

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF FALLS  
CITY OF MARLIN

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On this the 15th day of February, 2022, the City Council of the City of Marlin, Texas convened in a SPECIAL CALLED 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 (absent)  
Neddie Moore  
John Armstrong  
Sonia Ponce  
Monica Washington  
Debra Levels-McDavid

**STAFF**

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

1. Call to Order by Mayor Lofton @ 6:00pm.
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 Councilmember Armstrong
5. Citizen's input

Kyle Simmons had sent an email wondering what the city charter will do for animals running loose. The mayor stated that this concern is not covered in the charter but rather by ordinance.

6. Discussion and or take action on the second reading of an Ordinance ordering a Special City Election to be conducted on the May 7, 2022 uniform Election Date for qualified voters to consider proposed amendments to the City Charter , providing for notice of the special election; providing election precinct and polling places ; providing for early voting and providing for related matters.

The council was presented with the wording for the ballot , with each amendment having its own proposition. There will be propositions A-I, each will have the previous wording along with the show of changes to the item. Council reviewed the propositions and made recommendations for editing changes. Areas of concern were covered : Recall from 30%to 10%, time to sit out before running for another position due to term limits, time before being able to seek employment with the city ,and the mayor's power of veto. Questions were asked as to why the amendments could not wait till the November election date; the mayor stated that the charter committee was only assembled for a few weeks . The committee met several times and looked at several sections of the charter to consider. They picked these sections and decided on the changes they felt needed to be changed.

Councilmember Armstrong motioned to approve the second reading of an Ordinance ordering a Special City Election to be conducted on the May 7, 2022 uniform Election Date for qualified voters to consider proposed amendments to the City Charter , providing for notice of the special election; providing election precinct and polling places ; providing for early voting and providing for related matters, with editing corrections to be made to the propositions by the City Attorney and City Secretary.

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

**Ayes:** Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Washington, Councilmember Levels-McDavid, Mayor Lofton

**Nays:** Councilmember Ponce

**Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson**

**Attorney Parker suggested that the council hold a town hall to inform the voters of the proposed changes, it would help voter participation.**

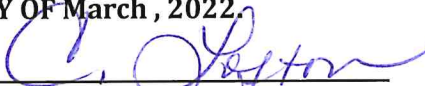
**Council thanked the Charter Committee for their time and work on the charter review.**

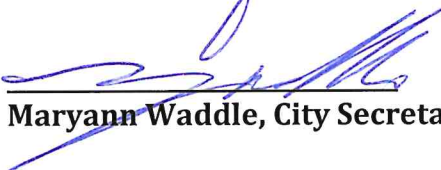
**7. Adjourn.**

**Councilmember Moore made motion to adjourn, all in favor said "Aye" meeting ended at 6:27pm**

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



  
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Carolyn Lofton, Mayor

  
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Maryann Waddle, City Secretary