

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021
6:00 PM

Mayor Terri Brown called the Regular meeting to order in the Council Chambers, City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Terri Brown, District 3

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Marvin Bonner, District 1

Amy Ware, District 4

Amanda Abraham, District 6

Leo Morris, District 2

Vernia Calhoun, District 5

Micah Fenton, District 7

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Rohr, City Manager

Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney

Randy Pritchard, Support Services Superintendent

Eric Powell, Public Works Director

Mallori James, Tourism & Cultural Arts Director

Stormy Nickerson, Management Analysis/Communications Coordinator

Nikki Smith, City Secretary/Payroll Accountant

Jasmine Rios, Communications Coordinator

Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief

Cliff Carruth, Police Chief

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Councilmember Bonner & Mayor Brown

36. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

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 **ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Item C was withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

38. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the February 11, 2021 Regular meeting.

B. Public Works Activity Report.

D. Police Department Activity Report.

RESOLUTIONS

39. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION FOR DISTRICTS 1, 2 AND 4.**

Nikki Smith, City Secretary, asked for approval of a resolution calling for the cancellation of the City General Election for Districts 1, 2 and 4 as these

rices are unopposed. This resolution also declares the re-election of Council members Bonner, Morris and Ware to the position of Councilmember for Districts 1, 2 and 4.

Councilmember Bonner made a motion to approve a resolution calling for the cancellation of the City General Election for Districts 1, 2 and 4 and declaring the re-election of Council members Bonner, Morris and Ware to the position of Councilmember for Districts 1, 2 and 4. Mayor Brown seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

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

This item was withdrawn.

41. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE AUTHORIZED CITY OF MARSHALL REPRESENTATIVES AT TEXPOOL.

Mark Rohr, City Manager, asked for approval of a resolution to update the authorized City of Marshall representatives at TexPool.

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve a resolution to update the authorized City of Marshall representatives at TexPool. Councilmember Ware seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

42. PRESENTATION OF AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE 2020 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT FOR THE MARSHALL POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Cliff Carruth, Police Chief, spoke regarding legislative history of racial profiling laws and the three methods available to the public for filing a complaint regarding racial profiling. He then presented the 2020 Racial Profiling Report which was prepared by Del Carmen Consulting. He stated the Marshall Police Department is in compliance.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

43. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH PETE MCCARTY OIL COMPANY, INC. TO PROVIDE FUEL FOR THE CITY OF MARSHALL.

Eric Powell, Public Works Director, asked for approval of an extension to the contract with Pete McCarty Oil Company, Inc. to provide fuel for the City of Marshall. He stated the cost would remain the same.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve an extension to the contract with Pete McCarty Oil Company, Inc. to provide fuel for the City of Marshall. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

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

Rush Harris, Executive Director MEDCO, asked for approval of an expenditure in excess of \$50,000 as an incentive for Project Composite. He stated this project would provide 40 new jobs for the community.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve an expenditure in excess of \$50,000 as an incentive for Project Composite. Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

After the vote Rush Harris revealed the name of the company, Tietek Global, LLC.

45. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SMALL BUSINESS GRANT FUND APPLICATIONS.

Mark Rohr stated this process was to aid businesses impacted by the ongoing pandemic. He asked for approval of the completed applications received between January 20, 2021 and February 12, 2021.

Councilmember Fenton made a motion to approve the application for KK'S Embroidery for \$2,500. Mayor Brown seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

Councilmember Ware made a motion to approve the application for Ed's Sports Center Designs for \$2,500. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

Councilmember Fenton made a motion to approve the application for East Texas Office Supplies, Inc. for \$2,500. Councilmember Ware seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

Councilmember Bonner made a motion to approve the application for The Tortilla Factory for \$2,500. Councilmember Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

Mayor Brown made a motion to approve the application for Green's Professional Services for \$2,500. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve the application for Cole's Garage for \$2,500. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

46. REPORT ON 2021 WINTER STORM RESPONSE.

Mark Rohr stated the Local Emergency Declaration for the winter storm has expired. Eric Powell provided a report on the response to the 2021 winter storm. He detailed the occurrence of events faced by City Staff and stated 16 of the 50 leaks still needed to be repaired.

Council members and Mark Rohr thanked the citizens and City Staff for their efforts during this winter storm.

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

C. Fire Department Activity Report.

Councilmember Calhoun stated her reasons for pulling this item.

Health Department Inspection Reports will be added to the Consent Agenda.

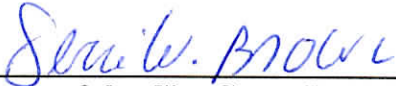
Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve Item C of the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

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ADJOURNMENT


Councilmember Morris made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Fenton 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

**Resolutions: R-21-07
R-21-08**