

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FALLS
CITY OF MARLIN

On this the 8th day of March , 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 (absent)
Neddie Moore (@6:41 pm)
John Armstrong
Sonia Ponce (@6:05 pm)
Monica Washington
Debra Levels-McDavid (@6:04pm)

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 Moore.
5. Citizens Input.

Sam Bosneck addresses the council about the current status of the Brushy Creek project. He also addressed the issue of trash along the streets, and wanted to know if the city was going to do a clean up . He also inquired about the start of the water line repairs.

Councilmember Ponce in @6:05pm

Consent Agenda

6. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from the February 8, 2022, and February 15, 2022, City Council Meeting.
7. Approval and Second reading of an ordinance adopting an increase in the residential service rates for garbage collection services.
8. Approve and adopt a Resolution canceling the general City Election to be conducted on the May 7, 2022 Uniform Election Date to elect City Council members for the offices held by Precinct 2, Precinct 4, and Precinct 6; providing for notice of the election; providing election precinct and polling places; providing for early voting; and providing for related matters.
9. Approval and Second reading of an ordinance adopting regulations for trash and planter receptacles placed and maintained on sidewalks in the City.

Councilmember Armstrong motioned to approve consent agenda items 6,7,8, and 9 as read.

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

Ayes: Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Moore ,Councilmember Ponce, Councilmember Washington, Mayor Lofton

Nays: None

Absent : Councilmember Moore Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson, Councilmember Levels-McDavid

Regular Agenda

10. Discussion and take action on the resignation of Scottie Henderson as Councilmember for Precinct 4.0

Councilmember Levels-McDavid in @ 6:08pm

Councilmember Armstrong motioned to accept the resignation of Scottie Henderson as Councilmember for Precinct 4.

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

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

Nays: none

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson

11. Discuss, consider, and take action to appoint a qualified person to serve as interim Councilmember for Precinct 4 to fill the vacancy on City Council created by the resignation of the member of the City Council for Precinct 4.

Mayor Lofton suggested to the council that the vacant seat be filled by the individual (Timothy Lopez) who is unopposed in the Precinct 4 seat and will be seated in May. The question was asked if it would affect the term limits of the individual , and the answer was no .

Councilmember Armstrong motioned that Timothy William Lopez be appointed to serve as interim Councilmember for Precinct 4 to fill the vacancy on City Council created by the resignation of the member of the City Council for Precinct 4.

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

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

Nays: none

12. Conduct Swearing in Ceremony and take Oath of Office for appointed interim Councilmember for Precinct 4.

Timothy Lopez was sworn in and took the oath of office , administered by Mayor Lofton.

13. Discussion and or take action on appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Lofton explained Duties of the Mayor Pro-Tem

Councilmember Washington Motioned that Councilmember Neddie Moore be Mayor Pro-Tem.

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

Ayes : Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Moore , Councilmember Lopez, Councilmember Ponce, Councilmember Washington, Councilmember Levels-McDavid, Mayor Lofton.

Nays: none

14. Presentation of scholarship funds to Marlin ISD

Scholarship funds were presented to MISD Superintendent.

15. Receive presentation from Public Facilities Investment Corporation for financing construction of street and multi-housing projects.

Presentation was given to council on city housing and city road project. These projects could receive funding and would be paid back by the city in optional year terms. The housing would use the rent collected by the city to make the note payment. The amount of housing is optional. The housing can be low income. The roads would consist of a study of the roads condition. The road financing would be paid off what the city currently budgets for road repair . Both projects could be financed for up to 30 years. This item will be brought back to council.

16. Receive Presentation from Data Flow.

This is a Scada system used to make the water system communicate with the plant, towers , and pump stations. The communications would be on a secure line. There needs to be a study conducted to gather more data. The presenters showed how the system works and gave a history on the company. This item will be looked into further and the company will be provided information they need to fully understand the system.

17. Update from MRB Grey Group on TWDB CWSRF & DWSRF Projects (Gil Gregory).

The mayor stressed the point of reports being given for council to have tie to review. Gil told the council that the Mayor contacted an official and got the review moving. On the CWSRF , the pond , the archeologist is wanting to do more studies. The core of engineers keep wanting more. The delays in the project were discussed. Gil said that the replacement maps in the area had to be reproduced because of the color used and several other items , but they are redoing and sending to TWDB. The difference between the Categorical exclusion and the EID was explained. On the DWSRF , TCEQ is reviewing the plans for the water plant and once the letter is received , TWDB get it and they will review and act. The fire hydrants have been reviewed and a map done for review and input. Once TCEQ approves then it will take about two months to get bided out. The project pay process was explained, no lump sum, it is pay as you go . A total was awarded but comes in payouts.

18. Discussion and or take action on widening of Willis St. to accommodate increase in traffic and authorize advertisement for bids for street improvements.

The street can not accommodate the traffic flow , it is only wide enough for one car to pass through. Owners of properties along the road have pledged to give land if needed to widen the road. City Attorney Parker let the council know that a survey needs to be done to know how to handle the widening properly .

19. Discuss , consider, and approve a 90- day supplemental payment stipend of \$500.00 per month for the City Secretary for performing temporary Financial Director and additional training duties.

The council was let know that the City Secretary has been performing the financial director and will need to train the new hire for the position as well .

Councilmember Levels-McDavid made the point of it needed to be four months to make sure the time is covered. It was stated that the employee made more than 500 a month. Mayor Lofton said thank you for the above in the ice storm to help the homeless.

Councilmember Levels-McDavid motioned to and approve a 120- day supplemental payment stipend of \$500.00 per month for the City Secretary for performing temporary Financial Director and additional training duties.

Mayor Pro-Tem Moore seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:
Ayes : Councilmember Armstrong, Mayor Pro-Tem Moore ,Councilmember Lopez,
Councilmember Ponce, Councilmember Washington, Councilmember Levels-
McDavid, Mayor Lofton.

Nays: none

20. Updates from City Manager

ARPA has changed the rules to include roads and capital improvements, so projects to include road materials will be submitted to Grant Works. The second round of money that was awarded will be coming in May or June. A company visited about bring business to the airport. Downtown Association will be looked into to see if it is beneficial to join. EDC will have a work shop on the 29 of March. HEB has pledged sponsorship of the 2nd annual Marlin Fest. Have found a vet in Rosebud that has agreed to help with animal services. Code letters will go out at the end of the month. The fire house work is set to start soon. Cedric thanked Justin and Maryann for there work on getting the new fire truck received.

21. Discussion and or take action on Letter of Engagement with WYRD.

This agreement will be with our current auditor to go in and reconcile the banking books, this will refresh the books for the new hire. There will be an agreement for up to 90 days to 6 months.

Councilmember Armstrong motioned that an approved action be taken on Letter of Engagement with WYRD

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

Ayes : Councilmember Armstrong, Mayor Pro-Tem Moore ,Councilmember Lopez,
Councilmember Ponce, Councilmember Washington, Councilmember Levels-
McDavid, Mayor Lofton.

Nays: none

22. Discussion and or take action on a proclamation for Drive Electric Earth Day .

Mayor Lofton read the Proclamation aloud.

23. Presentation from Chief of Police on new Police/ Court Facilities.

Chief Hommel presented plans for a new Police/ Court building to be covered as an ARPA project. Discussion was had on the presentation . courtroom was made 20 ft bigger per council request. Jury room was added. Computer upgrades were discussed. The cost could be about 150,000.

24. Future Agenda Items.

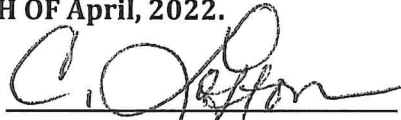
None mentioned

25. Adjourn.

Councilmember Moore made motion to adjourn, all in favor said "Aye" meeting ended at 8:33pm

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 12TH OF April, 2022.




Carolyn Lofton, Mayor


Maryann Waddle, City Secretary