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Members
Amy Ware, District 4 - Mayor
Marvin Bonner, District 1
Leo Morris, District 2
Jennifer Truelove, District 3
Reba Godfrey, District 5
Amanda Abraham, District 6
Micah Fenton, District 7

MINUTES
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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 22, 2024
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Amy Ware called the Regular meeting to order in the Council Chambers, City Hall at 06:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor and Council Members:
Mayor Amy Ware
Councilmember Marvin Bonner
Councilmember Leo Morris
Councilmember Reba Godfrey
Councilmember Amanda Abraham
Councilmember Micah Fenton

ABSENT: Councilmember Jennifer Truelove Motion to Excuse: Fenton Second: Godfrey Vote: 6:0

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Terrell Smith, City Manager
Cliff Carruth, Police Chief
Eric Powell, Public Works Director
Christol Hall, HR/Civil Service Director
Anna Lane, Community Services Director
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Director
Nikki Smith, City Secretary/Payroll Accountant
Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief
Dawn Jones, Finance Director
Scott Rectenwald, City Attorney

2. Invocation and Pledges

Mayor Ware

3. Citizen Comments

Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.007 requires that a governmental body must allow each member of the public who desires to address the body regarding an item on the agenda the opportunity to do so before or during the body's consideration of the item. The “Citizens

Comments" portion of the meeting meets the requirements of this law and is the public's opportunity to speak on any item on the agenda. Those who wish to speak are requested to fill out a public comment form and will have three (3) minutes to speak unless additional time has been requested.

Johnathan Wilson, 101 Hughes Street, President of the Marshall Firefighter's Association, spoke regarding challenges faced at the Fire Department.

4. Items to be Withdrawn From Consent Agenda

Item C was withdrawn.

5. Consent Agenda

The items on the Consent Agenda require little or no deliberation by the Council. Approval of the Consent Agenda authorizes the City Manager or his designee to proceed with conclusion of each in accordance with staff recommendations, a copy of which is filed with the minutes of the meeting. A Councilmember may remove items from the Consent Agenda by making such request prior to a motion and vote on the Consent Agenda.

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

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the February 8, 2024 Special-Called Council meeting. (City Secretary)

B. Consider approval of a three (3) year lease with ASCO Equipment for a new backhoe in the Distribution and Collection Division of Public Works. (Public Works)

6. Consideration of Items Withdrawn From the Consent Agenda

C. Consider approval of a resolution for a Promissory Note for Water Meters/Convention Center. (Finance)
Councilmember Godfrey stated her reasons for withdrawing this item.

Dawn Jones, Finance Director, provided information regarding the update to the resolution. The repayment method was updated to state payments would be made from water and sewer revenue.

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to approve a resolution for a Promissory Note for Water Meters/Convention Center. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6:0.

7. Public Hearings & Ordinances

A. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending the text specifically related to Chapter 32 Section 19 entitled "Definitions" and Section 21 entitled "Permitted Uses" and an amendment to the official zoning map creating a Manufactured Home Overlay (MHO). (Public Works)
Eric Powell, Public Works Director, provided information regarding the ordinance amending the text specifically related to Chapter 32, Section 19, entitled "Definitions"

and Section 21, entitled "Permitted Uses". Notices were sent out with 12 responses received in support of this amendment. The Planning & Zoning Commission approved this item by a vote of 5:0.

Mayor Ware opened the Public Hearing.

Dana Leonard, spoke in support of the amendment.

Mayor Ware closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Bonner made a motion to approve an ordinance amending the text specifically related to Chapter 32 Section 19 entitled "Definitions" and Section 21 entitled "Permitted Uses" and an amendment to the official zoning map creating a Manufactured Home Overlay (MHO). Councilmember Morris seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5:1.

B. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance of the City of Marshall, Texas, amending Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances by adding to Section 21, Permitted Uses, Item 21.02, Short Term Rentals. (Public Works)
This item was withdrawn.

8. City Manager Reports and Requests for City Council Consideration

A. Marshall Police Department 2023 Year End Presentation and racial profiling report. (Police)
Cliff Carruth, Police Chief, provided information regarding the Racial Profiling Report for 2023, activities and challenges faced by the Marshall Police Department in 2023, and the departmental needs for 2024.

Terrell Smith, City Manager, asked Council to provide direction for the budget preparations for Fiscal Year 2025.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

B. Marshall Fire Department 2023 Goals & Objectives Year End Report. (Fire)
Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief, provided information regarding activities and challenges faced by the Marshall Police Department in 2023, and the needs for the department for 2024.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

9. Executive Session

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to convene into the Executive Session. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6:0. The time was 8:26 PM.

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to reconvene from the Executive Session.

Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6:0. The time was 8:40 PM.

A. An Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code under Section 551.074 Personnel Matters: Discussion of appointment of Municipal Court Judge.

10. Action Item Following Executive Session

A. Consider the appointment of a Municipal Court Judge.
Councilmember Abraham made a motion to appoint Kyle Dansby as the Municipal Court Judge. Councilmember Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6:0.

11. Adjournment

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6:0.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

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City Secretary