

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020
6:00 PM

Mayor Terri Brown called the Regular meeting to order in the Commission Chambers, City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Terri Brown, District 3

COMMISSIONERS:

Marvin Bonner, District 1
Amy Ware, District 4
Larry Hurta, District 6

Leo Morris, District 2
Vernia Calhoun, District 5
Doug Lewis, District 7

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Rohr, City Manager
Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Superintendent
Glenna Williams, Acting City Secretary/Finance Director
Eric Powell, Public Works Director
Stormy Nickerson, Management Analysis/Communications Coordinator
Nikki Smith, Deputy City Secretary/Payroll Accountant

Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief
Cliff Carruth, Police Chief

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Mayor Brown

167. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

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 **ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Items C and D were withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

169. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the July 23, 2020 Regular meeting.

B. Street Sweeping Activity Report.

RESOLUTIONS

170. **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION CALLING THE REMAINING OUTSTANDING CITY OF MARSHALL COMBINATION TAX & LIMITED SURPLUS REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2010 AND CITY OF MARSHALL LIMITED TAX NOTE, SERIES 2018 FOR REDEMPTION PRIOR TO MATURITY; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.**

Mark Rohr, City Manager, asked for approval of a resolution calling the remaining outstanding City of Marshall Combination Tax & Limited Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2010 and City of Marshall Limited Tax Note, Series 2018 for redemption prior to maturity. He explained the remaining balances and interest rates; and stated the savings to the City would be approximately \$58,000 from interest rates alone.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

Commissioner Bonner made a motion to approve a resolution calling the remaining outstanding City of Marshall Combination Tax & Limited Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2010 and City of Marshall Limited Tax Note, Series 2018 for redemption prior to maturity. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

171. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET.

Mark Rohr asked for approval of a resolution setting a public hearing on the fiscal year 2021 budget on August 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Hurta made a motion to approve a resolution setting a date and time for a public hearing on the fiscal year 2020 budget. Mayor Brown seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

ORDINANCE

172. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF MARSHALL, TEXAS LIMITED TAX NOTE, SERIES 2020; LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX AND PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY FOR AND PAYMENT OF SAID NOTE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

Mark Rohr presented an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Marshall, Texas Limited Tax Note, Series 2020; levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said note; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.

Eric Powell, Public Works Director, provided a list of 14 building projects to be funded utilizing funds from this tax note.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

Mark stated \$1,000,000 would be used for building improvements; \$750,000 for downtown redevelopment, in line with the Mobilize Marshall Plan; and \$45,000 for issuance. The Tax Note will be secured by Chase with a 1.16% interest rate. Mark explained this will all be done without raising taxes.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

John Martin, Financial Advisor with Hilltop Securities, stated six (6) bids were requested for the Tax Note and five (5) were received, with Chase offering the lowest rate.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Marshall, Texas Limited

Tax Note, Series 2020; levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said note; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with the following vote:

**Ayes: 6, Mayor Brown, Commissioners Morris, Calhoun, Ware, Bonner and Hurta
Nays: 1, Commissioner Lewis**

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE

173. CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP REGARDING A REZONING A PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 24.166 ACRES OF LAND IN THE A. LANGFORD SURVEY A- 400, FROM A-E (AGRICULTURE AND ESTATE) TO PD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT). THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF SOUTH WASHINGTON AVENUE BETWEEN OAKLEY DRIVE AND ALICE HOPE ROAD, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3409 WASHINGTON AVENUE.

Mayor Brown stated Wes Morrison, Community & Economic Development Director, informed her there was no new information regarding this item.

Commissioner Calhoun made a motion to approve an ordinance amending the official zoning map regarding a 24.166 acre tract of land in the A. Langford Survey A- 400, from A-E (Agriculture and Estate) to PD (Planned Development). Mayor Brown seconded the motion, which passed with the following vote:

**Ayes: 6, Mayor Brown, Commissioners Calhoun, Lewis, Morris, Bonner and Hurta
Nays: 1, Commissioner Ware**

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

C. Municipal Court Activity Report.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve Item C of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Bonner seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

D. Consider approval of a contract with the Harrison County Election Administrator for the November 3, 2020 Elections.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

Commissioner Calhoun made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion, which passed with the following vote:

**Ayes: 4, Mayor Brown, Commissioner Calhoun, Morris and Bonner
Nays: 3, Commissioners Lewis, Ware and Hurta**

175. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. An Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code under Section 551.074 Personnel Matters: Annual evaluation of Municipal Court Judge.

Commissioner Calhoun made a motion to convene into Executive Session. Commissioner Bonner seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0. The time was 7:00 p.m.

The Commission reconvened from Executive Session. The time was 7:52 p.m.

Commissioner Lewis left prior to adjournment.

176. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

APPROVED:



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

ATTEST:



Deputy City Secretary

**Ordinances: O-20-20
O-20-21
Resolutions: R-20-13
R-20-14**