

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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

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

Mallori James, Tourism & Cultural Arts Director

Stormy Nickerson, Management Analysis/Communications Coordinator

Cherilyn Johnston, HR Manager

Nikki Smith, Deputy City Secretary/Payroll Accountant

Cliff Carruth, Police Chief

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Commissioner Hurta & Mayor Brown

226. **RECESS TO CONDUCT THE CITY OF MARSHALL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TRUST MEETING**

The Regular City Commission Meeting was recessed to conduct the City of Marshall Employee Benefits Trust Meeting. The time was 6:05 p.m.

227. **RECONVENE THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

The Regular City Commission Meeting reconvened. The time was 6:24 p.m.

228. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

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 **ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

No items were withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

230. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Consider approval of the minutes from the October 1, 2020 Special-Called meeting and the October 8, 2020 Regular meeting.
- B. Monthly financial report.
- C. Consider approval of investment report for the third quarter of 2020.

### **PROCLAMATION**

231. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH".

Mayor Brown read a proclamation declaring the month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month".

### **RESOLUTION**

232. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ABANDONMENT OF AN EASEMENT COVERING TEN ACRES IN THE HENRY J. TEAL SURVEY.

Eric Powell, Public Works Director, asked for approval of a resolution authorizing the abandonment of an easement covering ten acres in the Henry J. Teal Survey.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

**Commissioner Hurta made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the abandonment of an easement covering ten acres in the Henry J. Teal Survey. Commissioner Bonner seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

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

233. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PHASE 2 OF THE 2020 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Eric Powell stated four bids were received for Phase 2 of the 2020 Street Improvement Program. He asked for approval to award a contract to Rayford's Truck & Tractor at a cost of \$597,385.50.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

Eric stated if any funds remained the list of streets would be expanded. He stated three components for street improvement are being utilized; asphalt overlay, pulverization and reconstruction, and mill and fill.

**Mayor Brown made a motion to approve awarding a contract to Rayford's Truck & Tractor for Phase 2 of the 2020 Street Improvement Program. Commissioner Ware seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

234. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE NORTH WASHINGTON AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT.

Eric Powell stated three bids were received for the North Washington Avenue Streetscape Project. He asked for approval to award a contract to Casey Slone Construction at a cost of \$375,800.

Mark Rohr, City Manager, provided a timeline for this project. Construction will begin on December 28, 2020 after Wonderland of Lights and is to be complete within four months. There will be a \$500 per day penalty for not completing the project on schedule.

Eric stated the Streetscape Improvement Project will be ADA compliant and will result in new sidewalks, trash cans, benches, lights, etc.

**Commissioner Calhoun made a motion to approve awarding a contract to Casey Slone Construction for the North Washington Avenue Streetscape Project at a cost of \$375,800. Commissioner Bonner seconded the motion, which passed with the following vote:**

**Ayes: 6, Mayor Brown, Commissioners Calhoun, Bonner, Ware, Morris and Hurta**

**Nays: 1, Commissioner Lewis**

235. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SMALL BUSINESS GRANT FUND APPLICATIONS.

Mallori James, Tourism & Cultural Arts Director, explained the purpose of the grant and asked for approval of the applications to award \$2,500 to both Luxury Nails and Spa, and Central Perks.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

**Mayor Brown made a motion to approve the applications for Small Business Grant Funds to Luxury Nails and Spa, and Central Perks. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

236. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

237. ADJOURNMENT

**Commissioner Lewis made a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Hurta seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

**APPROVED:**

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

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Deputy City Secretary**

**Resolution: R-20-19**