

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FALLS
CITY OF MARLIN

On this the 13th day of May 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 551.041 with the following members present to wit:

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Elizabeth Nelson
Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson
Rose Morin
Cecil Sparks
Billie Jean Scaggs
Tommy Tate
Arthur Allen - Absent
Councilmember elect Douglas L. Porter Jr.

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. Pledge & Invocation by Rose Morin and Billie Jean Scaggs.
5. Citizens Input: None

6. Approval of Minutes from April 8th, 2014.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson made motion to approve the minutes from April 8th, 2014.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Allen.

7. Discussion and action on Resolution No. 14-014, conducting canvass and accepting election results of May 10th, 2014.

Mayor Nelson appointed Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson and Councilman Tate to conduct canvass and report results. Results were given to the Mayor and read aloud. Total votes for Douglas L. Porter Jr. 32 and total votes for Michael Mayer 2. Porter is declared elected for Precinct 6.

Councilmember Sparks made motion to accept Resolution No. 14-014 for election of Douglas Porter.

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, Mayor Nelson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Allen.

Judge Denton Lessman was present and administered the Statement of Elected Officials and the Oath of Office to Scottie R. Henderson, Rose Morin and Douglas L. Porter Jr.

8. Discussion and action of election of a Mayor Pro-Tem for a term of one year.
Councilmember Sparks made motion to re-appoint Scottie Henderson as Mayor Pro-Tem.
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 Porter, Mayor Nelson.
NAYS: None.
9. Hear Jess Fields with Texas Public Policy Foundation regarding offered assistance in redevelopment efforts.
Mr. Fields presented the Council basic ideas about what the Texas Public Policy Foundation could bring to the table for Marlin, like redundancy within our Code of Ordinances, becoming investor friendly, and having a plan on how to move the city forward and being open to suggestions.
10. Hear Megan Henderson regarding the Heart of Texas Efficient Towns and Cities (HOTETC) Regional Planning Grant and infrastructure review.
Mrs. Henderson spoke to the Council concerning the grant, noting that funds had been set aside specifically to study the city's infrastructure to seek operational efficiencies now that the population has shrunk considerably. Another part of the grant has resulted in the water, sewer and zoning maps being digitized at the Heart of Texas Council of Governments which will be able to maintain the maps in the future. In order to get the most benefit out of the grant, city personnel will need to be actively involved during the balance of the grant period.
11. Public Hearing: A proposed change in zoning regulations contained in Appendix A – Zoning of the City of Marlin Code of Ordinances. The proposed change is to add “Recreational Vehicle Camp” to the schedule of uses in Section 6-300 Zoning District Use Regulations under C-2 Commercial Business District with a Special Use Permit only. Recreational Vehicle Camp would also be added to the list of uses requiring Special Use Permit at Section 6-700 Special Use Permits. Opened at 6:37pm.
 - Speak In Favor. None.
 - Speak In Opposition. None.
 - Questions by Citizens. None.
 - Close Public Hearing. Closed at 6:44pm

12. **Discussion and action concerning Ordinance No. 14-010, consider adopting changes in zoning regulations to add Recreational Vehicle Camp at approved uses in C-2 with Special Use Permit.**
Councilmember Tate made motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-010 to add Recreational Vehicle Camp to the Code of Ordinances.

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

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

NAYS: None.

13. **Discussion and Action concerning Ordinance No. 14-011, consider adopting rules and regulation for Recreational Vehicle Camp.**

Councilmember Tate made motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-011 adopting rules and regulations for Recreational Vehicle Camp.

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

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

NAYS: None.

14. **Discussion and Action concerning appointment(s) to Planning and Zoning Commission.**
Council received one board application from Roger Nutt for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilmember Morin made motion to approve Roger Nutt for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

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

NAYS: None.

Mr. Fletcher indicated that with Mr. Porters election there will be another seat to fill on that board.

15. **Discussion and action concerning Ordinance No. 14-012 consider adopting an amended Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan.**

Councilmember Morin made motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-012 as presented.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Tate.

16. Discussion and action concerning a proposal by “Working for Christ Ministry” with plans for park improvements on Coleman Street by railroad. (Arlington Gardens)

Mr. Fletcher indicated they inquired about painting the pavilion and planting flowers.

Councilmember Morin made motion to allow “Working for Christ Ministry” to do park improvements at Arlington gardens.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Tate.

17. Discussion and action concerning permit approval for Booker T. Washington High School Reunion parade.

Police Chief Allen was present and spoke about the routing of the parade and that the proposed route he felt was unsafe and redirected in the best interest of everyone.

Councilmember Morin made motion to approve the route described by the chief.

Councilmember Porter seconded this motion.

Further discussion included the concern that no one from the Reunion was present to speak on the route request. Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson expressed his hesitation on taking action without knowing the reasoning behind the changes.

Councilmember Morin amended her motion to reflect approving the parade with the Police Chief determining the safest route for all concerned.

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 Porter, Mayor Nelson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Tate.

18. Discussion and action concerning Resolution No. 14-013 considering amending the Holiday Leave Policy contained in the City of Marlin Personnel Policy.

Mr. Fletcher explained that we have a policy that states that all city employees will be paid the holiday and then we have another policy that states the employees can earn compensatory time. The problem with comp time is that with the city so shorthanded most of the time that it creates an issue with overtime and the added expense. The suggested policy pays each employee for the holiday working or not working. This works best in most cities.

Councilmember Sparks made motion to approve Resolution No. 14-013.

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 Porter, Mayor Nelson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Tate.

19. Discussion and action concerning accepting donation of airplane hanger at Marlin Municipal Airport.

Mr. Fletcher explained the owner of the hanger rents the hanger out to another individual who pays him rent. He states after he pays taxes on the building and he is losing money therefore, he wishes to donate the hanger to the city.

Councilmember Sparks made motion to accept the hanger donation.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Tate.

20. Discussion and action concerning the Texas Rural Internship Programs (TRIP) interns for summer 2014.

Mr. Fletcher indicated that he has interviewed 2 candidates that are enrolled in the program and that the expense to the city is \$3,000 which is \$1,000 stipend a semester.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson made motion to approve the city participation in the Texas Rural Internship Program.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Tate.

21. Future Agenda Items.

Drainage, sidewalks, dilapidated houses, PD scheduling.

22. Adjourn.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson made motion to adjourn.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Tate.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 2014.



Elizabeth Nelson
Elizabeth Nelson, Mayor

Sandra Herring
Sandra Herring, City Secretary