

On this the 9th day of February, 2016, 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 - Absent
Neddie Moore
Billie Jean Scaggs
Norman Erskine
Douglas Porter

STAFF

Ken Knight, 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 by Sandra Herring.
4. Pledge by Elizabeth Nelson & Invocation by Douglas Porter.
5. Citizens Input.

Rev. Steve Johnson of Upper Zion Church, Drainage problems, possible interlocal with County.

CJ Westmoreland, 423 Norwood, request for audit, discounted water was great but would have liked an apology for inconvenience of water situation, employment practices, water plant not managed properly.

6. Discussion and take appropriate action, if necessary, on issuing a Request for Qualifications for contract engineering services.

Mr. Knight explained that it is normal practice for a municipality to request and review qualifying engineers periodically.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson made motion to approve advertising for RFP for Engineering Services.

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

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

NAYS: None.

7. Discussion and take appropriate action, if necessary, on funding for a narcotics dog for the Police Department.

Chief Eaglin was present to discuss with Council the proposed plan for the drug dog. Council expresses that with the issues on the table today, now is not the time to bring in another expense for the City. They understood the need but funding is not available at this time. Discussion continued with the currently option being utilized is the County drug dog at no cost to the City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson made motion to postpone this item for a future agenda.

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

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

NAYS: None.

8. Discussion and take appropriate action, if necessary, on appointing members of the Marlin Housing Authority.

Councilmember Morin made motion to appoint the board as recommended by the Housing Authority.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Moore.

9. Discussion and take appropriate action, if necessary, on accepting the communications tower from Falls County.

Mr. Knight indicated that it would be in the best interest of the City to accept the tower from the County due to expensive other options.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson made motion to accept the tower from the County.

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

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

NAYS: None.

10. Discussion and take appropriate action, if necessary, on nominating the members of a Charter Review Committee.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson expressed his concern about the process in which a charter review committee is to be appointed based on an article in a local newspaper of which our city attorney was advising another city.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson made motion to table until the February 16th and request the City Attorney be present.

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

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

NAYS: None

11. Staff Reports:

City Manager's Monthly Activity Report-Met with TCEQ-TCEQ demands spare parts on the shelf to prevent a future shutdown, Scada improvements, filter completion on Skid 200, mailing notice to citizens with explanation of incident, two operators per shift and one maintenance personnel per shift, along with other items listed. If the City does not comply there could be a possible takeover of the water operations by TCEQ.

Council expressed their disappointment that they themselves had no idea that the water plant was not an all new functioning plant. It was never explained to the Council that the new plant was constructed to utilized much of the old plant pre-treatment process and are outraged at that finding.

That bit of information was offered by TCEQ and not KSA Engineers. Council questioned Mr. Knight about what has been put in place to prevent this from happening again. Mr.

Knight indicated that training was a key part of keeping the plant operating along with qualified operators and the investigation of all the issues of the plant is far from over. Reports from the Fire Department, Public Works and Police Department were in your packet.

12. Council Issues.

Water issue is real and City will be doing business differently, cross training fire and police, engineering.

13. Future Agenda Items.

- a. City Charter – Charter Review Committee.
- b. Priorities, Goals and Objectives.

14. Adjourn.

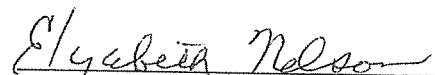
Councilmember Erskine made motion to adjourn, all in favor said I:


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

NAYS: None

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 8TH DAY OF MARCH, 2016.




Elizabeth Nelson, Mayor


Sandra Herring, City Secretary