and they seem to correspond with the area discussed at my meeting with the City Council.

Subject to one proviso, I am prepared to make a deed to the City for the area lying South and East of the right-of-way stakes to the present State right-of-way line, for the tentatively agreed upon sum of \$15,000.00.

The proviso is that the remaining property of the Estate of F.C. Hawkins be allowed access to the new Blue Ridge Street at a point close to the line of Mrs. Louise Good. This would be for the convenience both of the subject property and Mrs. Good, and, I believe it was mentioned at the Council Meeting.

Sincerely yours,  
C.D. Hawkins

After considerable discussion relating to whether the property should be purchased or condemned, the Board instructed the City Manager to ask Dallas Clark, Right-of-Way Agent for the North Carolina Highway Commission to meet with the Board as soon as possible to discuss this matter in more detail. Of specific interest is whether the State will pay Mr. Hawkins for the property and give the City the opportunity to repay the State over several years and whether the project will be delayed if the City chooses to let the State condemn the property.

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The Board meeting adjourned with the understanding that another meeting is to be called as soon as the Right-of-Way Agent can meet with the Board.

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Mayor

*Victor H. Denton*  
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City Manager  
(Clerk)

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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August 28, 1969

The Marion City Council met in a special meeting on Monday, August 28, 1969 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. Board members present: Mayor Albert M. Neal; Councilmen Oliver R. Cross, William Ledbetter, Horace Wilkerson and Phillip Laughridge. Absent: James Segars. Others present: E.P. Dameron, City Attorney; Victor H. Denton, City Manager; Robert Christopher and Dallas Clark, Right-Of-Way Agents for the N.C. Highway Commission.

At the request of the Mayor, the City Manager opened the meeting by stating that this meeting was called primarily to discuss with the Right-Of-Way Agents of the N.C. Highway Commission the following questions: (1) If the City decides to purchase the property from Mr. Hawkins, will the State pay Mr. Hawkins for the property and then permit the City to repay the State over several years? (2) If the City decides to have the State condemn the Hawkins's property, will this delay the construction of the Blue Ridge Street Connector? Dallas Clark stated that if the City decides to purchase the property from Mr. Hawkins, the Highway Commission is willing to pay Mr. Hawkins for the property and then permit the City to repay the Commission over several years. Mr. Clark indicated that if it is necessary for the Highway Commission to condemn the Hawkins's property it should not delay construction. He further indicated that the Highway Commission has found unacceptable the proposal to modify the design plans to avoid taking any of the Davis property. He indicated that it will be necessary to acquire for right-of-way, the south-east corner of the Davis property, consisting of approximately 65 sq. ft. After considerable discussion regarding how the needed right-of-way should be acquired, Councilman Laughridge made the motion that the City purchase the necessary right-of-way from Mr. Hawkins for \$15,000.00. This motion was not seconded. After further discussion, Councilman Cross made the motion that (1) The City approach Mrs. Davis to see if she would exchange the front south-east corner of her property, consisting of approximately 65 sq. ft. for a driveway access on the south side of her property. (2) That the City offer Mr. Hawkins \$15,000.00 for all of his property and (3) If either Mrs. Davis or Mr. Hawkins refuses this proposal, the City is to give the Highway Commission permission to condemn the necessary property for the proposed street. This motion was seconded by Councilman Horace Wilkerson. The motion was passed with Councilmen Cross, Ledbetter and Wilkerson voting for and Councilman Laughridge against.

Mayor Albert M. Neal, Councilmen Cross, Ledbetter and Wilkerson expressed in this meeting as in previous meetings regarding the Blue Ridge Street Connector, that they feel the property in question is worth considerably less than Mr. Hawkins's price of \$18,000.00 for all the property or \$15,000.00 for the necessary right-of-way; however, they indicated that they are willing to give consideration to paying more than the appraised value to avoid the necessity of having to acquire the property through condemnation.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
CITY OF MARION

September 2, 1969

The Marion City Council met in a regular monthly meeting Tuesday, September 2, 1969 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. Board members present: Mayor Pro Tem James H. Segars, Councilmen Oliver R. Cross, Phillip Laughridge, William R. Ledbetter and Horace Wilkerson. Absent: Mayor Albert M. Neal. Others present: E.P. Dameron, City Attorney; Victor H. Denton, City Manager; Rosamond Braly, editor of the McDowell News; Clarence Ross and Willard Brooks.

LAMAR AND NORTON STREET PROPOSED 6" WATER LINE: Clarence Ross and Willard Brooks stated that they and several other residents in their neighborhood are getting water from Marion through a 1" private water line owned by Mr. J.R. Ross. They indicated that over the years several people have tapped onto this line, the end result being that they frequently have low water pressure and at times no water. They stated that they and some of the other people in their neighborhood are willing to pay for the 6" cast iron pipe and the other necessary materials, if the City will install the line. After considerable discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Cross, the Board unanimously voted to (1) furnish the 6" pipe and install it from the intersection of Gilkey and Oak Streets east along Oak Street to the City Limits (2) to install the 6" pipe from the City Limits to the end of Norton Street if the residents in the area are willing to pay for the pipe and materials, providing the property owners along water line are willing to grant the City the necessary easements for installation and maintenance of the line in those locations where the street right-of-way is not sufficient to permit the installation of the line outside the paved portion of the roadway.

The City Council instructed the City Manager to draft a petition proposal for Mr. Ross and Mr. Brooks to circulate. The Council also instructed the City Manager to measure the proposed water line route to determine how much pipe will be needed.

U.S. 70 WATER LINE--PIERCE BRADLEY'S CONTRIBUTION: The City Manager reported that Councilman Segars and himself had met and discussed the form of action that should be taken by the City to urge Mr. Bradley to make his pledged contribution to the City for the U.S. 70 water line. The City Manager stated that it is their feeling that Mr. Bradley should be connected to the 10" line when it is put in service; however, no additional taps should be permitted until his contribution is made. After some discussion, it was decided that Mr. Bradley should be invited to the next regular meeting and that no taps should be made on the new 10" line for Mr. Bradley's development until after the meeting with him.

COMMUNITY BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS: The City Manager reported that he had sent letters to several electricians in the area asking each of them to submit a bid for wiring the window air-conditioning units in the Community Building. He stated that this letter was sent out a week ago with today being the closing date for accepting bids. He stated that only one bid had been received. This was from Mr. J.B. Brooks of Brooks Electrical Co. for \$975.55 for installing a 300 amper electrical distribution panel, rewiring the kitchen range and water booster and wiring six 15,000 btu air-conditioning units. After considerable discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Segars and Councilmen Laughridge, Wilkerson and Ledbetter stated that they want to look at the wiring in the Community Building before taking any action on this matter.

WESTBROOK AVENUE: Upon a motion by Councilman Laughridge and seconded by Councilman Wilkerson, the Board unanimously voted to refuse to waive the \$302.00 street petition against Westbrook Piano Company.

PARK AVENUE--STREET LIGHT REQUEST: Upon a motion by Councilman Cross, seconded by Councilman Ledbetter, the Board unanimously voted to have a street light installed on an existing utility pole on Park Avenue across from the old American Legion building.

PARK AVENUE SIDEWALK: The Street Committee recommended to Council that Mr. Jack Morris be required to replace or uncover the sidewalk on the south side of Park Street in front of the house he recently constructed a few hundred feet west of the intersection of Park Avenue and Robert Street. Upon a motion by Councilman Laughridge, seconded by Councilman Cross, the Board unanimously voted to take the action recommended by the Street Committee.

DELINQUENT TAXES: The City Manager distributed a lengthy listing of individuals owing delinquent City taxes. After some discussion the Board instructed the City Manager to ask Mr. Charles Bargin if he would be interested in collecting delinquent City taxes with the understanding that he would receive commission for all back taxes collected.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Councilman Laughridge and Councilman Wilkerson reported that the Christmas Decorations Committee had recently met to discuss several matters relating to Christmas street decorations in the Central Business District. They reported that the representatives of the Merchants Association feel that \$1500.00 is needed annually to install, repair and buy new decorations. Councilmen Ledbetter and Segars stated that the Merchants Association is endeavoring to collect \$750.00 from the local merchants and they ask that the City of Marion contribute \$750.00 toward decorations. After considerable discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Cross, seconded by Councilman Laughridge, the Board unanimously voted that the Merchants Association be notified that (1) the City is willing to annually match, up to \$750.00, the money contributed annually by local merchants for street decorations (2) the installation and maintenance of new decorations should be the responsibility of a Christmas Decorations Committee composed of merchants and City representatives and, (3) a Christmas Decorations account should be opened and managed by the Christmas Decorations Committee with the stipulation that all checks be signed by a representative of the Merchants Association and by the Mayor.

LAIL STREET PARKING: Councilman Wilkerson stated that an employee of Marion Ice & Coal Co. has requested the City to prohibit parking on Lail Street near the intersection of old West Henderson Street. Councilman Cross stated that he too had been approached on this matter and he had visited the area and it was his feeling that the inconvenience to Marion Ice & Coal Co. trucks occurred daily for only a few minutes when Brophyhill Furniture Company's first shift employees get off work. He further stated that he would like for this matter to be closely investigated before any parking changes are made. No action was taken on this matter.

WEST HENDERSON STREET SIDEWALK: Councilman Segars stated that there is a need for a sidewalk on the north side of West Henderson from the sidewalk stairs near the underpass to the City limits. Councilman Laughridge expressed the same concern but indicated that consideration should be given to an alternative, that being to extend the sidewalk to a point just beyond the underpass then up a stairs to old West Henderson Street. Mayor Pro Tem Segars asked the City Manager to determine the cost of constructing the proposed sidewalk.

STATE STREET: Councilmen Segars and other Board members expressed concern about the number of complaints they are receiving about auto racing on State Street. This matter was discussed at some length; however, no action was taken.

WEST COURT STREET-SCHOOL BUS LOADING AND UNLOADING: Mayor Pro Tem Segars stated that he has received numerous complaints about the congestion and hazards caused by the school bus loading and unloading on West Court Street in front of the Junior High School. After some discussion, the City Manager was instructed to write the School Board requesting the buses load and unload on school property behind the school.

MARION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Mayor Pro Tem Segars stated that he would like to see a loading zone in front of the Marion Elementary School between the school building and the present street. After some discussion the City Manager was instructed to ask the School Board for a date when it would be convenient for the Street Committee to meet with them.

COUNCIL MEETINGS: The City Manager reported that for the past eight months the Board has met three and sometimes four times a month. He proposed that consideration be given to having two regular Council meetings each month. After some discussion the Board agreed to this proposal, setting the second monthly meeting for 7:30 on the third Tuesday after the first Monday of every month. The Board ask the City Manager to provide them with copies of the agenda prior to meetings.

SALES TAX: The City Manager stated that consideration needs to be given to a course of action regarding the sales tax referendum that will be held in the County in November. He stated that the City would receive a substantial amount of money if the County residents approved the four percent sales tax proposal. At this point Mrs. Rosamond Braly stated that the County Commissioners have obtained from State Tax Office in Raleigh, estimates indicating that if the proposal is passed, the County will receive approximately \$274,000; and the City's share of this to be approximately \$42,000. She also stated that the County Commissioners are planning a joint City-County meeting to discuss this matter. All of the Board members indicated that the City urgently needs the additional revenue and that a course of action needs to be charted to persuade local residents to vote in favor of the "local option" sales tax.

MARION CABLE TV: The City Manager stated that he and Jack Harmon, County Manager, had recently hiked up to the mountain top where the tower facilities for the Marion Cable TV are located. The City Manager distributed three photographs showing the facilities. After some discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Segars made the motion for the City Manager to use whatever means necessary to obtain from Mr. McDonald, President of Marion Cable TV, the number of "T.V." hookups in Marion, an explanation regarding the use of obsolete equipment, and an explanation regarding poor service in the Marion area.

COMMUNITY BUILDING--USE FOR DANCES: The City Manager stated that he has received a request from Joe Hughes for use of the Community Building once or twice a month for a combination group. After considerable discussion the Board expressed the feeling that the building should be rented for \$25.00 a night with a \$100.00 deposit for such a use and that the activity should be well chaperoned. It was further stated by the Board members that the Community Building is available for community activities; however, when a dance group desires to use the building for the purpose of making a profit, this charge and this deposit provision should apply.

STATE STREET PAVING: The City Manager reported that he was recently informed by Mr. Franklin, N.C. Highway District Maintenance Engineer, that State Street has not been programmed for resurfacing. After considerable discussion the Board instructed the City Manager to write Mr. Hutchinson, N.C. Division Engineer, asking him to put this street on his priority listing for paving.

MCDOWELL STREET EXTENSION: The City Manager stated that he has checked on the status of the McDowell Street project and has been informed that Mr. Hutchinson, N.C. Highway Division Engineer, has requested the State to release funds for the construction of this project. The Board instructed the City Manager to ask Mr. Hutchinson if he could give us a date when project would be let to contract and also if it will be necessary for the City to acquire additional right-of-way for this facility.

MACKEY'S CREEK AND CLEAR CREEK INTAKE: The City Manager stated that he would like to plan a trip to the water intakes for the Board. He stated that the National Forest Service is willing to provide one or more jeeps for transportation. After some discussion it was decided that this trip should be planned for some Saturday morning in October.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Councilman Laughridge stated that it would be possible for sixteen to eighteen volunteer firemen to be connected to an emergency type telephone system for a total installation fee of \$25.00 and a total monthly service of \$25.00 per month for sixteen to eighteen phones. The City Manager stated that Fire Chief Laughridge had approached him on this matter and that he had informed the Fire Chief that since we have such a tight budget, it would be desirable to defer this matter and try to incorporate it into next year's budget. After some discussion it was decided that the County Commissioners should be requested to pay for the emergency phone system.

MARION MANUFACTURING COMPANY: The City Manager stated that Mr. Robert Twitty, President of Marion Manufacturing, told him that Marion Manufacturing is willing to buy the pipe for extending a water line from a point where Baldwin Avenue intersects State Street to Marion Manufacturing, provided the City does not levy any sewer service charge for any additional water. After considerable discussion, it was decided to take no action on Mr. Twitty's proposal. Mayor Pro Tem Segars asked the City Manager to bring to the next board meeting the agreements that are now in effect between the City of Marion and Marion Manufacturing, Washington Mills and Cross Cotton Mills.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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September 16, 1969

The Marion City Council met in a regular Board Meeting, Tuesday evening, September 16, 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chamber. Board Members present were May Pro Tem J.H. Segars, Councilman Oliver R. Cross, Philip Laughridge, Horace Wilkerson, Mayor Albert Neal and William R. Ledbetter. Others present were: E.P. Dumerson, Attorney, Victor H. Denton, Rosamond Braly, Editor of the McDowell News and Harold Dysart.

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MACKEY'S CREEK RAW WATER LINE: Mr. Harold Dysart, owning property

that the eight-inch Mackey's Creek raw water line passes through attended the Board meeting. He asked that he be given permission to tap on to this line. He presented a 1923 agreement between the "Town" of Marion and Mrs. M.M. Burgin. Mr. Dysart stated that it is his interpretation of this agreement that he and the heirs and assignees of the Burgin property along the water route should be able to get water from the line at City tap fees and City water rates. He stated that he plans to develop a part of his property into a mobile trailer court for 15 or 20 mobile homes and that he desires city water. After considerable discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Segars informed Mr. Dysart that his request would be taken under consideration and that he would be informed of the action taken by City Council on this matter. The City Manager and City Attorney were asked to review the 1923 agreement and determine the number of people involved and decide what course of action should be taken on this matter.

U.S. 70 WATER LINE; - PIERCE BRADLEY'S CONTRIBUTION: The City Manager stated that he has written Mr. Bradley on September 3 asking him to attend this Board meeting. He stated that since he had not received reply to his letter, he called his residence this morning and was informed by his maid that he was out of town, but would be returning this evening. She also stated that she would notify him that he is expected to attend this meeting. After discussing this matter at length, the Board instructed the City Manager to inform Mr. Bradley that, (1) he can not tap on the ten-inch water line or (2) no expansion of his water system would be permitted until he met with the Board and resolved the matter relating to his unpaid \$800 contribution toward the cost of the line.

WEST HENDERSON STREET SIDEWALK: The City Manager stated that it is approximately 1500 feet from the end of the existing sidewalk on New West Henderson Street to a point where the corporate limits crosses New West Henderson Street. After considerable discussion relating for a need for a sidewalk in this area, Councilman Cross made a motion that the sidewalk be constructed westward from a point where the existing sidewalk ends on the new section of West Henderson. Councilman Cross included in his motion that the Street Committee is to make the decision as to whether the sidewalk should extend along the new portion of West Henderson Street terminating at Lail Street or to extend along the new position of West Henderson Street to a point just beyond the railroad underpass and then up a stairway or ramp adjoining the railroad to a sidewalk on old West Henderson Street. As no money has been budgeted for this project, Councilman Cross included in his motion that money for this project be transferred from money budgeted for street paving. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

WESTBROOK AVENUE ASSESSMENT: The City Manager reported that the street assessment for Westbrook Avenue has been paid in full.

WEST MARION WATER LINE: Mayor Pro Tem Segars and Councilman Cross asked the City Manager if there has been any new developments on the West Marion water line project. The City Manager stated that Jack Harmon recently called him to state that the County Commissioners would be willing to participate on a six-inch water line into the West Marion area to the extent of paying for the fire hydrants. The City Manager stated that he has written to the Director of the North Carolina Department of Local Affairs to inquire about the possibilities of getting a grant to improve the water system in this area. He stated that to date he has not received a reply to this letter. Councilman Cross stated that it is his understanding that it may be possible for the City to obtain some financial assistance on a water line project in this area through the Isothermal Economic Commission. The City Manager stated that he will check into this possibility.

RIDGE STREET PAVING: The City Manager reported that he has returned to Howard Gouge a street paving petition for Ridge Street along with a letter informing him that before the city can take any action on this petition, it will be necessary to have signatures of individuals that will assume financial responsibility for all of the footage along both sides of the street.

SNIPE - MORRIS STREET PAVING: The City Manager reported that he has submitted a cost estimate to Sam Glenn for paving Snipe-Morris Street. He stated that it is possible that we will be receiving a paving petition for this street in the near future.

WEST HENDERSON STREET PARKING LOT: Upon a motion by Councilman Cross, and seconded by Councilman Wilkerson, the Board unanimously voted to pave the West Henderson Street municipal parking lot.

SEWER TREATMENT PLANT: The City Manager stated the the North Carolina Department of Water and Air Resources has approved our consulting engineer's plan for a new treatment plant. He stated there is no action that needs to be taken at this time. However, it is possible the North Carolina Department of Water and Air Resources will be asking us in the very near future to establish a new time table that will culminate in the construction of the proposed sewer treatment plant.

SALES TAX; LOCAL OPTION: Upon a motion by Councilman Wilkerson, seconded by Councilman Cross, the Board unanimously endorsed the Local Option Sales Tax that will be voted on in the county on Tuesday, November 4, 1969. The Board appointed the City Manager to represent the City in a committee that is being formed to promote the passage of the sales tax.

BLUE RIDGE STREET CONNECTOR: The City Manager stated that it is his understanding that Dula Hawkins has accepted the City's offer of \$15,000 for his West Henderson Street property. He stated that it is his understanding that Louise Davis has indicated that she is willing to exchange the small front corner of her property needed for right-of-way for a driveway entrance to the rear of her property at the corner of West Henderson and Burgin Street. He stated that this afternoon Robert Christopher of the right-of-way section of the North Carolina Highway Commission stopped in his office and stated that he had offered Mrs. Davis \$500 for the front corner of her property. Councilman Laughridge showed the Board a letter that Mr. Christopher gave Mrs. Davis. The Council and City Manager both agreed that Mr. Christopher was in error by presenting her the offer made in the letter. The City Manager stated that he asked Mr. Christopher if he could get the design plan modified so that it would completely avoid the Davis property. He stated that Mr. Christopher indicated he would make this appeal on the behalf of the City and would let us know during the week of September 22.

CURB CUT: WESTMORELAND - HAWKINS FUNERAL HOME: The City Manager stated that City work forces have cut Mr. Westmoreland's curb as requested. He further stated that about four days after this was done, Mr. Hawkins came to the office and asked him when the City was going to pave the driveway entrance. The City Manager informed Mr. Hawkins that is was not the City's policy to pave driveway entrances. He stated that Mr. Hawkins told him that driveway entrances were frequently paved when he was on the Board. The City Manager stated that since talking with Mr. Hawkins, he has checked into the matter in some detail and he can find no examples of the City paving driveway entrances. After considerable discussion, the Board unanimously agreed that the City should not pave Mr. Westmoreland's driveway entrance. The Board also asked Mr. Braly to state in the paper the City's policy regarding curb cuts, this being that the City, upon request will cut a curb for a driveway at no expense of the property owner, however, the property owner must assume full responsibility for putting in a driveway entrance in accordance with City specifications.

COMMUNITY BUILDING - PICNIC TABLES: The City Manager stated that a representative of the Lake City Garden Club has requested permission to place one or more picnic tables in the park area behind the Community Building. Upon a motion by Councilman Cross and seconded by Councilman Laughridge, the Board unanimously gave the Lake City Garden Club permission to undertake this project.

RICHARD DRIVE: The City Manager presented a letter from Mrs. Lois Cook requesting a street off of Robert Street beside the First Methodist Church be named Richard Drive. Upon a motion by Councilman Wilkerson, seconded by Councilman Cross, the Board unanimously voted to grant this request.

RAILROAD STREET; RENTAL OF CITY PROPERTY: The City Manager stated that Sam Glenn has requested permission to rent a City lot adjoining Proctor Feed Store for display of monuments. After some discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to rent this property to Mr. Glenn for \$30.00 per month. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Mayor

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