

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF FALLS  
CITY OF MARLIN

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On this the 14th day of May 2024, the City Council of the City of Marlin, Texas convened in a REGULAR SCHEDULED 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

Mayor Susan Byrd

Mayor Pro Tem Debra Levels-McDavid

Sonia Ponce

Monica Washington

Cecil Sparks(@6:12pm)

John Armstrong

Maryann Waddle, City Secretary

James Parker, City Attorney

1. Call to Order by Mayor Byrd at 6:00pm.
2. Roll Call by Maryann Waddle.
3. Certify Posting in accordance with State Law by Maryann Waddle.
4. Pledge by Mayor Byrd and Invocation by Councilmember Armstrong
5. Conduct the canvass of the May 4, 2024 General and Special Called Election Results; and approve a resolution canvassing the May 4, 2024 General and Special Called Election Results.  
Councilmember Ponce made a motion to approve a resolution canvassing the May 4, 2024 General and Special Called Election Results.

Councilmember Washington seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Sparks

6. Conduct the swearing in ceremony of newly-elected City Council members and administer the oaths of office for newly-elected City-Council members for qualification for office.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid motioned to approve the consent agenda for items 6 & 7.

Newly Elected Councilmembers Taylor, Watson, and Milens were sworn in by Judge Elliott and exiting council was presented a token of appreciation.

Councilmember Sparks in at 6:12pm

7. Consider and take action by the City Council to elect a Mayor Pro-Tem.  
Councilmember Watson motioned to elect Debra Levels-McDavid as Mayor Pro-Tem.  
Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:  
Ayes: Councilmember Milens, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Taylor.

Nays: none

8. Presentation to Police Officer Crawford.  
Officer James Crawford was recognized for his life saving efforts.
9. Approval of the Council Meeting Minutes from the April 9, 2024 City Council Meeting.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid motioned to approve minutes from the April 9, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Councilmember Milens, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Taylor.

Nays: none

10. Consider and appoint a qualified person to fill the single vacancy on the City Council for City Council Precinct No. 4 and conduct the swearing in ceremony and administer the oath of office for the newly- appointed member of City Council.  
Councilmember Taylor motioned to table the item.  
Council member Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:  
Ayes: Councilmember Milens, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Taylor.  
Nays: none
11. Falls County Water Supply Planning and Guidance presentation by Jackson Mountain (from Congressman Pete Session office) (5mins.)  
Presentation was given to council on The project. Pam Kelly asked about the Brushy Creek project
12. Discussion and or take action on Interim City Manager or City Manager status, also discussion and or take action on the following matters: (1) to appoint an Interim City Manager or a City Manager; (2) approval of an employment agreement with an appointed Interim City Manager or City Manager; and (3) and the retention of LION Organizational Development Institute LLC., for consulting purposes.  
Councilmemembr Milnes motioned to table the item.  
Councilmember Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:  
Ayes: Councilmember Milens, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Taylor.  
Nays: none
- 13..Update on TWDB, CWSRF, & DWSRF Projects and city road projects including but not limited to Robert E. Lee from the MRB Group.  
Update was given on projects .
14. Consider and or approve an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Heart of Texas Council of Governments to accept the transfer of Sabre SST Tower to the City.  
Councilmember Sparks motion to accept the agreement.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:  
Ayes: Councilmember Milens, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Taylor.  
Nays: none
15. Presentation from Valerie Mann on animal shelter volunteers. (5mins.).  
Presentation was given by Valerie Mann on animal shelter volunteers.  
Francis Fisher and Pam Kelly spoke in favor.
16. Discussion and or take action on a proposal from Mid-West Flow Control Products/Green Gen Technology for cleaning/sludge treatment services for the Waste Water Treatment Plant  
No Action to be brought back .
17. Consider and or appoint Larry Fisher to fill a vacancy on the Charter Commission.  
Councilmember Sparks motion to appoint Larry Fisher to the Charter Commission.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Levels- McDavid seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:  
Ayes: Councilmember Milens, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Taylor.  
Nays: none

18. Consider and appoint Morris Watson Jr., and Byrleen Terry to serve on the City Parks Commission.

Councilmember Taylor motioned to appoint the two people to the City Parks Board.

Councilmember Milnes seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Councilmember Milens, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Taylor.

Nays: none

19. Discussion on water rates and a water rate study.

Council was given history and numbers to consider.

20. Conduct the first reading of an ordinance to amend the Marlin Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual by the adoption of amendments to the Hiring and Selection policies, Marlin Police Department Use of Force Continuum Policy, and Career Development, Promotions, and Transfers policies.

Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid motioned to approve the first reading of an ordinance to amend the Marlin Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual by the adoption of amendments to the Hiring and Selection policies, Marlin Police Department Use of Force Continuum Policy, and Career Development, Promotions, and Transfers policies.

Councilmember Milnes seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

of an ordinance to amend the Marlin Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual by the adoption of amendments to the Hiring and Selection policies, Marlin Police Department Use of Force Continuum Policy, and Career Development, Promotions, and Transfers policies.

21. Discuss and approve a quote and a services contract with LeadsOnline for law enforcement investigative subscription services.

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve a services contract with LeadsOnline for law enforcement investigative subscription services.

Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Councilmember Milens, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Taylor.

Nays: none

22. Discuss, consider, and take action to select and/or award contracts for Engineer, Bond Council, and Financial Advisor for the Lead Service Line Inventory Project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid motioned to select MRB Group for Engineer, McCall for Bond Council, and U.S. Capital for Financial Advisor for the Lead Service Line Inventory Project.

Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Councilmember Milens, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Taylor.

Nays: none

Abstain: Councilmember Sparks

23. Approve a resolution approving Application Filing and Authorized Representative Resolution For the Lead Service Inventory Project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid motioned to approve a resolution approving application filing and authorized representative naming MRB Group for Engineer, McCall for Bond Council, and U.S. Capital for Financial Advisor for the Lead Service Line Inventory Project.

Councilmember Milnes seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Councilmember Milens, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Taylor.

Nays: none

Abstain: Councilmember Sparks

24. Consider and or approve the purchase of Targa II filter for the water treatment plant.

Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid motioned to approve the purchase of 24 Targa II filters for the water treatment plant.

Councilmember Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Councilmember Milens, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Taylor.

Nays: none

25. Consider and adopt a resolution to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Payment Plan Agreement between the City of Marlin and Underwater Acoustics International, LLC, (UAI) to pay for survey and inspection and condition assessment services of two City of Marlin earthen dams.

Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid motioned to table the item

Councilmember Milnes seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Councilmember Milens, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Taylor.

Nays: none

26. Discussion and or take action on a recommendation of the MEDC (the Marlin 4-B Economic Development Corporation) regarding a proposed and planned truck stop project.

Councilmember Sparks motioned the mayor to write a letter of the proposal.

Councilmember Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Councilmember Milens, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Taylor.

Nays: none

27. Discussion and or take action to approve the purchase of a dump truck and potential trade-in to/from Richard Johnson.

28. Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid motioned to approve the purchase of a dump truck from Richard Johnson for \$15,000.

Councilmember Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Councilmember Milens, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Taylor.

Nays: none

29. Consider and or approve the purchase of two mowers, one for the water plant and one for the wastewater plant.

Mayor Pro-Tem motioned to approve the purchase of two mowers, one for the water plant and one for the wastewater plant each at \$10,583.

Councilmember Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Councilmember Milens, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Taylor.

Nays: none

30. Future agenda items: Discuss and Consider items for placement on a future City Council Agenda.  
Animal investigation, TCEQ order agreement.

Tabled items.

31. Citizens Comments.

Roy Martinez addressed the council on animal shelter .

Kelly Niles addressed the council on animal shelter


Francis Fisher addressed the council on animal shelter

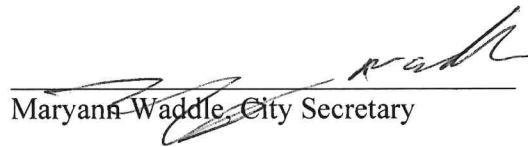
32. Adjourn.

Councilmember Sparks motioned to adjourn , Councilmemebr Watson seconded the motion .  
Meeting ended at 9:19pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 11<sup>TH</sup> OF June, 2024.



  
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Susan Byrd, Mayor

  
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Maryann Waddle, City Secretary