

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF FALLS  
CITY OF MARLIN

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On this the 17th day of September, 2019, 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 Scottie Henderson  
Rhonda Milton  
Neddie Lang-Moore  
Terence McDavid  
Max Martinez (not Present)  
Doug Porter

**STAFF**

Cedric Davis, City Manager  
Maryann Waddle, City Secretary

1. Call to Order by Mayor Lofton at 6:00pm.
2. Roll Call by Maryann Waddle, City Secretary.
3. Certify posting by Maryann Waddle, City Secretary.
4. Pledge by Mayor Carolyn Lofton and Invocation by Neddie Lang-Moore.
5. Public Hearing on FY 2019/2020 Budget for City Of Marlin by Adopting Ordinance 19-009
  - a. Speak in Favor. (none)
  - b. Speak in Opposition (none)
  - c. Questions by Citizens. (none)
  - d. Close Public Hearing. Hearing was closed at 6:02 pm
6. Discussion and or Take Action: adopting Ordinance 19-009 FY 2019/2020 Budget for the City of Marlin  
Mayor Pro-tem Henderson motioned to adopt ordinance 19-009 FY 2019/2020 Budget for the City of Marlin.  
Councilmember McDavid seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:  

AYES: Councilmember Milton, Councilmember Moore,  
Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson, Councilmember  
McDavid, Councilmember  
Porter, Mayor Lofton.  
NYES: None
7. Public Hearing on 2019 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate for the City of Marlin (\$.096320 per \$100)



e. **Speak in Favor. (none)**

f. **Speak in Opposition**

Kyle Simmons addressed the council stating that if taxes are raised that the citizens would only suffer more especially with the high-water rates and suggested other ways the city could get money with out the citizens having to pay. He expressed concern about people speeding by his home (Williams St.). He asked about new state laws on tax caps that as of October 1 would cap the rate at .96. He also expressed concern over the payout for the previous city manager when there was a clause for wrong doings. He let the council know that Betty Hewart Packert estate, which had writing up a proposal to dump a million dollars in to the school system (with computers) and bring in a distribution center into the area, was burned by previous city officials that said what are you going to do for us

Mayor Lofton let Mr. Simmons know that tax rates were not being raised, that they are exactly the same as they were last year. That the cap is 3.2, the city is not raising tax and is below the cap. She also stated that the city has every intent of bring in more economic development to elevate the burden on the citizens. The City is looking to move forward from the past and the focus is on building Marlin and do the right things for the right reasons. Councilmember Porter let Mr. Simmons know that the caps he spoke of were pertaining to larger cities.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson stated that we might have to go back and look in the ex-city managers contract to see if the pay out was correct given the nature of his dismissal. The tax rate is set and that it is the same as last year.

Mr. Simmons let the council know that the previous city manager created a hostile work environment at one of his previous jobs and that he was inappropriate with a lady and she put him in the hospital. He stated that even police officers were speeding by his home.

The Mayor said that if you see those types of things please let the current chief know, but in terms of the tax rate and budget, the tax rate is the same. She stated that hopefully going forward he will see a difference in what his is spending every month ,but we have to work with what we have to make sure the city functions , so there is no tax increase and hopefully everyone will be able to like comfortably.

Derek Hoggett asked" what are the top three ways in which the city plans to increase revenue and where would a boost in the city's revenue come from, would it be developers or companies to create jobs?"



Mayor Lofton let him know that we are looking into economic development, increasing tourism, and we are looking into stream lining our budget and stop the spending on things the city does not need to be spending money on. The city does not need as much to function and now has reserves. She stated that we are looking for developers and companies to come in and create jobs. Once we have the jobs, then the citizens will have more stability, and they will not have to travel outside of Marlin for work.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson wanted to explain how hard it has been , city employees will not be given raises , this was the most difficult for him because they are being asked to stay and help fight through these hard times, and as soon as things straighten out we need to help these hard working employees, and I agree with everything the mayor is saying , we have to get some income coming into the city.

Mr. Hogget asked if the city is in a good political position to receive federal money if there is a change in Washington.

Mayor Lofton told Mr. Hogget that she will have to let him know later about that matter.

g. Questions by Citizens. (none)

h. Close Public Hearing. Hearing was closed at 6:15 pm

8. Discussion and or Take Action: adopting Proposed Tax year Proposed property Tax Rate for City of Marlin (\$0.96320 per \$100)  
Councilmember Moore motioned to adopt proposed tax rate (\$.096320 per \$100 by Ordinance 19-010 included in the council packets for review)  
Councilmember Milton seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Milton, Councilmember Moore,  
Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson, Councilmember  
McDavid, Councilmember Porter, Mayor Lofton.

NYES: None

9. Discussion and or Take Action: Issuing a proclamation for National Day of Play (Faith, Hope, and Charity) on Saturday September 21,2019  
Mayor Lofton read the proposed proclamation and let the council know this this is part of an effort to get kids up and moving.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson motioned to Issue a proclamation for National Day of Play hosted by Faith, Hope, and Charity on September 21, 2019.  
Councilmember Moore seconded this motion and the motion carried as follows:



**AYES: Councilmember Milton, Councilmember Moore,  
Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson, Councilmember McDavid,  
Councilmember Porter, Mayor Lofton.**

**NYES: None**

**10. Adjourn.**

**In an ending note the City Manager, Cedric Davis, let the council know**

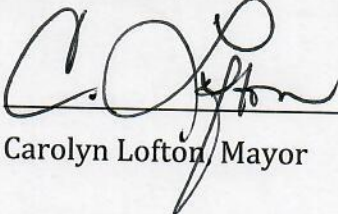
- **The city will be losing two employees at the beginning of October**
  - **Wendy Jennings (Coder Officer)**
  - **Andrew Poe (Public Works Dir.)**
- **There is a meeting that he and Mayor Lofton will attend in Austin on October 3, 2019 for the TWDB Grant**
  - **The grant is for 10 million with 5 million being the payback**
  - **There will need to be a meeting regarding the grant on November 26<sup>th</sup>**

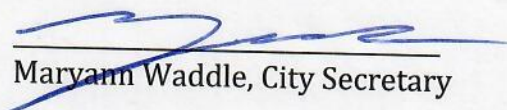
**Andrew Poe addressed the council and let them know that he grateful for the opportunities given to him by the city**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson made motion to adjourn. All in favor said "I".  
Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 8TH DAY OF October, 2019.**



  
Carolyn Lofton, Mayor

  
Maryann Waddle, City Secretary