

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FALLS
CITY OF MARLIN

On this the 12th day of August 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
Douglas Porter

STAFF

Richard 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 Douglas Porter and Scottie Henderson.
5. Citizens Input: Sam Bosnack, 403 Capps, Animal Rescue Plan. Michael Mayer, 1025 Walker, loud pipes, loud music, street paving. Rev. Waylon Sias. 909 Coleman, church family request racial policy, treat everyone fairly. Joan Palasota, 828 Southland, Thank you to City, possible bundle of property offer to investors.

6. Approval of minutes from July 8th, 2014.

Councilmember Morin made motion to approve minutes from July 8, 2014.

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 Porter, Mayor
Nelson

NAYS: None.

7. Public Hearing on Special Use Permit for Recreational Vehicle Camp in C-2 Zone at 1146 North Business Highway 6.

Open Public Hearing @ 5:43pm

- a. Speak in favor. Rich Chatmas, spoke on his interest in helping Marlin bring more business to the city.
- b. Speak in opposition. None
- c. Questions by Council. None

d. Close Public Hearing @ 5:46pm.

8. Discussion and action on Special Use Permit application for Recreational Vehicle Camp in C-2 Zone at 1146 North Business Highway 6.

Mayor ProTem Henderson made motion to approve the Special Use Permit.

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. Discussion and action on appointment of Planning and Zoning Commission member to fill vacancy.

Mr. Porter briefed the Council on the applicant and indicated that he would support that appointment.

Councilmember Morin made motion to appoint Mr. Henderson to the Planning and Zoning

Commission. Councilmember Porter seconded this motion. Discussion continued as to whether the

Council should act on the application for the vacancy or wait and get a recommendation from the

Commission. After that discussion, Councilmember Morin withdrew her motion and Councilmember

Porter withdrew his second. Councilmember Tate made motion to postpone this item until a

recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission was received. 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.

10. Hear representative(s) of Falls County Animal Rescue organization.

Terri Glover was present and spoke on behalf of the FARM. Information included the need for an animal shelter but lack of money to fund the operations. Changed focus to spay and neuter release program but needs City to enforce ordinance that is in place and recommends informing the public by mail and not by newspaper or internet. FARM sponsored a spay and neuter clinic vaccinating 74 animals. FARM will continue to work on animal issues.

11. Hear representative of Marlin Public Library (Hoagie Karels) Mr. Karels was present to to discuss the Library's need for additional funding. Current the library receives \$40,500 and is requesting \$52,000 for this next fiscal year. The contract between the City and the library was discussed and some of the required reporting was presented. The Mayor also requested a copy of the bylaws.

12. Discussion and action on appointment of outside auditor for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson made motion to approve Anderson Marx & Bolhs for the fiscal year 2013-2014 audit.

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.

13. Discussion and action on Streetlight Settlement Agreement with Oncor Electric.

Mr. Fletcher led discussion on the settlement from Oncor. The streetlight audit was fairly accurate but the wattage types were different then what the city was being invoiced for therefore resulting in a credit to the city.

Councilmember Morin made motion to accept the Streetlight Settlement with Oncor.

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.

14. Discussion and action on former Veteran's Affairs Hospital.

Mayor Nelson indicated that the city was not aware of the visit by the State Representatives Birdwell and Kacel and the State Health Department. Mayor Nelsons conversation with Birdwell indicated that the visit was to merely tour the facility with the Health Department as an option for the future. No action to be taken.

15. Discussion and action on Brush collection.

Discussion included the city's inability to keep up with the demand of the chipper truck. Options included public access to a brush site, once or twice a month pick up, and using an outside contractor to pick up the brush. No action to be taken.

16. Discussion and action on posting advertisement for City Manager.

Mr. Fletcher indicated that he has committed himself through the budget process and would like for the city to begin thinking about a replacement. He and Council discussed the content of the publication and Council requested his input. Mr. Fletcher indicated that it should be posted to the Texas City Managers Association and the Texas Municipal League.

17. Hear update on Falls Hill Limestone McLennan (FHLM) Water facility Study meeting.

Mr. Fletcher and Mayor Nelson indicated that the meetings with FHLM are progressing well and that the FHLM and surrounding areas were pleased to hear that Marlin could be a future water source.

18. Discussion and action on Ordinance No. 14-020, appoint Diane Michalk of falls County Tax Office to calculate the effective tax rate for 2014.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson made motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-020.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Scaggs, Councilmember Tate.

19. Discussion and action on Agreement for Tax Collection and Assessment for 2014-2015.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson made motion to approve the Agreement with Falls County.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Scaggs, Councilmember Tate.

20. Discussion and action on Employee Health Insurance Proposals.

Judy Spinks was present to discuss with Council the proposals that were submitted. The top 3 were Humana, Firstcare and TML. With the changes in the healthcare laws, all rates have increased throughout the healthcare industry. The city changed from a large group to a small group also reflecting an increase in renewal rate and cost to the employee's. After discussion with City staff and Mrs. Spinks, Firstcare became the focus. The coverage is comparable and it also decreased the cost to the city and the employees. Firstcare Option 3 was an HMO Plan and the City could offer a buy up to a Firstcare PPO Plan Option 5 for those who desired out-of-network health care.

Councilmember Morin made motion to accept Firstcare Option 3 and Option 5 as a buy up.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Scaggs, Councilmember Tate.

21. Budget workshop #1.

22. Future Agenda Items.

23. Adjourn.

Councilmember Sparks 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 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.



Elizabeth Nelson
Elizabeth Nelson, Mayor

Sandra Herring
Sandra Herring, City Secretary