

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FALLS
CITY OF MARLIN

On this the 14th day of July, 2020, the City Council of the City of Marlin, Texas convened in a SPECIAL CALLED MEETING at 5:30 pm, 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 Carolyn Lofton
Mayor Pro-Tem Scottie Henderson (@ 5:39pm)
Rhonda Milton
Neddie Lang-Moore
Terence McDavid (@5:35pm)
Max Martinez (absent)
Doug Porter

STAFF

Cedric Davis, City Manager
Maryann Waddle, City Secretary
DeAndrea Petty, City Attorney

1. Call to Order by Mayor Lofton at 5:30pm.
2. Roll Call by Maryann Waddle, City Secretary.
3. Certify posting by Maryann Waddle, City Secretary.
4. Pledge by Mayor Lofton and Invocation by Councilmember Porter.
5. Discussion and or take action, ordinance 20-006 Re-Appointment Municipal Judge

Mayor Lofton asked Judge Lessman if he would like to have a word. Judge Lessman addressed the council and told them that he appreciated the service and opportunity to serve the community and the city and the citizens. It's been nine years as the Council first wanted him and he thinks it's been a great nine years he looks forward to many more in the city Council to have me. And of anyway were proud of how the corporate operation serves and proud of our relationship that the Council has with the Council and the city administration. In our city administration been very supportive to the court and we really appreciate that. Especially during the COVID 19 while we were all remote working and stuff the city administration has been really supportive by helping us, Robin, who worked remotely from home. City Secretary was up here and would help, check mail and stuff like that. And we just worked well together and it's been a fun nine years and if you like it, and come to place and say hey it's a great ride, love it. I'm excited to be here. I grew up in the country, out in the county. Marlin is home, Marlin high school diploma, Marlin address so Marlin is home to me it is ultimately a pleasure to serve at home. He thanked the Council Mayor Lofton said she appreciated it. Councilmember Milton thanked him for his service, councilmember Moore was in agreements.

Councilmember Moore moved that ordinance 20 –006 reappointment of Judge Denny Lessman as municipal Judge.

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

Ayes: Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Porter, Councilmember Milton, Mayor Lofton

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Martinez, Mayor Pro-tem Henderson, Councilmember McDavid

6. Discussion and or Take Action: Designating an administration service provider for the 2020 Texas Community Development Block Grant Texas Capital Fund Fire Truck, Ambulance, and Service Truck (F.A.S.T) Fund application and project implementation.

Maryann let the council know that a synopsis was given by Justin Parker, it was on the council's tablets. They were the only ones that had submitted for it, the ones that are listed here, Grant Works Inc. So this is a letter saying they were the only ones that submitted, so they will be representing us, if council agrees. Mayor Lofton asked if there was any questions or comments. Cloy Richards, Representative for Grant Works spoke, said he was here if anyone had questions. This the second cycle of this particular grant, we were able to get seven communities firefighting devices last year the last cycle and equipment, like that sort of things. Mayor Lofton made a notation councilmember McDavid arrived at 5:35 PM. Mayor Lofton asked if there was a motion. Councilmember Porter asked if this was to designate the administrative provider. Maryann stated yes, it's Grant works, they were the ones that put in for.

Councilmember Porter made a motion we designate the administration service provider for the 2020 Texas community development Block Grant capital fun fire truck, payments, and service truck fast fun application. Mayor Lofton stated I think we need to note that there action to be done application is on the next one will be adopted resolution with the planning service provider. Maryann stated yes ma'am that's a different grant. Mayor Lofton says it says designating an administrative service provider. Maryann said yes for the fast, these are two separate grants councilmember Porter asked what the proper name of this organization. Maryann said it is Grant Works.

Councilmember Porter made a motion that we designate grant works as administrative service provider for the 2020 Texas Community Development Block Grant Texas Capital Fund Fire truck, Ambulance, and Service truck Fund application.

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

Ayes: Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Porter, Councilmember Milton, Mayor Lofton, Councilmember McDavid

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Martinez, Mayor Pro-tem Henderson

7. Discussion and or Take Action: Adopting Resolution 20-005 designating a planning service provider for the 2020 Texas Community Block Grant Planning and Capacity Building Fund application and project implementation.

Maryann let the council know that there was a scoring committee, there were three administrators that had put in for this and when totals were done, theirs was the highest score. Mayor Lofton noted that Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson arrived at 5:39 pm. Councilmember Moore asked if the names could be read, the ones that had put in. Maryann told her that it was the three that put in were Grant Works, Taylor and Associates, and Mundo. Grant Works, scored the highest. Councilmember Milton asked if we were designating Grant Works, Maryann said yes ma'am.

Councilmember Porter made a motion that we adopt Resolution 20-005 designating a planning service provider for the 2020 Texas Community Block Grant Planning and Capacity Building Fund application and project implementation. Councilmember Milton had a question before they vote. She said that the City Secretary said the Grants are different. Maryann said yes ma'am. Councilmember Milton asked for information on the second one. Maryann said the second one is a planning grant and it is for..... Cedric said if you remember in the last meeting..... Cloy Richards, Representative for Grant Works spoke the program would actually do is to help get a house inventory. And just a few years ago I was city manager of Merkel Texas, I lived there for 20 years, and I cannot believe what I've read in a planning grant. They will actually do the house to house inventory, they will rate the structures if they're dilapidated or decent and looking at the slopes in your drainage ditches, but your drainage survey done. There will be several components in the planning and capacity grant. The best thing about the planning grant is not only the information that you get but you also get a brand-new set of maps. You also get points to go on applications, future applications that you will have, because you can only get this grant every 10 years. So that will last for nine years. The state recognizes that the community is trying the best and the ones that go for these planning grants are rewarded for that. Councilmember Milton asked if he was involved with this, how many is involved with this plan. Cloy said we do five times as many planning grants as anybody else in the state. Councilmember Milton wanted to find out if he was involved with both of the grants. Cloy said yes ma'am. Councilmember Milton

asked if the city manager wanted to add onto that. Cedric said basically as we talked about will go here to talk about the mapping, they could be good thing for the city, looking set of maps and he will get an idea for capital improvement. Mayor Lofton asked if he would discuss the financial details of the grant, like the match. Cedric said I believe it was 60,000. Cloy said yes the grant is up to 60,000. He did not remember the match. Davis said I think our match was 10 % of that. Mayor Lofton asked if everyone understood about the 10% match. Councilmember Milton asked when does the start. Cedric said as soon as you'll vote on it, they will become our people and they will start to apply for the grant. Councilmember Milton asked if there was a timeline. Cloy said yes ma'am it is a two year contract. Councilmember Milton asked if we had had one of these before. Cedric said he went out back about a decade and didn't see one. Maryann said she's looked back in the records all the way back 07 and didn't see one. Councilmember Milton asked counselor Porter if he remembered one. Councilmember Porter said he does not recall one, Mayor Pro-Tem might recall one. Cedric said another thing this does is helps with economic development, you can do free tax owners or industrial. We will have mapping we will have in other words we will have these things that would take a while or we can just give him. Believe it or not the Mayor and I were in a meeting and the county doesn't even have it so they will be coming to us asking us once we get it done to share the information. So lately we've been working with the county on a lot different things.

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

Ayes: Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Porter, Councilmember Milton, Mayor Lofton, Councilmember McDavid, Mayor Pro-tem Henderson

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Martinez

8. Discussion and or Take Action: Letting Cemetery Association place a flag pole at the entry to Calvary Cemetery.

Cedric said we had a woman come in and her organization, cemetery organization want to donate a flagpole at a Calvary because cover is now one and she said that it needs to have a flagpole. The organizations that we did have to pay for it they just want permission to put up

a flagpole at Calvary. Councilmember Moore asked what kind of pole. Cedric said it's a 30 foot pole, flagpole. Councilmember Moore asked what kind of flag. Cedric said a flag pole. Mayor Lofton asked if there was any discussion or objections. Councilmember Porter said that that association about three years ago received about a little over \$40,000, if he's not mistaken, and they spent all of it cleaning up Calvary Cemetery. They cut back all the trees, it's a good thing because if our tourism ever kicks off that is a very historic cemetery and a lot of people will visit there if we would get the documentation done. Mayor Lofton asked if there were any more questions or discussion. Mayor Pro- tem Henderson said he liked the question she had asked about what kind of flag. **Councilmember Moore moved that we accept this Cemetery Association request to place a flagpole at the entry of cover Cemetery. Councilmember Porter second the motion.** Councilmember Milton asked if when we respond, we were responding with a letter. Cedric said yes. Councilmember Milton said that when we respond we need to try to confirm, or to specify the limitations, or discuss the limitations as to what kind of flag would be acceptable. So were not leaving it open into their interpretation on flag, because we had two members to inquire. Therefore I'm thinking it is relevant, they write them thanking them and tell what we think is acceptable. Cedric said we can put in the American or the Texas flag. Councilmember Moore said I like that, the talking about how we need to clarify our conversations. We cannot leave room for misinterpretation. So say in your motion you might want to say place a flagpole containing the American and/or Texas flag. **Councilmember Moore amended the motion to say we accept the Cemetery Association to place flagpole at the entry of Calvary Cemetery with the specifications it being the Texas flag and the US flag only.**

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

Ayes: Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Porter, Councilmember Milton, Mayor Lofton, Councilmember McDavid, Mayor Pro-tem Henderson

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Martinez

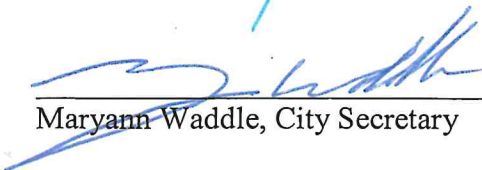
9. Adjourn.

Councilmember Moore made motion to adjourn. All in favor said "I". Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.




Carolyn Lofton, Mayor


Maryann Waddle, City Secretary