

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF FALLS  
CITY OF MARLIN

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On this the 29th day of September 2014, the City Council of the City of Marlin, Texas convened in a SPECIAL CALLED 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 @ 5:42pm  
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 @ 5:33pm.
2. Roll Call by Sandra Herring.
3. Certify Posting in accordance with State Law by Sandra Herring.
4. Invocation & Pledge by Tommy Tate and Douglas Porter.

Council moved to Item 10.

10. Discussion and action on contract with Marlin Chamber of Commerce for Hotel Motel Tax Funds.

Council had brief discussion on the issue of a policy for the use of hotel motel tax funds and agreed that in order to move forward, there needed to be a policy developed.

Councilmember Porter made the motion to set a policy for the use of the hotel motel funds.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson seconded this motion.

Additional discussion included the expiration of the current contract with the Chamber of Commerce and that there could be no use of the funds moving forward. Councilmember Porter felt the need to extend to the Chamber \$1000 a month for operating expenses. Greg Barton, President of the Chamber, indicated that that amount would not cover the current operating expenses at roughly about \$2200 a month with utilities and salary.

Councilmember Porter made motion to allow the Chamber to pay building expenses and salaries only from the hotel motel funds account held by the Chamber of Commerce.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Morin

5. Discussion and action on Ordinance No. 14-022 Adoption of the 2014-2015 Municipal Budget.  
Councilmember Tate made motion to approve the adoption of Ordinance No. 14-022 the adoption of the 2014-2015 Municipal Budget.

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

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

NAYS: Councilmember Sparks

ABSENT: None.

6. Discussion and action on Ordinance No. 14-023 Adoption of 2014 Tax Rate.

Councilmember Tate made motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-023 the adoption of the 2014 Tax Rate and further move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 77.5 cents, which is effectively a 15.5% increase in the tax rate.

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

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

NAYS: Councilmember Sparks

ABSENT: None.

7. Discussion and action to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget.

Mr. Fletcher explained that state law requires a vote, separate from the one that adopts the budget and separate from the one that adopts the tax rate, to ratify the tax rate contained in the budget.

Councilmember Morin made motion to ratify the tax rate that is on the budget.

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

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

NAYS: None.

8. Discussion and action on Ordinance No. 14-024 establish Utility Rates effective October 1, 2014.

Councilmember Tate made motion to approve Ordinance No 14-024 establishing a utility rate effective October 1, 2014.

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

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

NAYS: None.

9. Discussion and action on Resolution No. 14-025 Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Grant for Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP).

Mr. Fletcher explained that the current beacon light is not functioning. The bulb has been replaced but wiring within the tower needs to be replaced. There are grant funds available through this program.

Councilmember Sparks made motion to approve Resolution No. 14-025.

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.

11. Future Agenda Items.

Court Computers, Radio Tower, and Tower Property.

12. Adjourn.

Councilmember Sparks made motion to adjourn.

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.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014.



*Elizabeth Nelson*  
Elizabeth Nelson, Mayor

*Sandra Herring*  
Sandra Herring, City Secretary