

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL  
APRIL 28, 2022  
6:00 PM

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Mayor Amy Ware called the Regular meeting to order in the Council Chambers, City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Amy Ware, District 4

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Marvin Bonner, District 1  
Jennifer Truelove, District 3  
Amanda Abraham, District 6

Leo Morris, District 2  
Vernia Calhoun, District 5  
Micah Fenton, District 7

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Christol Hall, HR Manager  
Eric Powell, Public Works Director  
Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney  
Daniel Duke, Tourism & Cultural Arts Director  
Nikki Smith, City Secretary/Payroll Accountant  
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Superintendent  
Garnett Johnson, Community Development Director

Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief  
Dawn Jones, Finance Director  
Cliff Carruth, Police Chief

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Mayor Ware

105. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no Citizen Comments.

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 **ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Item B was withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

107. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the April 14, 2022 Regular meeting.

C. Fire Department Activity Report.

D. Police Department Activity Report.

E. Monthly Financial Report.

**ORDINANCE**

108. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO OFFENSES AND ESTABLISHING A CURFEW FOR MINOR**

CHILDREN; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Cliff Carruth, Police Chief, highlighted information regarding an ordinance establishing a curfew for minor children. Cliff Carruth stated various community groups asked for this ordinance and it will be a tool to address the increase in juvenile crime within the community.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed. The ordinance will have exceptions to allow for extracurricular activities, work, etc. for juveniles and will be reviewed in three (3) years.

**Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve an ordinance amending provisions of the Code of Ordinances relating to offenses and establishing a curfew for minor children; providing for penalties; providing for publication and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

RESOLUTION

109. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE EFFECTIVE DATE PROPOSED BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY TO INCREASE RATES UNDER THE GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FOR FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN A COALITION OF CITIES KNOWN AS THE "ALLIANCE OF CENTERPOINT MUNICIPALITIES".

Scott Rectenwald, City Attorney, explained the reasoning for the resolution asking to suspend the effective date proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., Beaumont/East Texas Division ("CenterPoint") for forty-five (45) days in its application filed on or about March 3, 2022 pursuant to section 104.301 of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act. Scott Rectenwald stated this would allow the Herrera Law Firm time to evaluate the rate increase.

**Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve suspending the effective date proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., Beaumont/East Texas Division ("CenterPoint") for forty-five (45) days. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

110. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO REMOVE DAVID WILLARD, INTERIM CITY MANAGER, AS AN APPROVED BANK SIGNATORY ON TENDER FOR PAYMENT AND ADD TERRELL SMITH, CITY MANAGER.

Dawn Jones, Finance Director, asked for approval of an amended resolution removing David Willard, Interim City Manager, as an approved bank signatory on tender for payment and add Terrell Smith, City Manager with an effective date of May 2, 2022.

**Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve the resolution, as amended, removing David Willard, Interim City Manager, as an approved bank signatory on tender for payment and add Terrell Smith, City Manager with an effective date of May 2, 2022. Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

111. **DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE VACANT STRUCTURE REGISTRATION ORDINANCE.**

Councilmember Calhoun stated her reasons for requesting this item.

Garnett Johnson, Community Development Director, provided information regarding the status of the Vacant Structure Registration ordinance. Garnett Johnson stated the form is being updated to meet the needs of the City and what services can be provided.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

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

B. Public Works Activity Report.

Councilmember Calhoun stated her reasons for withdrawing this item.

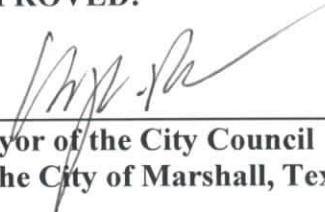
Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

**Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve Item B from the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

113. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilmember Truelove made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor of the City Council  
of the City of Marshall, Texas

ATTEST:

  
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City Secretary

Ordinance: O-22-11  
Resolutions: R-22-12  
R-22-13