

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022
6:00 PM

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:

David Willard, Interim City Manager
Heather Wallace, HR Coordinator
Eric Powell, Public Works Director
John Clark, Planner/GIS Technician
Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney
Daniel Duke, Tourism & Cultural Arts Director
Nikki Smith, City Secretary/Payroll Accountant
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Superintendent

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Mayor Ware

38. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no Citizen Comments.

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 **ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Item B was withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

40. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the February 7, 2022 Special-Called meeting and the February 10, 2022 Regular meeting.

C. Fire Department Activity Report.

D. Police Department Activity Report.

E. Community & Economic Development Activity Report.

F. Consider approval of the Texas Subdivision and Special District Election and Release Form regarding the Texas settlement agreement against Teva.

G. Consider approval of investment report for the fourth quarter of 2021.

ORDINANCES

41. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE III – WRECKER SERVICE OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Cliff Carruth, Police Chief, highlighted changes to Chapter 30, Article III – Wrecker Service of the Code of Ordinances sections 3-112 and 30-116. Cliff Carruth asked for approval of amendments to Chapter 30, Article III – Wrecker Service of the City of Marshall Code of Ordinances.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 30, Article III – Wrecker Service of the City of Marshall Code of Ordinances. Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.

42. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27, ARTICLE IA - PARKING GENERALLY OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Cliff Carruth stated Marshall Independent School District requested a “No Parking Zone” on Five Notch Road from Dunbar Street south to the dead end beside the Marshall High School parking lot and, if approved, will announce one week prior to the effective date. Cliff Carruth asked for approval of an ordinance amending Chapter 27, Article IA - Parking Generally of the City of Marshall Code of Ordinances.

Councilmember Truelove arrived at this point in the meeting.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 27, Article AI – Parking Generally of the City of Marshall Code of Ordinances. Councilmember Truelove seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

43. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11A EMERGENCY ALARMS OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Cliff Carruth asked for approval of an ordinance amending Chapter 11A Emergency Alarms of the City of Marshall Code of Ordinances to reflect current practices such as a reduced fee for senior citizens, the 12 month renewal date and the option to pay online.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 11A Emergency Alarms of the City of Marshall Code of Ordinances. Councilmember Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

44. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19A-2 – CITY MARSHAL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL CODE OF ORDINANCES.

This item was withdrawn.

45. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A ONE-TIME SIGNING BONUS FOR POLICE OFFICERS.

This item was withdrawn.

RESOLUTIONS

46. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THE 2022 CITY GENERAL ELECTION FOR DISTRICTS 6 AND 7.

Nikki Smith, City Secretary, stated Councilmembers Abraham and Fenton are unopposed for the upcoming May 7, 2022 General Election. Nikki Smith asked for approval of a resolution canceling the General Election for Districts 6 and 7 and declaring Councilmembers Abraham and Fenton elected.

Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve a resolution canceling the General Election for Districts 6 and 7 and declaring Councilmembers Abraham and Fenton elected. Councilmember Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

47. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS FOR THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION.

Nikki Smith asked for approval of a resolution announcing the appointment of Election Officers for the 2022 General Election.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve the resolution announcing the appointment of Election Officers for the 2022 General Election. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

48. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MARSHALL POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE 2023 BUDGET YEAR.

Cliff Carruth stated the Police Department would like to apply for \$37,650 in funding for a 3D laser scanner under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. Cliff Carruth stated this is a 100% grant and asked for approval of a resolution authorizing the Marshall Police Department to apply for this grant.

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Marshall Police Department to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the 2023 budget year. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

49. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MARSHALL POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE RIFLE RESISTANT BODY ARMOR GRANT PROGRAM (BAGP).

Cliff Carruth asked for approval to apply for \$64,220 in funding for equipment in compliance with the Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant Program (BAGP) for the 2023 grant year. Cliff Carruth stated this is a 100% grant.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Marshall Police Department to apply for funding under the Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant Program (BAGP). Councilmember Truelove seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

50. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE POLICE CHIEF TO OFFER A ONE-TIME SIGNING BONUS OF \$2,500 TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS WITH A MINIMUM OF ONE-YEAR EXPERIENCE.

This item was withdrawn.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

51. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PRESENTATION PROVIDING EMPLOYEES THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENROLL IN A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN WITH EQUITABLE HOLDINGS INC. (EQH).

Heather Wallace, HR Coordinator, introduced Nathan Bach and Wes Roan with Equitable Holdings Inc. (EQH) who presented information regarding an opportunity for employees to enroll in a deferred compensation plan with Equitable Holdings Inc. (EQH).

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Bonner made a motion to approve offering employees the opportunity to enroll in a deferred compensation plan with Equitable Holdings Inc. (EQH). Councilmember Truelove seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

52. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE ALLOCATION OF 2022 HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS.

Daniel Duke, Tourism & Cultural Arts Director, explained the process and asked for approval of 2022 Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax allocations that were recommended by the Visit Marshall Advisory Board.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve the allocation of 2022 Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax funds as recommended by the Visit Marshall Advisory Board. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

53. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE VISIT MARSHALL BOARD.

Daniel Duke asked for approval of Vivian Lewis to the Visit Marshall Board.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve the recommendation for appointment to the Visit Marshall Board. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

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

B. Public Works Activity Report.

Councilmember Bonner stated his reasons for withdrawing this item.

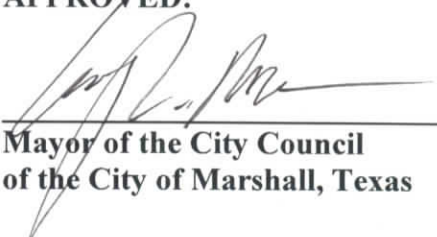
Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve Item B from the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

55. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Abraham made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

APPROVED:



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

ATTEST:



City Secretary

**Ordinances: O-22-06
O-22-07
O-22-08
Resolutions: R-22-04
R-22-05
R-22-06
R-22-07**