

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF FALLS  
CITY OF MARLIN**

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**On this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024, the City Council of the City of Marlin, Texas convened in a SPECIAL CALLED MEETING at 6:30pm, 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  
Michael Milnes  
Morris Watson Jr.  
Mayor Pro Tem Debra Levels-McDavid  
Scottie Henderson  
Cecil Sparks  
Joe Mark Taylor( absent)

**STAFF**

Elza Daviss, City Manager  
Maryann Waddle, City Secretary

1. Call to Order by Mayor Byrd @ 6:30pm.
2. Roll Call by Maryann Waddle
3. Certify Posting in accordance with State Law by Maryann Waddle.
4. Pledge by Mayor Byrd and Moment of Silence was observed.
  
5. (a) Conduct the second reading of an ordinance approving/adopting the City of Marlin Budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, and consider and take action to approve and adopt the ordinance approving / adopting the City of Marlin Budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year; and Councilmember Watson “ I make a motion to approve and adopt an ordinance adopting the proposed budget as the final Municipal Budget for the City of Marlin for the 2024-2025 Fiscal year”.  
Councilmember Milnes seconded the motion.  
Discussion was had on budget line items  
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
- (b) Discuss, consider, and approve ratification of the property tax increase reflected in the budget.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid “ I make a motion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget”.  
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 .  
Nays: Councilmember Sparks.  
Absent: Councilmember Taylor
6. Discussion and Take Action: Approval of the M&O ( maintenance & operation expenditures) Component of the Tax Rate of \$0.65695 per \$100.00 of taxable valuation of property.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid motioned to approve the M&O (maintenance & operation expenditures) Component of the Tax Rate of \$0.65695 per \$100.00 of taxable valuation of property.  
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

7. Discussion and Take Action: Approval of the Debt Service Component of the Tax Rate of \$0.15103 pr \$100.00 of taxable valuation of property.

Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid motioned to approve the Debt Service Component of the Tax Rate of \$0.15103 pr \$100.00 of taxable valuation of property.

Councilmember Milnes 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

8. Conduct the second reading of an ordinance adopting a tax rate sand levying AD Valorem Taxes for the City of Marlin , Texas, for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, and consider and take action to approve and adopt the ordinance adopting the tax rate and levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Marlin , Texas, for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year .

Councilmember Milnes ‘I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.80798 per \$100.00 of taxable valuation of property, which is effectively a 3.5% increase in the tax rate.’

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.

Nays: Councilmember Sparks.

Absent: Councilmember Taylor

9. Adjourn

Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid motioned to adjourn , Councilmember Sparks seconded the motion . **all in favor said “Aye” meeting ended at 6:57 pm**

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 15TH DAY OF October 2024.**



**Susan Byrd, Mayor**

**Maryann Waddle, City Secretary**