

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016  
6:30 PM

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Chairman Eric Neal called the Regular meeting to order in the Commission Chambers, City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN: Eric Neal, District 3

COMMISSIONERS:

Gloria Moon, District 1  
LaDarius Carter, District 4  
Larry Hurta, District 6

Michael Mitchell, District 2  
Vernia Calhoun, District 5  
Doug Lewis, District 7

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Agnor, City Manager  
J.C. Hughes, Public Services Director  
Jack Redmon, Support Services Director  
Wes Morrison, Planning & Development Director  
Elaine Altman, City Secretary/Finance Director  
Carolyn Howard, Tourism & Promotions Director

Todd Fitts, City Attorney  
Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief  
Eddie Campa, Police Chief

CHAIRMAN NEAL PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING AGENDA FOR THE PRE-COMMISSION PUBLIC WORK SESSION:

- I. ITEMS LISTED ON THE CITY COMMISSION AGENDA AND EMERGENCY ITEMS, IF POSTED.
- II. REQUESTS BY THE CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA.
- III. CITY MANAGER REPORTS.
- IV. ADJOURNMENT

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Commissioner Carter

277. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Narcie Crosby, 211 N. Bolivar, spoke regarding the proposed City budget and the allocation of funding.

Jana Hernandez, 5182 Buck Sherrod Road, spoke in support of a new animal shelter.

Cassandra James, 1307 Julie Street, spoke in opposition of a new animal shelter and in support of the renovations to community centers in the City of Marshall.

Ken Moon, 2701 W. Francis, spoke in opposition of the amount of funding allocated for a new animal shelter and stated that the City needs to focus on human needs such as cooling stations.

Gail Keyes, 503 S. Carter, spoke against a new animal shelter and recommended investing money in spaying and neutering animals instead.

Nick Crenshaw, Box 6-406 ETBU, spoke in support of a new animal shelter.

David McCarty, 259 Briarwood Trace, spoke in support of a new animal shelter.

Amanda Smith, 38 Pine Burr Circle, spoke in favor of a new animal shelter. She also stated there are numerous volunteers willing to support the shelter.

Charlene Anderson, 1308 Molule Street, spoke in support of a new animal shelter.

Jaime Parkinson, 706 Harper Drive, spoke regarding the ADA and accessible parking at City parks.

278. **ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

279. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Moon made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

- A. Consider approval of the minutes from the August 11, 2016 Regular meeting.
- B. Consider approval of a contract with Univar USA of Kent, Washington to furnish Caustic Soda for surface water treatment for the City of Marshall.
- C. Monthly financial report.
- D. Code Enforcement report.

280. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. Public Hearing on proposed budget for the 2017 fiscal year and action to adopt the budget or continue consideration of the budget to a future meeting.

Chairman Eric Neal opened the public hearing.

Mary Cooper, 213 Yvonne Street, expressed her concerns regarding the salary increases for police and fire and not for other City employees and questioned whether the appropriate fund is being used to pay for City projects.

Leo Morris, 505 S. Carter, stated that he supports revenue producing entities versus a new animal shelter and suggested placing the animal shelter on a ballot.

Ed Smith, 38 Pine Burr Circle, stated he supports the proposed funding for a new animal shelter.

Jaime Parkinson, 706 Harper Drive, stated that the community needs to work together on needed City projects.

Chairman Eric Neal closed the public hearing.

**Chairman Neal made a motion to continue consideration of the budget to a future meeting. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0**

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

281. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING A ZONING CHANGE FOR A .477 ACRE TRACT OF LAND FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-3) TO GENERAL BUSINESS (C-3). THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF U.S. 59, NORTH OF THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, SOUTH OF SIXTH AND SMALL STREETS.

Wes Morrison, Planning & Development Director, stated there were no changes regarding this Ordinance.

**Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to approve the Ordinance regarding a zoning change for a .477 acre tract of land from Single Family Residential (R-3) to General Business (C-3). The subject property is generally located on the west side of U.S. 59, north of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way, south of Sixth and Small Streets. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0. (Commissioner Hurta was not present for this vote.)**

282. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27, SECTION 27-15.3 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD "NO PARKING ON SHOULDERS OF STATE OF TEXAS HIGHWAYS INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS".

Todd Fitts, City Attorney, stated there were no changes regarding this Ordinance.

**Commissioner Carter made a motion to approve the Ordinance amending Chapter 27, Section 27-15.3 of the City Code of Ordinances to add, "Prohibit heavy trucks from parking on public property anywhere in the City, including streets, highways, or rights-of-way." Commissioner Moon seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

**RESOLUTION**

283. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED TAX RATE OF \$0.542160 PER \$100 OF VALUATION AND VOTING TO PLACE AN ACTION ITEM TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE ON A FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA.

Lisa Agnor, City Manager, asked for approval of a Resolution announcing a proposed tax rate of \$0.542160 per \$100 of valuation and voting to place an action item to adopt the tax rate on a future Commission agenda, which will be Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

**Commissioner Moon made a motion to approve the Resolution announcing a proposed tax rate of \$0.521460 per \$100 of valuation and voting to place an action item to adopt the tax rate on a future Commission agenda. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR CITY COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

284. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A TWENTY-YEAR DRAINAGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN TO BE USED TO DETERMINE FUTURE FUNDING NEEDS OF A MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM IN ORDER TO ADDRESS DRAINAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL.

J.C. Hughes, Public Services Director, asked for approval of a twenty-year Drainage Capital Improvements Plan to be used to determine future funding needs of a Municipal Drainage Utility System in order to address drainage system improvements in the City of Marshall.

Commissioners asked questions of J.C. Hughes regarding this item.

**Chairman Neal made a motion to approve a twenty-year Drainage Capital Improvements Plan to be used to determine future funding needs of a Municipal Drainage Utility System in order to address drainage system improvements in the City of Marshall. Commissioner Hurta seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0. (Commissioner Lewis was not present for this vote.)**

285. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO AWARD A BID FOR A NEW DIGITAL RADIO SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF MARSHALL.

Lisa Agnor asked for approval to award a bid for a new digital radio system for the City of Marshall to Faith Communications of Marshall, Texas at a cost of \$449,367.00.

Commissioners asked questions of Randy Pritchard, IT Technician/Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, regarding this item

**Commissioner Carter made a motion to approve awarding a bid for a new digital radio system for the City of Marshall to Faith Communications of Marshall, Texas at a cost of \$449,367.00. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion.**

The Commission engaged in discussion regarding this item.

**This item passed with the following vote:**

**Ayes: 5, Chairman Neal, Commissioners Carter, Lewis, Moon and Calhoun**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstain: Commissioners Hurta and Mitchell**

286. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF THE CREATION OF A NEW ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL.

Commissioner Moon stated her reasons for requesting this item.

Commissioners asked questions of Carolyn Howard, Tourism & Promotions Director, regarding this item.

287. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

288. **REQUESTS FROM COMMISSIONERS FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

There were no requests for items to be placed on future agendas.

289. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Moon made a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Hurta seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

**APPROVED:**

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**Chairman of the City Commission  
of the City of Marshall, Texas**

**ATTEST:**

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**City Secretary**

**Ordinances: O-16-16**

**O-16-17**

**Resolution: R-16-14**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP – DISCUSSION OF THE 2017 DRAFT BUDGET**