

On this the 10th day of March 2015, 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 @ 5:38pm
Douglas Porter

STAFF

Richard Fletcher, Interim City Manager
Sandra Herring, City Secretary

1. Call to Order by Mayor Nelson @ 5:32pm.
2. Roll Call by Sandra Herring.
3. Certify Posting in accordance with State Law by Sandra Herring.
4. Invocation by Billie Jean Scaggs & Pledge by Douglas Porter.
5. Citizens Input: Maggie Majors, 139 FM 147, review & distribute flyers to voters, voter cards. Neddie Moore, 609 Harter, communication barriers, redistricting changes.
6. Approval of minutes from February 10th and February 24th, 2015.
Councilmember Tate made motion to approve the minutes as presented.
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.
7. Hear representatives of Workforce Solutions Heart of Texas concerning LINK, the public transportation system connecting Marlin and Waco.

Julie Talbert was present and spoke to the Council about the grant they are currently operating under and the expiration of that grant being December 31, 2015. They are here to express their concern for the transportation of the citizens who have utilized the service to get to work and higher education facilities and how the expiration of the service would affect the community. Two options for extending the grant and to receive additional funding is to get local support either by monetary funding or by in-kind services with a range of possibilities from advertising to selling tickets.

The City Council discussed with Mrs. Talbert their concern of the bus service ending and the negative effect it would have on the community.

The Council has the desire to support the project however the City can.

The City sells bus passes, advertises at City hall and has also provided the LINK information on the City website.

8. Discussion and action concerning request to assume operation of East Marlin Water Supply system.

Mr. Fletcher discussed with Council that there were concerns with assuming the EMWS system without knowing the condition of the lines or existing meters. The City is already aware that the current master meter is not readable and that it is EMWS's responsibility to replace that meter but that ultimately the City is the one that is at loss due to that malfunction. Council informed Mr. Fletcher that KSA had discussed including the EMWS meters including their master meter in the Meter Replacement Project funded through TWDB in an effort to control that portion of the water loss.

Councilmember Porter made motion to install a new master meter for the EMWS system by whatever means necessary.

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.

9. Discussion and action to adopt a Hotel Occupancy Tax Policy for the City of Marlin.

Council had brief discussion about the policy which would allow organizations to apply for the use of hotel motel funds if it meets all of the outlined criteria.

Councilmember Sparks made motion to approve the adoption of the Hotel Motel Tax Policy.

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.

10. Discussion and action concerning dilapidated buildings at 428 Chambers Street.

Mr. Fletcher discussed the condition and the volume of debris this property would produce and that it could exceed \$4K to \$5K for the disposal. Council discussed ownership and Mr. Fletcher indicated that it was Falls County Trustee meaning that it belongs to the City, the County and the school district. Council discussed contacting the other entities for assistance with the cleanup of this property. No other action taken.

11. Discussion and action to upgrade sound system in Council Chambers/Municipal Courtroom with Court Technology Funds.

Mr. Fletcher explained that the sound system was original to the building and is not user friendly. He has found a fairly inexpensive option for replacement and is seeking Council approval.

Councilmember Sparks made motion to approve the \$1560 purchase from the Court Technology Fund.

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.

12. Future agenda items.

Water meters with EMWS customers. Redistricting, precinct lines.

13. Adjourn.

Councilmember Tate made motion to adjourn.

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.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 14TH DAY OF APRIL, 2015.



Elizabeth Nelson
Elizabeth Nelson, Mayor

Sandra Herring
Sandra Herring, City Secretary