

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020  
6:00 PM

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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  
Doug Lewis, District 7

Leo Morris, District 2  
Vernia Calhoun, District 5

ABSENT: Larry Hurta, District 6

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Rohr, City Manager  
Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney  
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Superintendent  
Wes Morrison, Community & Economic Development Director  
Glenna Williams, Acting City Secretary/Finance Director  
Eric Powell, Public Works Director  
Stormy Nickerson, Management Analysis/Communications Coordinator  
Rachel Chapman, Main Street Manager  
Cherilyn Johnston, HR Manager  
Nikki Smith, Deputy City Secretary  
Cliff Carruth, Police Chief

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Commissioner Bonner & Mayor Brown

177. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Roxanne Stevenson, Executive Director of the Martin House Child Advocacy Center, asked the Commission to consider awarding the Child Safety Fees to the Center.

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 **ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

179. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Consider approval of the minutes from the August 13, 2020 Regular meeting.
- B. Monthly financial report.

180. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. Public Hearing on proposed budget for the 2021 fiscal year and action to adopt the budget or continue consideration of the budget to a future meeting.

Mark Rohr, City Manager, highlighted three goals for the upcoming year: 1. Enhance services to the citizens, 2. Perpetuate the Mobilize Marshall Plan and 3. Improve compensation to employees. He stated the tax rate will remain unchanged, appropriations for dilapidated buildings will be enhanced, the City's portion for the Firefighters' retirement plan will be increased and City equipment will be replaced. Mark explained the predominant theme is to grow Marshall, which hasn't grown in 70 years.

Commissioners engaged in discussion.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing.

No one came forward to speak.

Mayor Brown closed the public hearing.

**Commissioner Calhoun made a motion to continue consideration of the budget to a future meeting. Mayor Brown seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.**

**ORDINANCE**

181. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 ANNUAL BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION.**

Glenna Williams, Acting Finance Director, asked for approval of an Ordinance amending the 2020 Annual Budget to appropriate funds to pay off the 2010 GO debt.

Mark Rohr stated this item was approved at the previous meeting and the amendment is a procedural matter needed to amend the budget.

**Commissioner Ware made a motion to approve an Ordinance amending the 2020 Annual Budget to appropriate funds for projects approved by the City Commission. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0**

**RESOLUTION**

182. **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.**

Glenna Williams 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 Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

**Commissioner Calhoun made a motion to approve the 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. Commissioner Bonner seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.**

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

183. **REPORT REGARDING THE 2020 WONDERLAND OF LIGHTS EVENT.**

Wes Morrison, Community & Economic Development Director, explained the decision reached by the Events and Facility Committee regarding the 2020 Wonderland of Lights event.

Rachel Chapman, Main Street Manager, informed the Commission of the modified schedule of events including a virtual opening ceremony, walking tour and self-guided reverse lighted parade with virtual voting. Rachel stated the outdoor market and Wassail Walk will still take place but would have enhanced cleaning and social distancing.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

Mark Rohr emphasized the Wonderland of Lights event would see modification – not cancellation.

184. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE HARRISON COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTIONS.**

Glenna Williams, Acting City Secretary, asked for approval of an amendment to the contract with the Harrison County Election Administrator for the November 3, 2020 elections.

Commissioners engaged in discussion regarding this item.

**Commissioner Ware made a motion to approve an amendment to the contract with the Harrison County Election Administrator for the November 3, 2020 elections. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion, which passed with the following vote:**

**Ayes: 4, Mayor Brown, Commissioners Ware, Lewis and Bonner  
Nays: 2, Commissioners Calhoun and Morris**

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

There were no items withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

186. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**APPROVED:**

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

**ATTEST:**

*Deputy* *N. Smith*  
City Secretary

**Ordinance: O-20-22**  
**Resolution: R-20-15**