

On this the 16th day of August, 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  
Scottie Henderson  
Rose Morin  
Neddie Moore  
Billie Jean Scaggs  
Norman Erskine

**STAFF**

Richard Fletcher, Interim City Manager  
Danica Lewis, City Clerk

1. Call to Order by Mayor Nelson @ 5:30pm.
2. Roll Call by Danica Lewis.
3. Certify Posting in accordance with State Law by Danica Lewis.
4. Pledge by Neddie Moore and Invocation by Rose Morin.
5. Discuss, consider and adopt Resolution No. 2016-015 to designate engineering service provider for the 2016 Texas CDBG Fund contract (dam repair).  
Due to the lack of time to evaluate, this item will be moved to September meeting.

6. Discussion and action on group health insurance proposals.

Judy Spinks from Insurors of Texas was present to speak to the Council. City Health coverage was put out to market and most declined to bid due to three large claims pending increasing our claims rate by 42%. Current is \$281.48 employee only rate, proposed new rate is \$365.55 employee only rate. There are several Firstcare Plan options ranging from a higher deductible such as \$3,000, \$4,000 or \$5,000 or moving to a plan of greater employee out of packet such as a 75/25 or 60/40.

Council discussed staying with the current plan.

Councilmember Morin made motion to continue with the current health insurance plan by Firstcare.

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. Budget Workshop.**

**Items discussed – PUC Rate Study, Department of Labor FLSA salary threshold changes, water meters, water and sewer rates, raises, problem with contractors, debt services, water rehab, gravel and asphalt, tax rate, citations and health insurance.**

**8. Discussion and action on setting a proposed ad valorem tax rate and scheduling two required public hearings.**

**Councilmember Erskine made motion to advertise ad valorem tax rate of .82717 and set two public hearings with first on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm and second on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**

**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.**

**9. Discussion and action on scheduling a public hearing on the 2016-2017 Budget.**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Porter made motion to advertise September 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm as a set date for the public hearing on the 2016-2017 Budget.**

**Councilmember Morin 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.**

**10. Adjourn.**

**Councilmember Erskine 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 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.



*Elizabeth Nelson*  
Elizabeth Nelson, Mayor

*Sandra Herring*  
Sandra Herring, City Secretary