

On this the 6th day of September, 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 - Absent
Neddie Moore
Billie Jean Scaggs
Norman Erskine

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 Norman Erskine.**

Mr. Fletcher began by stating that the budget presented is based on the proposed tax rate of \$0.82717. It allows for the insurance increase, grant matching funds and 3 percent cost of living increase.

5. **Conduct Public Hearing (second) on proposed ad valorem tax rate of \$0.82717 per \$100 valuation for Tax Year 2016.**

Entered Public Hearing at 5:35pm

Mayor asked for Public input. None.

Left Public Hearing at 5:36pm

Mr. Fletcher indicated that the budget has been balanced and will require the adoption for a water rate increase. We were present with the results of a water rate survey of which reflected a great rate increase then what we should impose all at one time. Mr. Fletcher is recommending an 11 percent water increase with a 36 percent sewer increase to meet

the current needs of the water system. The proposed budget includes additional personnel at the water plant and equipment required by TCEQ.

6. Conduct Public Hearing on proposed FY 2016-2017 budget.

Entered Public Hearing at 5:42pm

Mayor asked for Public input. None.

Left Public Hearing at 5:43pm

7. Discussion and action on proposed FY 2016-2017 budget.

Councilmember Erskine made motion to adopt the FY 2016-2017 budget with no changes at the September 15th Meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Porter seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Morin.

8. Discussion and action on second reading for Ordinance No. 2016-008, Court of Record.

Judge Lessman was present and is recommending the Court of Record in accordance with Chapter 30 of the Local Government Code.

Councilmember Henderson questioned Section 6, regarding the Council appointing the Court Clerk. Judge Lessman indicated that historically the appointment has been done by administration.

Due to conflicting language Councilmember Henderson moved to table this item.

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

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

**NAYS: Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Henderson,
Councilmember Scaggs.**

ABSENT: Councilmember Morin.

Motion failed.

Continuing discussion by Judge Lessman and Councilmember Henderson lead to agreeing that Section 6 would be addressed at the time a recommendation could be made for the Court Clerk appointment.

Councilmember Moore made motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-008.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Morin.

**9. Discussion and action on first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-016, Traffic Control
Devises at Winter/Monroe/Railroad Crossing.**

Mr. Fletcher indicated that the changes made at the intersection were required by the Railroad. The railroad is installing new crossing lights and must be at a right angle. Council indicated that the additions to the intersection need to be better marked with something taller making it easier to see.

Councilmember Henderson made motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-016.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Morin.

10. Adjourn.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Morin.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.



Elizabeth Nelson
Elizabeth Nelson, Mayor

Sandra Herring
Sandra Herring, City Secretary