

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016
6:00 PM

Chairman Eric Neal called the Regular meeting to order in the Commission Chambers, City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN: Eric Neal, District 3

COMMISSIONERS:

Michael Mitchell, District 2

LaDarius Carter, District 4

Vernia Calhoun, District 5

Garrett Boersma, District 6

Ed Smith, District 7

ABSENT: Gloria Moon, District 1

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Agnor, City Manager

Todd Fitts, City Attorney

J.C. Hughes, Public Services Director

Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief

Jack Redmon, Support Services Director

Eddie Campa, Police Chief

Wes Morrison, Planning & Development Director

Debbie Manuel, Acting City Secretary/Finance Director

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Commissioner Carter

46. **PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Beverly Joseph, 219 Beth Ann Drive, spoke in opposition of building a new animal shelter but stated that the existing building needs to be brought up to state standards.

Elaine Slaughter, 4100 Victory Drive, presented a video and expressed her opinion that it would be a waste of money to add on to the existing shelter.

Leta Kay, 1100 E Bowie, spoke in support of building a new animal shelter.

Cindy Duncan, stated that she is proud of Marshall and spoke in support of a new animal shelter.

Mara Hartsell, spoke in support of building a new animal shelter.

Gail Beil, 500 Henley Perry, spoke in support of building a new animal shelter.

An unidentified speaker spoke in support of a new animal shelter facility.

Lee Disotell, spoke in support of the animal shelter.

Ronnie Foster, 605 Harper Drive, spoke in support of a new animal shelter but feels that donations should be asked for in order to construct it.

Evelyn Sepulvado, Buck Sherrod Road, stated that the City needs a new animal shelter.

Lynelle Carmony, 3201 S. Washington, spoke regarding funding for the animal shelter and education of animal care.

Nancy Stone, 1113 Larry Drive, spoke in support of building a new animal shelter but was not in favor of putting it on the ballot.

Chris Frazier, no address provided, stated that it is his opinion that the City should invest in its youth as well as its animals.

Brenda McVicker, Alice Calloway Road, spoke in favor of a new animal shelter.

Dameon Jones, 200 Merritt Avenue, spoke in support of a new animal shelter facility.

Nancy Stone, 1113 Larry Drive, spoke a second time regarding funding for a new animal shelter.

Mrs. Charles Wilson, 706 Whetstone Street, thanked the Commission for their efforts, and stated that this is not the time for an animal shelter.

Ginger Gordon, spoke in support of a new animal shelter.

Leo Morris, 505 S. Carter, spoke in opposition of a new animal shelter. He stated that now is not the time for a new animal shelter that it should be looked into at a later date.

Benjamin Cohen, spoke in support of a new animal shelter facility.

Chris Slaughter, 4100 Victory Drive, spoke in support of a new animal shelter.

Debbie Rodgers, 836 Old Leigh Island Road, spoke in favor of a new animal shelter.

Dudley Snyder, stated that the City should address the animal shelter issue in two phases; animal control and then, funded separately, an adoption facility.

Ryan Fason, stated that the City and County should work together towards an animal shelter, and asked what the proposed electronic sign would be used for.

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

There were no items withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

48. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Boersma made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the January 28, 2016 Regular meeting.

B. Consider approval of a contract with the Harrison County Elections Administrator for the May 7, 2016 General Election.

C. Presentation of a report regarding equipment items to be purchased for the Marshall Police Department with funds received from the 2015 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant.

PRESENTATION

49. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE OPERATIONS OF THE LONGMONT, COLORADO ANIMAL SHELTER FACILITY.

Commissioner Smith stated that due to technical difficulties a video presentation on the Longmont, Colorado Animal Shelter could not be presented.

Amanda Smith spoke regarding the operations and programs of the Longmont, Colorado Animal Shelter facility.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE

50. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL AT THE RATE OF ONE-EIGHTH (1/8TH) OF ONE PERCENT TO CONTINUE PROVIDING REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL STREETS. THE TAX EXPIRES ON THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DATE OF THIS ELECTION UNLESS THE IMPOSITION OF THE TAX IS REAUTHORIZED.

Lisa Agnor, City Manager, stated that she had no additional information for the second reading of this Ordinance.

Commissioner Calhoun made a motion to approve the Ordinance calling for a special election for the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Marshall at the rate of one-eighth (1/8th) of one percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion, which passed with vote of 6:0.

Commissioner Smith spoke regarding this agenda item.

ORDINANCE

51. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A BOND ELECTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ANIMAL SHELTER FACILITY.

Commissioner Smith asked to combine items 7A, 7A-1, 8A, 9A and 9D.

Commissioner Smith stated his reasons for asking for the Ordinance calling for a bond election regarding construction of a new Animal Shelter facility and funding of the project.

Commissioner Boersma stated that he believes there is a broad consensus in the community and among the Commissioners that the animal shelter needs to be addressed.

Commissioner Boersma made a motion to resolve to move forward, in good faith, to adopt a timeline that he prepared and work toward making a decision on improving our animal shelter facility as quickly as possible. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

The Commission engaged in discussion regarding this item.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Ayes 5: Chairman Neal, Commissioners Carter, Boersma, Mitchell and Smith

Nays 0:

Abstain 1: Commissioner Calhoun

52. DISCUSSION OF AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ORDINANCE AND THE FUNDING OF THE PROJECT.

This item was discussed with items 7A, 8A, 9A and 9D.

RESOLUTIONS

53. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION REGARDING THE POSSIBLE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION FOR A NEW ANIMAL SHELTER FACILITY.

This item was discussed with items 7A, 7A-1, 9A and 9D.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR CITY COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

54. DISCUSSION OF AND CONSIDERATION OF REPAIRS/RENOVATIONS TO THE EXISTING CITY OF MARSHALL ANIMAL SHELTER FACILITY.

This item was discussed with items 7A, 7A-1, 8A and 9D.

55. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO AWARD A BID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONCRETE SLAB AT THE MARSHALL POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING FACILITY.

Lisa Agnor asked for approval to award a bid for the construction of a concrete slab at the Marshall Police Department Training Facility to RVP Construction, Inc., as the low bidder, at a cost of \$70,777.00.

Commissioner Carter made a motion to award a bid for the construction of a concrete slab at the Marshall Police Department Training Facility to RVP Construction, Inc. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 6:0.

56. DISCUSSION OF AND CONSIDERATION OF A STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF AN OUTDOOR ELECTRONIC SIGN FOR CITY HALL.

This item was withdrawn.

57. REPORT FROM STAFF REGARDING WHAT THE MINIMUM OPERATIONAL COSTS WOULD BE FOR A NEW ANIMAL SHELTER FACILITY.

This item was discussed with items 7A, 7A-1, 8A and 9A.

58. REPORT REGARDING INCOME/EXPENSES OF THE OAKLAWN MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE AND A DISCUSSION REGARDING THE GOLF COURSE AND ITS OPERATIONS.

This item was withdrawn.

59. **CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE
CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

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

- Report regarding income/expenses of the Oaklawn Municipal Golf Course and a discussion regarding the golf course and its operations.
- Report regarding the status of the renovation of Memorial City Hall.
- Report regarding the status of the sale of alcohol at the Oaklawn Municipal Golf Course.
- Report regarding the status of renovations to Smith Park.
- Report regarding estimated costs to renovate Smith Park and Lions Park.
- Report from the Memorial City Hall community panel.
- Report regarding the status of the Historical Museum Veterans Exhibit in Memorial City Hall.

Lisa Agnor reminded the Commission of the next Clean Sweep on February 20, 2016.

Commissioner Calhoun congratulated the Main Street Program for gaining national recognition.

61. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Carter made a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.

APPROVED:



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

ATTEST:



Acting City Secretary

Ordinance: O-16-03