

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021  
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:

Mark Rohr, City Manager  
Christol Hall, HR Manager  
Eric Powell, Public Works Director  
Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney  
Veronique Ramirez, Main Street Manager  
Jasmine Rios, Communications Coordinator  
Nikki Smith, City Secretary/Payroll Accountant  
Mallori James, Tourism & Cultural Arts Director  
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Superintendent  
Fabio Angell, Community & Economic Development Director

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Mayor Ware

208. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Reba Godfrey, 509 Wesson St., asked the Council to consider partnering with Christus Good Shepherd for a swimming pool for the elderly and for additional funding to be allocated for street repairs.

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 **ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Item E was withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

210. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Councilmember Abraham 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 August 12, 2021 Regular meeting.
- B. Public Works Activity Report (Public Works Director)
- C. Fire Department Activity Report. (Fire Chief)
- D. Police Department Activity Report. (Police Chief)
- F. Monthly Financial Report. (Finance Director)

**PUBLIC HEARING**

211. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR AND ACTION TO ADOPT THE BUDGET OR CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET TO A FUTURE MEETING.

Mayor Ware opened the public hearing.

Reba Godfrey, 509 Wesson St., asked for additional funding to be allocated for street repairs.

Christina Anderson, 211 W. Austin, Marshall Depot Inc. volunteer, asked for funding to be allocated for the depot.

Mayor Ware closed the public hearing.

Dawn Jones, Finance Director, provided scenarios for various tax rates stating, after her discussion with the Harrison County Appraisal District, she recommended either option C or D.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

Mayor Ware provided a summary of the discussion stating all Council members were supportive of option C, 0.567160 tax rate, to include increases in salaries for the Fire Department, HR software, cemetery upkeep, training for various departments, funding for the Depot and Airport Park.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE**

212. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER MAKING A ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO SECTION 19 ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS" AND SECTION 21 ENTITLED "PERMITTED USES".

Fabio Angell, Community & Economic Development Director, asked for approval of a zoning ordinance text amendment specifically related to Section 19 entitled "Definitions" and Section 21 entitled "Permitted Uses" to allow for zoning changes in the downtown area.

Mayor Ware opened the public hearing.

Scott Carlile stated he requested this item in order to start a distillery downtown and was available for any questions.

Council members asked questions of Mr. Carlile.

Mayor Ware closed the public hearing.

Scot Barmore, Fire Marshal, stated the ordinance was in order with the Fire Code and he could respond to any questions.

**Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve a zoning ordinance text amendment specifically related to Section 19 entitled "Definitions" and Section 21 entitled "Permitted Uses". Councilmember Truelove seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

**ORDINANCE**

213. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO PURSUE CULTURAL DISTRICT RECOGNITION BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION OF THE ARTS; MAKING THE AUTHORIZATION SET FORTH HEREIN CONTINGENT ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Veronique Ramirez, Main Street Manager, explained the importance of a Cultural District and asked for approval of an ordinance designating a geographic area in downtown as a Cultural District.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

**Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve an ordinance designating a geographic area in downtown as a Cultural District. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

**RESOLUTION**

214. 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 COUNCIL AGENDA.

This item was withdrawn.

215. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN ADOPTION OF CITY OF MARSHALL PARKS MASTER PLAN 2021-2031 FOR THE CITY OF MARSHALL.

Mark Rohr, City Manager, introduced Kyle Stevens, Stevens Engineering, who provided information regarding the City of Marshall Parks Master Plan 2021-2031 for the City of Marshall.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

Mark Rohr explained the State requests this plan and asked for approval of a resolution authorizing the submission of an adoption of City of Marshall Parks Master Plan 2021-2031 for the City of Marshall.

**Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the submission of an adoption of City of Marshall Parks Master Plan 2021-2031 for the City of Marshall. Councilmember Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

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

216. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RECOMMENDATION FOR USE OF CHILD SAFETY FEES.

Dawn Jones introduced Roxanne Stevenson, Executive Director of The Martin House Children's Advocacy Center, who provided a brief presentation on how these funds will be used if awarded to The Martin House.

**Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve awarding funds to The Martin House Children's Advocacy Center for child abuse prevention. Councilmember Calhoun withdrew her motion.**

Scott Barmore provided information regarding an ordinance stating these funds should be allocated to the Police and Fire Departments. Dawn Jones stated this item would need to be tabled in order to research and possibly amend the ordinance.

217. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE CAUSTIC SODA FOR USE IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PROCESS

Eric Powell, Public Works Director, stated the City received two bids for Caustic Soda for use in the City's surface water treatment process. He asked for approval of award a contract to Harcros Chemicals, Inc. in the amount of \$0.3395 per dry pound to provide Caustic Soda to the City of Marshall Water Treatment Plant.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

**Councilmember Fenton made a motion to approve awarding a contract to Harcros Chemicals, Inc., in the amount of \$0.3395 per dry pound, to provide Caustic Soda to the City of Marshall Water Treatment Plant. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

218. PRESENTATION OF A FIVE-YEAR PLAN REGARDING WATER AND WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Eric Powell provided a cost breakdown of a five-year plan regarding water and wastewater capital improvements, addressing the major and most critical issues first.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

Mark Rohr stated this plan has been presented previously and was being updated to include federal funds.

Council members engaged in further discussion.

219. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

E. Community & Economic Development Activity Report. (Community & Economic Development Assistant Director)

Councilmember Bonner stated his reasons for pulling this item.

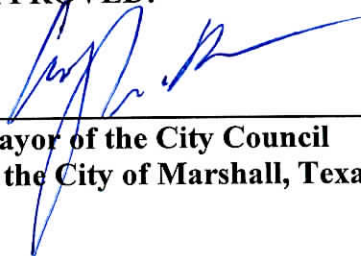
Council members asked questions and discussed.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilmember Abraham 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**

**Ordinances: O-21-17**

**O-21-18**

**Resolutions: R-21-18**