

On this the 26th day of July 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 Porter  
Norman Erskine  
Rose Morin @ 5:32pm  
Billie Jean Scaggs  
Scottie Henderson  
Neddie Moore

**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 by Sandra Herring.
4. Pledge by Elizabeth Nelson and Invocation by Neddie Moore.
  
5. Discussion and action to finalize contractual terms with MRB Gray Engineers. Mr. Fletcher informed the Council that the contract had been review by the City Attorney Mike Dixon and that Supplemental Terms and Conditions have been included and agreed upon by MRB Gray.  
After brief discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Porter made motion to approve the contract with MRB Gray as presented with supplement.  
Councilmember Erskine seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:  
AYES: Councilmember Morin, Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember Scaggs, Councilmember Erskine, Mayor Pro-Tem Porter, Mayor Nelson.  
NAYS: None.
  
6. Discussion and action to appoint auditor for 2015-2016 fiscal year.  
Councilmember Morin made motion to appoint Anderson Marx and Bohls for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

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

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

NAYS: None.

7. Discussion and action to appoint Building Code Board.

Mr. Fletcher explained that the City has a current ISO rating of 10 which is not favorable. In order for that to improve, the City Council needs to appoint a Building Code Board and adopt updated Building Codes to increase safety for the citizens. The recommendation of the ISO is to have registered design professionals in all fields of architectural/building, structural engineering, mechanical and plumbing engineering/contractor, electrical engineering/electrical contractor, fire protection engineering/contractor. It is noted that the City will have to go out of the City's jurisdiction to find these trade types.

Mayor Pro-Tem Porter made motion to have the Mayor bring back suggested names for the next regular meeting.

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

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

NAYS: None.

8. Budget Workshop.

Mr. Fletcher began his discussion going through the General Fund revenue and expenses pointing out that the taxable property values have increased by approx. \$3mil., sales tax has decreased by 2% over the last 6 months, adding a part time contract labor janitor and the real need to properly fund the street department for road repairs. He then moved to the Water Fund revenue and expenses beginning with the anticipated water and sewer sales along with other items to mainly stay the same. Increasing the debt payments due to the new bond. Then significant change to the expenses on the water fund are the changes at the water plant. The much needed 2 man shifts have added six new employees at the water plant and that will need to be funded somehow as well as the increasing cost at the sewer plant that are not funded properly based on the income vs. the cost of operating the sewer plant. Looking at the debt service with payments out to 2042 and principle debt of \$15,325,000. Mr. Fletcher continued by adding that the PUC has stated that they have

completed their obligation to the City and relayed their findings to city staff. Mr. Fletcher will check to see if Superior Management will address the Council at a later meeting.

15. Adjourn.

Councilmember Morin made motion to adjourn, all in favor said "Aye":

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

**NAYS:** None.

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2016.**



*Elizabeth Nelson*  
Elizabeth Nelson, Mayor

*Sandra Herring*  
Sandra Herring, City Secretary