

On this the 12th day of February, 2019, the City Council of the City of Marlin, Texas convened in a REGULAR SCHEDULED 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 John Keefer - ABSENT
Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Porter
Scottie Henderson
Rhonda Milton
Curtis Smith
Susan Byrd
Terence McDavid

STAFF

Allen Grindstaff, City Manager
Vikki Grimes, Finance Director

1. Call to Order by Mayor Pro-Tem Porter @ 5:30pm.
2. Roll Call by Sandra Herring.
3. Certify Posting in accordance with State Law by Sandra Herring.
4. Pledge by Mayor Pro-Tem Porter and Invocation by Billie Jean Scaggs.
5. Citizens Input.

Susan Trumbley – Was issued a ticket for a storage building left in her front yard.

Billie Jean Scaggs – Drainage.

Bridget Burleson – Police complaint at 211 Donohoo, Very slow response.

Sheriff Scaman – No confidence vote for City Manager.

Scottie Henderson – Spoke on Black History Month.

Moving Item 6 down.

7. Minutes of September 25th, October 9th, October 18th, November 13th, November 27th, December 4th, and December 11th, 2018 and January 8th, 2019.

Councilmember Byrd made motion to approve the minutes.

Councilmember Smith seconded this motion and the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Milton, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember McDavid, Councilmember Byrd, Mayor Pro-Tem Porter.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Keefer.

- 8. Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 19-002, calling the General Election for May 4th, 2019.**

8. Discutir y considerar la acción sobre la Ordenanza No. 19-002, convocando la Elección General para el 4 de mayo de 2019.

Councilmember Henderson made motion to approve Ordinance No. 19-002 as presented.

Councilmember McDavid seconded this motion and the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Milton, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember McDavid, Councilmember Byrd, Mayor Pro-Tem Porter.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Keefer.

- 9. Discuss and consider action on Election Agreement with Falls County Election Administrator.**

Councilmember Smith made motion to approve the Election Agreement with Falls County Election Administrator.

Councilmember Henderson seconded this motion and the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Milton, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember McDavid, Councilmember Byrd, Mayor Pro-Tem Porter.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Keefer.

- 6. Update on engineering from MRB Group.**

ECWAG work has been completed at Water Treatment Plant, clarifier full of water and awaiting final inspection.

- 10. Discuss and consider action to approve the "Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan" as prepared by MRB Group Engineering.**

Requirement by TWDB and updated every 5 years.

Councilmember Smith made motion to approve the "Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan" as prepared by MRB Group.

Councilmember Byrd seconded this motion and the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Milton, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember McDavid, Councilmember Byrd, Mayor Pro-Tem Porter.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Keefer.

11. Discuss and consider action to approve the contract for Engineering Services with MRB Group Engineering for the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

This contract is pending attorney review and the recommendation is to table at this time. Councilmember Byrd made motion to table.

Councilmember Henderson seconded this motion and the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Milton, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember McDavid, Councilmember Byrd, Mayor Pro-Tem Porter.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Keefer.

12. Discuss and consider action to approve the contract for Engineering Services with MRB Group Engineering for the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

TWDB has reduced the amount of funding available for this project due to things that are out of the City's control.

This contract is pending attorney review and the recommendation is to table at this time. Councilmember Byrd made motion to table.

Councilmember Henderson seconded this motion and the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Milton, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember McDavid, Councilmember Byrd, Mayor Pro-Tem Porter.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Keefer.

13. Discuss and consider action to authorize MRB Group to submit a Project Information Form (PIF) for additional Drainage Project funds under the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program.

This PIF would be for the dollar difference on the original CWSRF PIF above. We would also apply for 0% interest and the 70% loan forgiveness.

Councilmember Henderson made motion to submit a PIF for the CWSRF Project.

Councilmember McDavid seconded this motion and the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Milton, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember McDavid, Councilmember Byrd, Mayor Pro-Tem Porter.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Keefer.

- 14. Discuss and consider action to authorize MRB Group to submit an application to the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development (USDA-RD) for grant funding of work on the Old Marlin and New Marlin Lake Dams.**

Flood Studies and such items need to be updated, operations and maintenance plans.

There are no matching funds. It is not a construction grant.

Councilmember Byrd made motion to approve MRB to submit the application for grant funding through the USDA-RD Program.

Councilmember Smith seconded this motion and the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Milton, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember McDavid, Councilmember Byrd, Mayor Pro-Tem Porter.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Keefer.

- 15. Discuss and consider action to authorize MRB Group Engineering to commence Aerial Survey of the City under the CWSRF approved contract.**

This is a necessary project for the CWSRF Drainage Funding. The foliage is down and this is the best time for this project.

Councilmember Henderson made motion to approve the Aerial Survey.

Councilmember Milton seconded this motion and the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Milton, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember McDavid, Councilmember Byrd, Mayor Pro-Tem Porter.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Keefer.

16. Discuss and consider action on proposal from MRB Group for professional services for street evaluation.

There are 64 miles of streets in Marlin. In depth of street types and conditions, traffic patterns and types available for rebuilding. This would be an assessment and ranking for the streets and roads. Would serve as a long term plan and maintenance.

17. Discuss and consider action on expenditure of \$5,488.32 for equipment purchase.

The funding is available in the line item. We are currently renting the larger pumps and light tower. Councilmember Byrd made motion to approve the expenditure of \$5,488.32 for equipment purchase.

Councilmember Smith seconded this motion and the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Milton, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember McDavid, Councilmember Byrd, Mayor Pro-Tem Porter.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Keefer.

18. Discuss and consider action on ordinance setting updated City Fees for permits and inspections.

Change was made for the affected area only. Re-roofing, replacement and repair are defined within. Fee waiver to go to Council. Current Ordinance still in effect.

Councilmember Henderson made motion to table at this time.

Councilmember McDavid seconded this motion and the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Milton, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember McDavid, Councilmember Byrd, Mayor Pro-Tem Porter.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Keefer.

19. Discuss and consider action on amending the City Personnel Policy.

Main changes were to vacation section and on-call personnel section.

Training, staffing, development and consequents. Some federal requirements not included.

Mileage reimbursement in line with the State.

Councilmember Henderson made motion to table until we can go through it.

Councilmember McDavid seconded this motion and the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Milton, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember McDavid, Councilmember Byrd, Mayor Pro-Tem Porter.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Keefer.

20. Discuss and consider action on City Prosecutor position.

City Manager to contact surrounding prosecutors to form a panel to review candidates.

21. Discussion and review of Department Reports.

Sign machine not working currently.

Mr. Henderson wanting some brush picked up in an alley and will pay for it himself.

Convened into Closed Session at 6:35pm

21a. Executive Session: A closed meeting will be held pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A) so that the City Council can deliberate on the employment, evaluation, and duties of the Chief of Police with regard to personnel matters in his department.

Returned to Open Session at 7:23pm

Mayor Pro-Tem Porter indicated that items were discovered during Executive Session that were not on the agenda. He is calling a Special Meeting on February 19th, 2019 at 5:30pm with the Attorney present to discuss the City Manager.

22. Brushy Creek Update.

Spoke with Sledge and extension is in the process.

22a. Adjourn.

Councilmember Smith made motion to adjourn, all in favor said "Aye":

AYES: Councilmember Milton, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember McDavid, Councilmember Byrd, Mayor Pro-Tem Porter.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Keefer.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 12th DAY OF MARCH, 2019.



John Keefer, Mayor

Sandra Herring, City Secretary