

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FALLS
CITY OF MARLIN

On this the 10th day of September 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

Mayor Susan Byrd
Mayor Pro Tem Debra Levels-McDavid
Michael Milnes
Morris Watson
Scottie Henderson
Cecil Sparks
Joe Taylor (absent)

STAFF

Elza Daviss, City Manager
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 Pastor Johnson.
5. Approval of the Council Meeting Minutes from August 13,2024(canceled), August 20,2024, 10A.M. , August 20, 2024, 6:30P.M., and the August 27,2024 , City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Milnes moved to approve.

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

Ayes: Councilmember Milnes, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Henderson.

Nays: none

Abstain: Councilmember Sparks

Absent: Councilmember Taylor

6. UPDATES/STATUS: City Business Not needing immediate discussion or action from City Council. (2-3 mins.).

City Manager

- New employees and new positions were discussed.
- Code projects and compliances were covered.
- Council will be provided with ne technology for council packets.
- An update on the Big Boy Train stopping in Marlin was discussed.

Court

- GROSS COLLECTED- \$29,248.78
- STATE FEES- \$10,878.32
- KEPT BY CITY- \$18,370.46
- MONTHLY REPORTS ARE COMPLETED

Police

- Submitted NIBRS reports.
- 31 Arrest
- 19 Suspicious Persons / Vehicle /Circumstances
- Unwanted person 13
- Total Calls 611

- Disturbances 16
 - Accidents 10
 - Burglary 10
 - Shots fired 1
- Assist another Agency 13.
- Fights with weapons 3.
- Criminal mischief 7
- Criminal trespass 11
- Citations 166
- Assault Reports 6
- Working National Night Out/ Trunk Are Treat October 26

Fire

- Responded to 64 emergency incidents during month of July.
- Emergency call volume has tripled since resuming EMS first response services on August 2nd.
- We responded to five (5) vegetation fires in August. Recent rains and increased humidity have curbed wildfire ignition, growth & spread.
- On August 29th, MFD assisted Marlin VFD with a commercial truck fire on State Hwy 6. Our units remained on-scene for appx. 4 hours.
- The recently procured Booster 1 was retrieved on the last Friday of August and is currently being prepped for service at Fire Station 1. It will serve as our first-out vehicle for EMS calls.
- Ladder 1 should arrive in Marlin within the next week. It will go into frontline service once all personnel are trained and tested over its features and capabilities. It will serve as our first-out unit for commercial structure fires.
- Engine 1 is currently out for repairs at Fire Pump Specialty in Elm Mott. In addition to its pump leak receiving attention, it is also being outfitted with a LED lightbar. The onboard generator is also receiving attention.
- During the month of August, Chief Parker worked with several vendors to receive price estimates for the ARPA-funded facility improvements which will be carried out at Fire Station 1. Projects include: an unattached garage for spare equipment & vehicles; automatic garage doors for Station 1; and replacement of Station 1's downstairs doors, windows & frames.
- Our portion of Falls County is not currently experiencing drought conditions (per U.S. Drought Monitor's August 29th update).
- The forecasted wildfire danger, for our county, is currently moderate. Conditions have remained at this level due to the abundance of live (green) vegetation and recent **rainfall**.

Finance

- Accounts payable are current.
- Bank balances as of August 31, 2024
 - General Operating : **1,620,166.31**
 - 5% Water fund: **195,221.85**
- Water sales for the month of July **\$ 139,014.60**

We all have been working on the 2024-2025 budget. Budget Proposal has been presented

Public Works

Information was provided for council in their packets.

Water Plant

Two new people hired

33 million gallons produced

Filter update was given , new filters helped increase water production

Waste Water

There is a grant that could possibly do a project that could be funded.

Marketing/ EDC

The Date and time for the Big Boy Train was presented

A project designed to study Marlin and its perception and how to change the perception was presented.

7. Update on TWDB, CWSRF, & DWSRF, Projects and city road projects including but not limited to Robert E. Lee from the MRB Group with a summary of the differences of the project. Gill Gregory presented the council with updates.

8. Presentation on Fiscal year 2022-2023 Audit by Don Allman.
Audit was presented to council by Don Allman.

9. Consider and or approve 2022-2023 Audit.

Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid motioned to approve the 2022-2023 Audit .

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

Ayes: Councilmember Milnes, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember Sparks

Nays: none

Absent: Councilmember Taylor

10. Consider and or approve a proposal from Scott Murrah of 5M Associates , LLC and a proposed professional services contract for City Engineering services.

Scott Murrah gave a presentation to the council.

Councilmember Milnes motioned to table item and for the city manager to put it out so every engineer has a chance to apply and to bring it back to the next regular scheduled council meeting.

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

Ayes: Councilmember Milnes, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember Sparks

Nays: none

Absent: Councilmember Taylor

11. Discuss an increase in water and wastewater service rates, and conduct a first reading of an ordinance adopting an increase in water and wastewater service rates.

No Action

12. Consider and or approve a maintenance bill for \$9,361.07 to repair the mini excavator.

Councilmember Milnes motioned to approve.

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

Ayes: Councilmember Milnes, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember Sparks

Nays: none

Absent: Councilmember Taylor

13. Public hearing on a requested Zoning change from residential to commercial for 1111 Park Street Marlin , also known as S3010 Aikman BLK 10 Lot 6-10

a) Speak in favor. None

b) Speak in opposition. None

c) Questions from citizens. None

d) Close public hearing. Hearing closed at 7:35 pm

14. Consider and or approve a a recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission to approve a requested Zoning change from residential to commercial for 1111 Park Street Marlin , also known as S3010 Aikman BLK 10 Lot 6-10

Councilmember Sparks motioned to approve.

Councilmember Henderson seconded the motion, and the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Councilmember Milnes, Councilmember Watson, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember Sparks

Nays: none

Absent: Councilmember Taylor

15. Future agenda items: Discuss and Consider items for placement on a future City Council Agenda.

Rates for cemetery plots .

Land leas for 25 acers at Hillcrest. Permit fees.

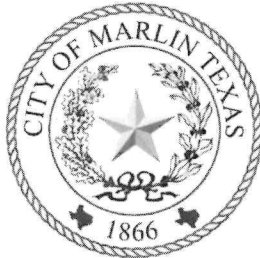
Discuss what to so with real estate owned by the city.


16. Citizens Comments.

17. Adjourn.

Councilmember Sparks motioned to adjourn , Councilmember Watson seconded the motion and all were in favor. Metting adjourned at 7:56pm

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 15TH OF OCTOBER 2024.




Susan Byrd, Mayor


Maryann Waddle, City Secretary