

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL  
THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021  
6:00 PM

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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:

Mark Rohr, City Manager  
Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney  
Dawn Jones, Finance Director  
Eric Powell, Public Works Director  
Jasmine Rios, Communications Coordinator  
Nikki Smith, City Secretary/Payroll Accountant  
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Superintendent  
Fabio Angell, Community & Economic Development Director  
Stormy Nickerson, Community & Economic Development Assistant  
Director

John Best, Police Captain  
Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Mayor Ware

164. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mack Guice, II, 1205 Spring Street, spoke regarding his concerns for the Spring Street and Sanford Street community.

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 **ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Item C was withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

166. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the June 24, 2021 Regular meeting.

B. Street Sweeping Activity Report.

**PRESENTATION**

167. **PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS.**

Mayor Ware presented a certificate and gift of appreciation to Mr. Ed Hoffman, Mr. John Endicott, and Mrs. Eva Oliver for their volunteer service to the City of Marshall.

### PUBLIC HEARING

168. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A PETITION OF ALL OF THE LANDOWNERS WITHIN SAID AREA TO ANNEX A 126.51 ACRE TRACT OF LAND IN THE JOSEPH FIELDS SURVEY, A-249, HARRISON COUNTY TEXAS DESCRIBED IN THAT WARRANTY DEED WITH VENDOR'S LIEN FROM WILLIAM L. MARTIN TO PINEY LAND I, L.L.C. DATED MARCH 18, 2021, AND FILED FOR RECORD UNDER INSTRUMENT NO. 2021-000003026, SAVE AND EXCEPT THE APPROXIMATELY TEN ACRES IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID 126.51 ACRES THAT IS ALREADY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF PLAT MAINTAINED BY THE CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Fabio Angell, Community & Economic Development Director, provided information regarding a petition of all of the landowners within said area to annex a 126.51 acre tract of land in the Joseph Fields Survey, A-249, Harrison County Texas. He stated this was the third step in the four step process.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

Mayor Ware opened the public hearing.

No one came forward to speak.

Mayor Ware closed the public hearing.

### ORDINANCE

169. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL ANNEXING A 126.51 ACRE TRACT OF LAND IN THE JOSEPH FIELDS SURVEY, A-249, HARRISON COUNTY TEXAS DESCRIBED IN THAT WARRANTY DEED WITH VENDOR'S LIEN FROM WILLIAM L. MARTIN TO PINEY LAND I, L.L.C. DATED MARCH 18, 2021, AND FILED FOR RECORD UNDER INSTRUMENT NO. 2021-000003026, SAVE AND EXCEPT THE APPROXIMATELY TEN ACRES IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID 126.51 ACRES THAT IS ALREADY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF PLAT MAINTAINED BY THE CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

**Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Marshall annexing a 126.51 acre tract of land in the Joseph Fields Survey, A-249, Harrison County Texas. Councilmember Truelove seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

### CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

170. HOSPITAL STUDY GROUP REPORT.

Mark Rohr, City Manager, stated the Hospital Services Study Group committee was formed to meet and discuss options available for expanding hospital services.

Dr. Jim Harris, Health Services Study Group Chair, provided information regarding the meetings held by the Study Group.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

Brett Kinman, Christus Marshall Administrator, provided information on the profitability and quality of hospital services available.

Council members engaged in further discussion.

171. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SMALL BUSINESS GRANT FUND APPLICATIONS.

Fabio Angell provided an update regarding total expenditures and asked for approval of the completed application received between June 1, 2021 and June 25, 2021. He stated there is funding for ten (10) more businesses.

**Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve the application for Downtown Girls & Brother for \$2,500. Councilmember Truelove seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

172. FOLLOW UP REPORT ON 2021 WINTER STORM EVENT.

City Staff provided a report on the response to the 2021 winter storm which included:

- Possible implementation of a Perpetual Emergency Reserve Fund
- Purchases of four-wheel drive vehicles going forward
- Maintenance of generators at City Facilities
- Suggested, but not required, improvements to new construction in the Building Code

173. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN EXPENDITURE IN EXCESS OF \$50,000 AS AN INCENTIVE FOR PROJECT MARSHALL BUSINESS & EDUCATION.

Rush Harris, Executive Director MEDCO, asked for approval of an expenditure in excess of \$50,000 as an incentive for Project Marshall Business & Education. He stated this project was brought before MEDCO by East Texas Baptist University.

**Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve an expenditure in excess of \$50,000 as an incentive for Project Marshall Business & Education. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

After the vote Rush Harris read a letter from Dr. Blackburn.

174. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

C. Consider approval of dismissal of Visit Marshall Board member and Keep Marshall Beautiful Board member.

Councilmember Bonner stated his reasons for pulling this item.

Council members engaged in discussion.

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

175. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**APPROVED:**



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

**ATTEST:**



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**City Secretary**

**Ordinances: O-21-14**