

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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
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
Christol Hall, HR Manager
Anna Lane, Library Director
Eric Powell, Public Works Director
Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney
Jasmine Rios, Communications Coordinator
Nikki Smith, City Secretary/Payroll Accountant
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Superintendent
Fabio Angell, Community & Economic Development Director
Garnett Johnson, Community & Economic Development Assistant Director

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Councilmember Morris

250. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

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 **ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Item B was withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

252. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Bonner 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 September 23, 2021 Regular meeting.
- C. Street Sweeping Activity Report.
- D. Municipal Court Activity Report.
- E. Report regarding needed appointments to the various City boards, commissions, and committees.
- F. Consider approval of Small Business Grant Fund Applications.

- G. Consider approval of a resolution regarding contributions of Child Safety Fees to The Martin House Children's Advocacy Center.

PRESENTATION & PROCLAMATION

253. PRESENTATION OF THE KEEP MARSHALL BEAUTIFUL BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

Anna Lane, Library Director, stated the winners of the Keep Marshall Beautiful Beautification Award for the month of October are; residential property at 808 Wildwood Terrace owned by Dal & Susanne Smith & the commercial property 100 E Travis Sullivan Funeral Home, who were unable to attend.

Anna Lane stated there are two (2) more months for this award for 2021.

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

Mayor Ware presented a proclamation declaring the month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" to Heather Miller, Rural Outreach Advocate for the Women's Center of East Texas.

255. REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF THE 2020 CENSUS AND DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS.

Scott Rectenwald, City Attorney, introduced Professor Mike Morrison, who provided a redistricting report for the City of Marshall. Professor Mike Morrison stated Districts 5, 6 and 7 do not require any changes.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Professor Mike Morrison will return at a future meeting with recommendations for changes to Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4.

ORDINANCE

256. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 GARBAGE, TRASH, AND WEEDS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, REVISING THE SCHEDULE OF REFUSE RATES, PROVIDING FOR MONTHLY CHARGES, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2022.

Eric Powell, Public Works Director, asked for approval of a 3% rate increase effective January 1, 2022 as allowed by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) annual adjustment provided for in the Solid Waste Contract with Republic Services.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve amending Chapter 14, Garbage, Trash, and Weeds of the Code of Ordinances, revising the schedule of refuse rates, providing for monthly charges, and establishing an effective date of January 1, 2022. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

257. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS.

Dawn Jones, Finance Director, asked for approval of an ordinance amending the 2021 Annual Budget for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Dawn Jones stated Public Works anticipates needing \$750,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year for various projects.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve an ordinance amending the 2021 Annual Budget for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

258. PRESENTATION BY AGENT FOR PROPERTY REGISTRATION SERVICE.

Fabio Angell, Community & Economic Development Director, introduced Michael Halpern, CEO of MuniReg LLC. Michael Halpern provided a presentation regarding the in-house versus outsourcing advantages and disadvantages of managing a Vacant Property Registration.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

259. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

B. Public Works Activity Report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

260. AN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE UNDER SECTION 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS: ANNUAL EVALUATION OF CITY MANAGER.

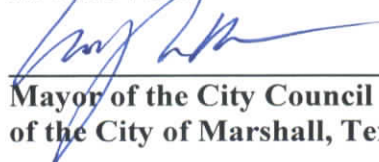
Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to convene into Executive Session. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0. The time was 7:55 p.m.

The Council reconvened from Executive Session, the time was 9:09 p.m.

261. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Abraham 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-21-22

O-21-23

Resolutions: R-21-22