

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020  
6:00 PM

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Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Lewis called the Regular meeting to order in the Commission Chambers, City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS:

Marvin Bonner, District 1	Leo Morris, District 2
Amy Ware, District 4	Vernia Calhoun, District 5
Larry Hurta, District 6	Doug Lewis, District 7

ABSENT: Terri Brown, District 3

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Rohr, City Manager	Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief
Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney	Cliff Carruth, Police Chief
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	
Nikki Smith, Deputy City Secretary/Payroll Accountant	

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis

203. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Sara Whitaker, 3235 E. Loop 390, spoke in favor of Marshall becoming a sanctuary city for the unborn.

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 **ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

205. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Consider approval of the minutes from the September 10, 2020 Regular meeting.
- B. Monthly financial report.
- C. Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Harrison County for the Wonderland of Lights.
- D. Consider approval of a recommendation for use of Child Safety Fees.

206.

**PROCLAMATION**

- A. Presentation of a proclamation designating the week of October 4 – 10, 2020 as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Marshall – theme this year is “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!!”

Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis read a proclamation designating the week of October 4 – 10, 2020 as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Marshall, Texas. He presented the proclamation to Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

207. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, TEXAS FOR THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR.

Mark Rohr, City Manager, stated there were no changes to this item.

**Commissioner Calhoun made a motion to approve an ordinance to adopt the Annual Budget of the City of Marshall, Texas for the 2021 Fiscal Year. Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.**

208. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AFFIXING AND LEVYING 2020 AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL FOR THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR AT A RATE OF \$0.542160 PER \$100 OF PROPERTY VALUE.

Mark Rohr stated there were no changes to this item.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis moved to adopt/ratify a tax rate of \$.0.542160 as this year’s proposed tax rate does not exceed the no-new-revenue tax rate. Commissioner Bonner seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.**

209. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 31 “WATER AND SEWER” ARTICLE III, TITLED, “INDUSTRIAL WASTES” BY DELETING SECTIONS 31-18 THROUGH 31-31 AND REPLACING THEM WITH NEW SECTIONS 31-18 THROUGH 31-32.

Eric Powell, Public Works Director, stated there were no changes to this item.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a motion to approve an ordinance of the City of Marshall, Texas amending Chapter 31”Water and Sewer” Article III, titled, “Industrial Wastes”. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.**

210. 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, stated there were no changes to this item.

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

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

211. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN EXPENDITURE IN EXCESS OF \$50,000 AS AN INCENTIVE FOR PROJECT COMPOSITE.

This item was withdrawn.

212. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – COVID FUNDS.

Wes Morrison, Community & Economic Development Director, provided highlights of the Small Business Grant program stating the funding of \$75,000 would come from CDBG-COVID Funds. Once approved, grant applicants can receive up to \$2,500 in reimbursement for COVID related purchases made for their small business. Wes stated the loan program is for small business owner's to apply for a loan up to \$10,000 for COVID related expenses.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a motion to approve a Small Business Grant program by the CDBG-COVID Funds. Commissioner Hurta seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.**

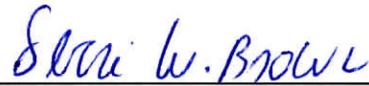
213. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

214. ADJOURNMENT

**Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis 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:

  
Acting City Secretary

Ordinances: O-20-23  
O-20-24  
O-20-25  
O-20-26