On this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, the City Council of the City of Marlin, Texas convened in a SPECIAL CALLED MEETING at 6:00pm, the same being open to the public and having been posted as prescribed in Local Government Code, Section 551.041 with the following members present to wit:

**ELECTED OFFICIALS** 

**STAFF** 

Maryann Waddle, City Secretary James Parker, City Attorney

Keith Whitfield City Manager

Mayor Susan Byrd

Sonia Ponce

Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Levels-McDavid

John Armstrong (@6:32pm)

Sonia Ponce

Monica Washington (absent)

**Cecil Sparks** 

- 1. Call to Order by Mayor Byrd @ 6:32pm.
- 2. Roll Call by Maryann Waddle, Council
- 3. Certify Posting in accordance with State Law by Maryann Waddle.
- 4. Pledge by Mayor Byrd and Invocation by Councilmember Armstrong.
- 5. Citizen's input

Kyle Simmons addressed the council on the dogs running the streets, gave suggestions on the animal control center.

Sam Bosnack addressed the council on the future of Marlin and the animal control center.

Gerald Fletcher addresses the council on the last set council meeting,

Pam Kelly addressed the council on the stray dog problem in Marlin and issues at the shelter.

Francis Fischer addressed the council on the Marlin shelter dogs.

Dorthy Sander addressed the council on the shelter and city leadership.

Ray Martinez addressed the council on the shelter and the investigation should be handled by the Texas Ranges.

6. Consider and adopt a Resolution calling and ordering a general Municipal Election to be conducted on the May 4, 2024 Uniform Election Date to elect City Council members for the following precincts: Precinct 2, Precinct 4, and Precinct 6; providing for notice of the election; providing for election precinct and polling places; providing for early voting; and providing for related matters.

Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid motioned to adopt a Resolution calling and ordering a general Municipal Election to be conducted on the May 4, 2024 Uniform Election Date to elect City Council members for the following precincts: Precinct 2, Precinct 4, and Precinct 6; providing for notice of the election; providing for election precinct and polling places; providing for early voting; and providing for related matters.

Councilmemebr Sparks seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Ponce, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Washington

7. Consider and adopt a Resolution calling and ordering a special Municipal Election to be conducted on the May 4, 2024 Uniform Election Date to elect a City Council member for the remainder of the term of office for Councilmember, Precinct 1; providing for notice of the election; providing for election precinct and polling places; providing for early voting; and providing for related matters.

Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid motioned adopt a Resolution calling and ordering a special Municipal Election to be conducted on the May 4, 2024 Uniform Election Date to elect a City Council member for the remainder of the term of office for Councilmember, Precinct 1; providing for notice of the election; providing for election precinct and polling places; providing for early voting; and providing for related matters

Councilmemebr Armstrong seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Ponce, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Washington

8. Adjourn

Councilmember Sparks motioned to adjourn; Councilmember Armstong seconded the motion. all in favor said "Aye" meeting ended at 6:54 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 12TH DAY OF March 2024.

Susan Byrd, Mayor

Maryann Waddle, City Secretary