

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF FALLS  
CITY OF MARLIN

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On this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, the City Council of the City of Marlin, Texas convened in a SPECIAL CALLED MEETING at 5:30pm, 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 Susan Byrd

Timothy Lopez

Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Levels-McDavid

John Armstrong

Sonia Ponce (ABSENT)

Monica Washington (ABSENT)

Debra Levels-McDavid

**STAFF**

Maryann Waddle, City Secretary

James Parker, City Attorney

Cedric Davis, City Manager

1. Call to Order by Mayor Byrd @ 5:31pm.
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 Reverend Andrew Budes
5. Citizen's input  
None
6. Recognition of previous councilmembers service.  
Previous council members were recognized along with the city manager for their years of service to the city.
7. Conduct the second reading and consider the adoption of an ordinance to approve and levy a sales and use tax dedicated for property tax relief and adopt and levy a sales and use tax for the purpose of economic development as approved by the qualified voters at the special election held on May 6, 2023.  
Councilmember Armstrong motioned to approve second reading and approve the adoption of an ordinance to approve and levy a sales and use tax dedicated for property tax relief and adopt and levy a sales and use tax for the purpose of economic development as approved by the qualified voters at the special election held on May 6, 2023.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:  
Ayes: Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd  
Nays: none  
Absent: Councilmember Ponce, Councilmember Washington
8. Conduct the first reading of an ordinance to approve an increase in the number of members of the board of the City Parks Commission from 9 members to 11 members.  
Discussion was held on the need for more members. The number of parks the city owns is the main purpose for the increase. Discussion was had on what the city actually owns as far as parks, the matter will be looked into further on ownership.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid motioned to accept the first reading of an ordinance to approve an increase in the number of members of the board of the City Parks Commission from 9 members to 11 members.  
Councilmember Armstrong seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

**Ayes: Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd**

**Nays: none**

**Absent: Councilmember Ponce, Councilmember Washington**

9. Consider and or approve procurement of a new squad vehicle for the Marlin Fire Department. Justin Parker (Fire Chief ) addressed the council . He let them know the current state of the FD squad and told them that a new one had been budgeted. He let them know that quotes were obtained from three different dealers. He was looking to get a 2023 Branco Sport. . it has train capabilities and would be better on gas . it comes with a warranty. And the FD has money budgeted to outfit it once bought. . Apple Sport, the dealership in town , came with the best offer and is in town so if any issues arise they are close by. The total price is \$34,075.43. Councilmember Sparks motioned to approve procurement of a new squad vehicle for the Marlin Fire Department.

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

**Ayes: Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd**

**Nays: none**

**Absent: Councilmember Ponce, Councilmember Washington**

10. Consider and or approve the city manager porting the city assigned cell phone number to his personal account.

Cedric asked the council to let him keep the number so that he can port it to his personal account.

Councilmember Armstrong motioned to approve the city manager porting the city assigned cell phone number to his personal account.

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

**Ayes: Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd**

**Nays: none**

**Absent: Councilmember Ponce, Councilmember Washington**

11. Consider and or approval of payout to the city manager for leave time per contract.

The council received a breakdown of time payout.

Councilmember Armstrong motioned to approval of payout to the city manager for leave time per contract to total \$33,012.03 total.

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

**Ayes: Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd**

**Nays: none**

**Absent: Councilmember Ponce, Councilmember Washington**

12. a. Convene into executive session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, duties and pay for the Interim City Manager James Hommel .

The council convened into closed session at 5:44pm.

The council reconvened into open session at 6:05pm.

b. Reconvene into public session and discuss and take action as appropriate in the City Council's discretion with regard to the appointment, employment, duties, and pay for the Interim City Manager James Hommel.

Councilmember Armstrong motioned to approve take action as appropriate in the City Council's discretion with regard to the appointment, employment, duties, and pay for the Interim City Manager James Hommel to be \$1,500 additional for additional duties.

**Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:**  
**Ayes: Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Lopez,**  
**Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd**  
**Nays: none**  
**Absent: Councilmember Ponce, Councilmember Washington**

- 13. Discuss , consider , and approve a resolution updating and designating the approved and authorized signatories for the banking accounts for the City of Marlin. .**

**Council was told that this is to add the interim city manager James Hommel to the accounts for the City of Marlin, Currently it is Mayor Byrd , Patsy Martinez and Cedric Davis.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Levels-McDavid motioned to approve a resolution updating and designating the approved and authorized signatories for the banking accounts for the City of Marlin.**

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

**Ayes: Councilmember Armstrong, Councilmember Sparks, Councilmember Lopez,**  
**Mayor Pro-Tem Levels-McDavid, Mayor Byrd**  
**Nays: none**  
**Absent: Councilmember Ponce, Councilmember Washington**

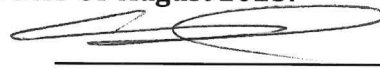
**14.Adjourn.**

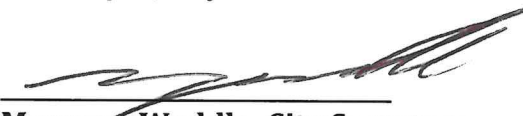
**Councilmember Sparks asked that the City Manager job posting be on the next agenda.**

**Councilmember Armstrong made motion to adjourn, all in favor said "Aye" meeting ended at 6:16pm**

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 8TH DAY OF August 2023.**



  
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**Susan Byrd, Mayor**

  
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**Maryann Waddle, City Secretary**