

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FALLS
CITY OF MARLIN

On this the 14th day of January 2014, 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 555-041 with the following members present to wit:

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Elizabeth Nelson
Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson
Rose Morin
Cecil Sparks @ 5:35pm
Billie Jean Scaggs
Tommy Tate
Arthur Allen

STAFF

Dick Fletcher, Interim City Manager
Sandra Herring, City Secretary

1. Call to Order by Mayor Nelson @ 5:30pm.
2. Roll Call by Sandra Herring.
3. Certify Posting in accordance with State Law.
4. Invocation & Pledge by Arthur Allen and Billie Jean Scaggs.
5. Citizens Input: Sam Bosnack, Capps Street, Microchip Program-Why is it necessary?

Councilmember Sparks entered the meeting at 5:35pm.

Council convened into Executive Session at 5:36pm

6. Executive Session: Personnel matters, Open Meeting Act Section 551.074: to deliberate the evaluation, appointment, re-assignment, discipline, or termination of a public officer or employee.
 - Fire Chief Applications

Council returned to Open Session at 6:27pm.

7. Action on executive Session.

Councilmember Allen made a motion to appoint Justin Parker for the Fire Chief position and allow the City Manager to determine the salary.

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

AYES: Councilmember Morin, Councilmember Sparks, Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson, Councilmember Scaggs, Councilmember Tate, Councilmember Allen, Mayor Nelson.

NAYS: None.

8. **Consideration and Action concerning the authorization to proceed with hiring a water billing clerk.**

Councilmember Tate made the motion to authorize the City staff to fill the water clerk position.

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

AYES: Councilmember Morin, Councilmember Sparks, Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson, Councilmember Scaggs, Councilmember Tate, Councilmember Allen, Mayor Nelson.

NAYS: None.

9. **Consideration and Action concerning the authorization of staff to investigate certain grant programs including, but not limited to, Texas Parks and Wildlife, President's Initiative on Poverty, etc; and report findings to Council.**

Mr. Fletcher indicated that having a master plan would enhance the City's ability to qualify for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Grants.

Councilmember Tate made motion to authorize staff to investigate certain grant programs including, but not limited to, Texas Parks and Wildlife, President's Initiative on Poverty, etc; and report findings to Council.

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

AYES: Councilmember Morin, Councilmember Sparks, Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson, Councilmember Scaggs, Councilmember Tate, Councilmember Allen, Mayor Nelson.

NAYS: None.

10. **Consideration and Action on the repair or replacement of the utility payment drive-thru window.**

Councilmember Sparks made motion for discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson seconded this motion.

Mr. Fletcher explained that the drive-thru window drawer mechanism was broken and needed repair or replacement. He had acquired one quote for the replacement of the window and cabinet for a cost of \$6,000 but would need a carpenter to finish out the project due to the fact that the quote did not include the carpentry work.

Council was concerned about the cost and it not being turn-key. Staff expressed that the window was used by many elderly and handicap citizens and the repair of the window drawer was essential to the operation of the office.

Councilmember Morin made motion to approve the \$6,000 quote.

After further discussion in regards to the overall cost, Councilmember Morin withdrew her motion.

Councilmember Sparks made motion to allow staff to receive quotes for up to \$10,000 and bring back to Council for approval.

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

AYES: Councilmember Morin, Councilmember Sparks, Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson, Councilmember Scaggs, Councilmember Tate, Councilmember Allen, Mayor Nelson.

NAYS: None.

11. Consideration and Action concerning the status of the mowing contracts bids.

After much discussion in regards to the validity of some of the bids, the Council indicated that they had not been allowed to review the bids for discussion.

Councilmember Allen made motion to reject all bids and re-bid the mowing contract.

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

AYES: Councilmember Morin, Councilmember Sparks, Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson, Councilmember Scaggs, Councilmember Tate, Councilmember Allen, Mayor Nelson.

NAYS: None.

12. Discuss status on Water & Sewer projects and schedule a Special Meeting on January 28th, 2014 at 5:30pm.

Councilmember Allen made motion to approve January 28th, 2014 at 5:30pm for a Special Meeting.

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

AYES: Councilmember Morin, Councilmember Sparks, Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson, Councilmember Scaggs, Councilmember Tate, Councilmember Allen, Mayor Nelson.

NAYS: None.

13. Consideration and Action concerning the appointment of a Review Committee for the Meter Read System proposals funded through the TWDB DWSRF Funding.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson made motion to table Item 13.

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

AYES: Councilmember Morin, Councilmember Sparks, Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson, Councilmember Scaggs, Councilmember Tate, Councilmember Allen, Mayor Nelson.

NAYS: None.

14. City Manager Report:

- Americorp Cleanup Day at MLK Park, January 20th.
- Electric audit-guard lights-Youth Fair-Storm damage.

- Sanitary Sewer issue at TDCJ Marlin Unit/City Lift Station.
- HotCog 48th Annual Business Meeting, January 23rd, 2014 in Waco.
- Texas Municipal League Region 9 Quarterly Meeting, January 23rd, 2014 in Hewitt.

15. Future Agenda Items. Flooding in South Marlin – Bulldog Creek.

16. Adjourn.

Councilmember Sparks made motion to adjourn.

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

AYES: Councilmember Morin, Councilmember Sparks, Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson, Councilmember Scaggs, Councilmember Tate, Councilmember Allen, Mayor Nelson.

NAYS: None.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.



Elizabeth Nelson
Elizabeth Nelson, Mayor

Sandra Herring
Sandra Herring, City Secretary