

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF FALLS  
CITY OF MARLIN

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On this the 9th day of May 2023, 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 Neddie Moore  
Sonia Ponce(@ 609:pm)  
Debra Levels-McDavid  
Timothy Lopez ( absent , Notified out of town)  
John Armstrong  
Monica Washington

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 Mayor Pro-Tem Moore.
5. Citizens Input.

Cedric Davis addressed the council about the winter storm funding, Falls County will be added back to the approved counties.

Pam Kelly addressed the council about election concerns, she believes that the council should wait till the recount to swear in new candidates.

Councilmember Ponce in at 6:09pm

Susan Trumbly addressed the council about potholes, the spill way, the animal shelter.

Consent Agenda

6. Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes from the April 3, 2023, April 11, 2023, and April 18, 2023 City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Armstrong made a motion to approve the council minutes from April 3, 2023, April 11, 2023, and April 18, 2023 City Council Meeting.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Lopez

Regular agenda

7. City to issue a Proclamation for Donte S. Trotter.  
Mayor Lofton read a city issued proclamation in honor of Donte S. Trotter.
8. Conduct the canvass the General Election conducted on May 6, 2023, and take action to approve a resolution of the results of the canvassing of the General Election.  
Attorney Parker let the council know that there is a corrective action on a mail in ballot that needs to be done. The ballot board will reconvene on Thursday if the corrective action is taken , to count the vote. A recount has been ordered ; it will take place on Tuesday . Item 8 through 11 can not be addressed till after that.

9. Swearing in Ceremony for the officials elected to office of City Council Member and Mayor in the General Election conducted on May 6, 2023, and administer the oaths of office for these elected officials as required by law.
10. Discuss and take action for the City Council to elect a Mayor Pro-Tem..
11. Conduct the canvass of the Special Election conducted on May 6, 2023, and take action to approve a resolution of the results of the canvassing of the Special Election.
12. Update on TWDB, CWSRF, & DWSRF Projects from MRB Group.

Gil Gregory told the council that on DWSRF the distribution lines there is a bid award item later on the agenda. Nano stone filters pilot study was submitted to TCEQ. The engineering study was submitted to the TWDB on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is the final draft. The grounding system at the water plant and the rehab of the clarifier had received the notice to proceed. Award for the distribution system is to be done , outlays are submitted .

CWSRF Phase 1 was submitted , once approved it can go to bid. It included 1<sup>st</sup> st, Samuels, Lincoln, Bennett, commerce, Gresham, and little. It could go to bid at the end of next month if approved. The second phase is still in design phase. It includes Conley, and falls all the way to the railroad. On the pond there is an adjustment if approved by October it could be completed by March of 2024.
13. Discussion and or take action on entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Mundo and Associates, Inc. to prepare and file the TWDB LSLR "Project Information Form" (application) for a LSLR Grant to perform the TCEQ-required Service Line Inventory Report.

This would be to have Mundo prepare the information. This project would help to replace not only city lines but individually owned lines as well. Discussion was had on the process of the project and how the project information came about.

Mayor Pro-Tem Moore motioned to entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Mundo and Associates, Inc. to prepare and file the TWDB LSLR "Project Information Form" (application) for a LSLR Grant to perform the TCEQ-required Service Line Inventory Report.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Ponce
14. Discussion and or take action on award of TWDB DWSRF #62819 Distributions System Improvements Project bids received on March 14, 2023.

Vaca Construction for \$1,611,992 for alternate 1 and 2 .

Councilmen Levels—McDavid motion to award the TWDB DWSRF #62819 Distributions System Improvements Project bids received on March 14, 2023 to Vaca Construction for the amount of \$1,611,992.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Lopez
15. Consider and or approve allowing an exception to the city policy in place to allow citizens to burn debris from previous weather events.

Justin Parker Fire Chief was not in attendance, no action.
16. Consider and approve a resolution to approve the Community Outreach Micro-Grant Program Policies and amendments to the Policies to permit the City Council to approve of a waiver of the maximum amount of a micro-grant award and the cap placed on the amount of micro-grant awards an applicant may receive.

This is to address what the council had previously addressed on exceptions to the Micro Grant cap of \$2,500/.

Mayor Pro-Tem Moore motioned to approve a resolution to approve the Community Outreach Micro-Grant Program Policies and amendments to the Policies to permit the City Council to approve of a waiver of the maximum amount of a micro-grant award and the cap placed on the amount of micro-grant awards an applicant may receive.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Lopez

17. Consider and approve a resolution approving of a request for a waiver under the Community Outreach Micro-Grant Program Policies and authorize an additional award of an ARPA Micro Grant Award in funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Marlin Public Library.

Councilmember Ponce motioned to approve a waiver under the Community Outreach Micro-Grant Program Policies and authorize an additional award of an ARPA Micro Grant Award in funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Marlin Public Library.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Lopez

18. Consider and approve a resolution approving an award of an ARPA Micro-Grant award to The Falconer Stamps Center.

Councilmember Armstrong motioned to approve an award of an ARPA Micro-Grant award to The Falconer Stamps Center.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Lopez

19. Consider and approve a resolution approving an award of ARPA Micro-Grant award to J&K INC. Councilmember Armstrong motioned to approve an award of an ARPA Micro-Grant award to J&K INC.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Lopez

20. Discussion and or take action on backups occurring in the city at pump stations.

Scott Fornash was not in attendance and the item will not be addressed.

21. Consider and approve a resolution approving and adopting a policy and procedures applicable to the issuance and enforcement of trespass warnings on City Property.

City Attorney Parker let the council know that this will be a policy to cover criminal trespass at the city. This would put a standing policy in place to stop individuals from harassing city staff, the individual can still conduct business like paying water bills and conducting regular business but will stop harassment of city staff so that they can perform their regular duties.

Councilmember Armstrong motioned to approve a resolution approving and adopting a policy and procedures applicable to the issuance and enforcement of trespass warnings on City Property with a 3 day appeal.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Lopez

22. Consider and or approve an employee certificate for 2 hours off as compensation for work.

Cedric Davis addressed the council and said that per personal policy he can give the employees the 2 hours of leave.

The council wanted to show appreciation for the city staff and all the hard work they do. The city manager let the council know that per city policy he can award the employees the council requested 2 hours of leave.

No

23. Future Agenda items

Canvas next week. There is no info yet on Willis (waiting on sight review) Willis to be put on the next agenda. Road work will continue after the rain lets up.

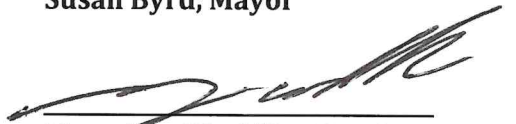
24. Adjourn.

Mayor Pro-Tem Moore made motion to adjourn, all in favor said "Aye" meeting ended at 7:20pm

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 13TH DAY OF June 2023.



  
Susan Byrd, Mayor

  
Maryann Waddle, City Secretary