

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FALLS
CITY OF MARLIN

On this the 11th day of January, 2022, 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 Carolyn Lofton
Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson
Neddie Moore (via Zoom ,left at 6:14pm)
John Armstrong (via Zoom ,left at 6:14pm)
Sonia Ponce
Monica Washington (via Zoom ,left at 6:14pm)
Debra Levels-McDavid

STAFF

Cedric Davis, City Manager
Maryann Waddle, City Secretary
James Parker, City Attorney

1. Call to Order by Mayor Lofton @ 6:06pm.
2. Roll Call by Maryann Waddle.
3. Certify Posting in accordance with State Law by Maryann Waddle.
4. Pledge by Mayor Lofton and Invocation by Marion Gude.
5. Citizens Input.
Roger Drews addressed the council about the widening of the road that leads to the Youth Fair Grounds.
Councilmember Washington , Councilmember Armstrong, and Councilmember Moore left the meeting due to technical difficulties.
Consent Agenda
6. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from the December 14,2021, and December 28,2021 , City Council Meeting .
7. Second reading and discussion and take action to approve and pass an ordinance adopting procedures and regulations for issuing permits for filming projects within the City of Marlin.
8. Discussion and or take action on purchases of John Deer skid steer 6-way dozer blade.

Councilmember Levels-McDavid motioned to approve consent items.
Councilmember Ponce seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:
Ayes: Mayor Pro-Teem Henderson , Councilmember Ponce, Councilmember Levels-McDavid, Mayor Lofton

Nays: None

Absent :Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Washington

9. Recognition to FARM for donation that helped at the ACO building
FARM members were not present , Cedric told the council that FARM made a donation to the city that help in the construction of the ACO building.

10. Discussion and or take action: update MRB Group on TWDB CWSRF & DWSRF project(Gil Gregory).

CWSRF

The Water Board is still reviewing. The EID on the pond is still back and forth.

DWSRF

Maryann got the information needed on the meters on out-of-town lines. He will review and get back to council. Outlays were discussed. The environmental study is still on going because the waters are considered open waters of the US , but the drainage leading to the park can begin work sooner than the pond. The pilot program is beginning. The installation will begin next week and the test will run 30 days with 10 days of reporting to TCEQ.

11. Discussion and or take action on upcoming City-sponsored get back with what is found football and band appreciation celebration at the park.

A celebration will be planned for the football and band , but it will be at a later date. Councilmember Levels-McDavid motioned to approve the upcoming City-sponsored football and band appreciation celebration at the park.

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

Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson , Councilmember Ponce, Councilmember Levels-McDavid, Mayor Lofton

Nays: None

Absent : Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Washington

12. Discussion and or take action on proclamation for School of Choice Week.

This is a proclamation that is passed every year. The mayor read the proclamation aloud.

Councilmember Levels-McDavid motioned to approve a proclamation for School of Choice Week.

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

Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson , Councilmember Ponce, Councilmember Levels-McDavid, Mayor Lofton

Nays: None

Absent : Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Washington

13. Discussion and update on City Employee Policy.

Attorney Parker told the council that they were provided a copy to review and if they had any recommendations or changes to let him know. This item will be brought back to council.

No action

14. Discussion and or take action on Faith , Hope and Charity Micro Grant Application.

Davis told the council this was in reference to the ARPA Micro Grants. A panel was gathered to score applicants. This applicant scored a 400 out of 400 and will be awarded the max of \$2,500. Discussion was had over the process and the award standards.

Councilmember Levels-McDavid motioned to accept the application and award the Faith , Hope and Charity Micro Grant .

Councilmember Mayor Pro tem Henderson seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson , Councilmember Ponce, Councilmember Levels- McDavid, Mayor Lofton

Nays: None

Absent :Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Washington

15. Discussion and or take action on Boys & Girls Club Micro Grant

The city attorney let the council know that this was put as a separate item , because some councilmembers might be members of these organizations, they can vote on the one they are not a member of and abstain on any one they are a member of. This item went through the same scoring and review as the first and scored 400 of 400. For the max award of \$2,500.

Councilmember Ponce motioned to approve the grant application for Boys & Girls Club.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson Councilmember Ponce, Mayor Lofton

Nays: None

Absent : Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Washington

Abstain: Councilmember Levels McDavid

16.Discussion and first reading of an ordinance adopting regulations for trash and planter receptacles placed and maintained on sidewalks in the City .

City attorney Parker let the council know that this ordinance was in response to the council request form the last meeting . This ordinance would regulate sidewalks .

Councilmember Ponce motioned to approve first reading of an ordinance adopting regulations for trash and planter receptacles placed and maintained on sidewalks in the City .

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

Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson , Councilmember Ponce, Councilmember Levels-McDavid, Mayor Lofton

Nays: None

Absent :Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Washington

17. Discussion and take action to approve and adopt a City Council resolution to create, and appoint members to serve on , a Charter Committee to recommend and propose amendments to the City Charter.

In order to amend the charter, there is a process. The City Charter states that the amendments come form a committee appointed by council. It is suggested that the committee be made up of an odd number of members , to avoid a tie vote. There can be sections amended at a time, because there is a lot to update. Any proposed amendments would need to be done in order to call for the election by February 18, which is the state's deadline. A workshop will be hosted to look at the charter to focus on areas that need to be addressed first.

Councilmember Levels-McDavid motioned to table item #17.

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

Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson , Councilmember Ponce, Councilmember Levels-McDavid, Mayor Lofton

Nays: None

Absent :Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Washington

18.a. Convene into executive session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.074 (Personnel duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Manager by discussing an amendment to the City Manager Agreement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson had some concerns . His concerns were discussed, he chose not to join in executive session.

Council convened into executive session at 7:07pm

Council reconvened into public and open session at 7:38pm

b. Reconvene into public session and take action as appropriate in the City Council's discretion with regard to the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Manager regarding an amendment to the City Manager Agreement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson left the meeting . Due to lack of quorum the meeting was ended at 7:38pm.

19. Discuss and take action to approve and adopt a City Council resolution to :

- a. approve an amendment to the City Manager Agreement Extending the term providing for a salary increase ,or;**
- b. approve a new City Manager Agreement for an extended term and providing for a salary increase.**

20. a. Convene into executive session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Police Chief (Annual Review/ Evaluation).

b. Reconvene into public session and take action as appropriate in the City Council's discretion with regard to the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Police Chief (Annual Review/ Evaluation).

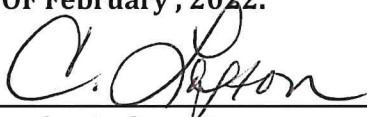
21. Discuss and take action to approve and adopt a City Council resolution authorizing the creation of an economic development corporation , appointing directors , and authorizing the execution and filing of a certificate of formation with the Texas Secretary of State for the formation of and economic development corporation.


22. Future Agenda Items.

23. Adjourn.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 8TH DAY OF February , 2022.




Carolyn Lofton, Mayor


Maryann Waddle, City Secretary