

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021
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
Amanda Abraham, District 6

Vernia Calhoun, District 5
Micah Fenton, District 7

ABSENT: Leo Morris, District 2
Jennifer Truelove, District 3 (excused Motion: Abraham Second: Fenton
Vote: 4:0)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

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

Cliff Carruth, Police Chief
Christol Hall, HR Manager

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Mayor Ware

176. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no Citizen Comments.

177. ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Item B was withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

178. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Fenton made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4:0.

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the July 8, 2021 Regular meeting.

C. Fire Department Activity Report.

D. Police Department Activity Report.

E. Community & Economic Development Report.

- F. Consider approval of a resolution authorizing the Marshall Police Department to apply for the 2021 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant.

PRESENTATION

179. PRESENTATION OF THE KEEP MARSHALL BEAUTIFUL BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2021.

Mallori James, Tourism & Cultural Arts Director, stated the City of Marshall has partnered with Keep Marshall Beautiful and the Greater Marshall Chamber of Commerce for the “Beautification Awards”, to recognize residential and commercial properties in the city limits of Marshall.

Mallori James presented a certificate to the winners for the month of July; residential property at 3005 Victory Drive owned by Bobby & Tersa Mace & the commercial property 314 S. Lafayette Street owned by Julie J. Simmons, who was unable to attend.

Councilmember Calhoun arrived at this point in the meeting.

180. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS.

Mayor Ware presented a certificate and gift of appreciation to Mr. Ken Poindexter, Mr. Charlie Oliver and Ms. Ruby Pye for their volunteer service to the City of Marshall. Mr. Oliver and Ms. Pye were unable to attend.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE

181. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM A&E (AGRICULTURE AND ESTATE) TO C-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) LOCATED IN THE 600 BLOCK OF MARTIN LAKE ROAD.

Fabio Angell, Community & Economic Development Director, asked for the approval of an ordinance amending the official zoning map from A&E (Agriculture and Estate) to C-3 (General Business). He stated the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the change by a vote of 5:0.

Mayor Ware opened the public hearing.

No one came forward to speak.

Mayor Ware closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve an ordinance amending the official zoning map from A&E (Agriculture and Estate) to C-3 (General Business). Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5:0.

RESOLUTION

182. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE AS PART OF A COALITION OF CITIES IN PROCEEDINGS TO BE HELD BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS RELATED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSE BILL 1520; AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ATTORNEYS AND CONSULTANTS; DIRECTING THE ACTIVITIES OF LAWYERS AND CONSULTANTS REGARDING THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S HB 1520 PROCEEDINGS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF REASONABLE LEGAL AND CONSULTANT EXPENSES TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

Eric Powell, Public Works Director, asked for approval of a resolution authorizing the City to participate as part of a Coalition of Cities in proceedings to be held by the Railroad Commission of Texas related to implementation of House Bill 1520. He stated this resolution allows the attorneys to speak on behalf of the City, giving us a voice at the Railroad Commission's HB 1520 proceedings. The estimated cost of legal expenses is \$3,054.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the City to participate as part of a Coalition of Cities in proceedings to be held by the Railroad Commission of Texas related to implementation of House Bill 1520; authorizing the hiring of attorneys and consultants; directing the activities of lawyers and consultants regarding the Railroad Commission's HB 1520 proceedings; requiring reimbursement of reasonable legal and consultant expenses to the extent allowed by law. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5:0.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

183. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) TRUCKS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION & COLLECTION DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Eric Powell asked for approval of the purchase of two (2) 2021 Ford F-350 4x4 Crew Cab trucks from Marshall Ford at a cost of \$101,250 for the Distribution & Collection Division of the Public Works Department. He stated the new trucks will replace aged units that are beyond repair and will have additional equipment added on at a later date, which will cost under \$50,000.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) 2021 Ford F-350 4x4 Crew Cab trucks from Marshall Ford at a cost of \$101,250. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5:0.

184. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE IN EXCESS OF \$50,000 AT THE MARSHALL BUSINESS PARK.

Rush Harris, Executive Director MEDCO, asked for approval of a property development expenditure in excess of \$50,000 at the Marshall Business Park.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve a property development expenditure of \$2,830,000 at the Marshall Business Park. Councilmember Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5:0.

185. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

B. Public Works Activity Report.

Councilmember Bonner stated his reasons for pulling this item.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Bonner made a motion to approve Item B of the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5:0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

186. AN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE UNDER SECTION 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND DELIBERATE SALE OF PROPERTY.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to convene into Executive Session. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5:0. The time was 6:40 p.m.

The Council reconvened from Executive Session, the time was 6:54 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NECESSARY

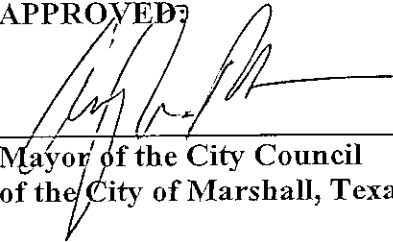
187. CONSIDER DIRECTION TO CITY STAFF REGARDING PROPERTY DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve the bid for 307 N. Alamo and put the other two (2) properties back out for bid as discussed in Executive Session. Councilmember Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5:0.

188. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5:0.

APPROVED:



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

ATTEST:



City Secretary

Ordinance: O-21-15
Resolutions: R-21-14
R-21-15