

On this the 16th day of February, 2016, 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  
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 Rev. Steve Johnson and Invocation by Rev. F.A. Green.
5. Citizens Input.

Rev. Leo Green, Precinct 3 & 5, County Precinct 2 -338 Commerce- County will work with City on roads and ditches, in order to assist will need an interlocal agreement.

Fran Drake, 735 Fonville Dr - has had calls from classmates, 2 sides to story, is race an issue, cannot be if Marlin is going to move forward, lack of transparency, what monies for grants is used for.

Rev. Steve Johnson, 709 Harter- addressed Council about drainage, needs resolve. Wants ditches dug out.

Brenda Harris, 709 Bennett- wants city to prosper, keep property clean, rain results in ditches and property flooding, pot holes, brush not picked up, subject to environmental hazards, overgrown lots, asking for help, who will hold city responsible for failure to comply.

Craig Garrison, 606 N. Bus. Hwy. 6 – Good research on water plant by city manager, been to several meetings, all emergency calls should go through sheriff's office.

Sam Bosnick, 403 Capps – has lived in Marlin 25 years, look at your behavior, look up to all citizens, all of Marlin has problems, all of Marlin has drainage problems, see what we can do to work together.

**6. Discuss and take appropriate action, if necessary, on declaring for the LINK Bus service and committing City Support.**

Councilmember Morin made motion to support LINK in the Marlin community.

Councilmember Erskine 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. Discuss and take appropriate action, if necessary, on establishing priorities for City staff to focus upon.**

**Some possible priorities:**

- a.) Drainage**
- b.) Water**
- c.) Sewer**
- d.) Roads and Streets**
- e.) Recreation**
- f.) Other**

Discussion began with the question about a report from the engineer that visited the City in recent past that was accompanied by Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson, Councilmember Scaggs, City Manager Ken Knight, City Attorney Mike Dixon and the visiting drainage engineer. City would still like a report from that visit even if we have to pay for it. All seems to agree that order of priority is water, sewer, drainage and then streets. Council indicated they would like to see drainage on the March 8<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson made motion for the order of priority be water, sewer, drainage and streets. 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.**

- 8. Discuss and take appropriate action, if necessary, on establishing objectives for the next twelve (12) months for the City of Marlin and setting realistic achievable goals to serve as the measures as to whether or not the objectives have been met.**

Council discussed the same priorities as item 7 with Charter review discussion with City Attorney Mike Dixon. Mike indicated that there are several steps that need to be taken before introducing a Charter Review Committee. The Council needs to decide what areas of the Charter they would like to present to the committee for consideration and the Council also needs to appoint someone to be in charge of the committee or oversee the committee and that cannot be staff or Council. There are other things to consider prior to committee appointment.

**No action taken.**

- 9. Further Called Meeting Agenda Items.**

- a.) Progress on City Charter Review**
- b.) Priorities, Goals and Objectives**

- 10. Adjourn.**

**Councilmember Portor made motion to adjourn, all in favor said "I".**

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 12TH DAY OF JULY, 2016.**



*Elizabeth Nelson*  
Elizabeth Nelson, Mayor

*Sandra Herring*  
Sandra Herring, City Secretary