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Members
Amy Ware, District 4 - Mayor
Risa Jordan-Anderson, District 1
Leo Morris, District 2
Dathaniel Campbell, District 3
Reba Godfrey, District 5
Amanda Abraham, District 6
Micah Fenton, District 7

MINUTES
PLEASE SILENCE ALL DEVICES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 11, 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 AM.

PRESENT:

Mayor and Council Members:
Mayor Amy Ware
Councilmember Leo Morris
Councilmember Reba Godfrey
Councilmember Amanda Abraham
Councilmember Micah Fenton
Councilmember Dathaniel Campbell
Councilmember Risa Jordan-Anderson

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:
Terrell Smith, City Manager
Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief
Cliff Carruth, Police Chief
Dawn Jones, Finance Director
Eric Powell, Public Works Director
Scott Rectenwald, City Attorney
Anna Lane, Community Services Director
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Director
Nikki Smith, City Secretary/Payroll Accountant
Marina Garcia-Heredia, Parks & Recreation Director
Alex Agnor, Economic Development & Strategic Initiatives Director

2. Invocation and Pledges

Mayor Ware

3. Presentations & Proclamations

A. Presentation of the Employee of the Month - July. (Employee Engagement Committee)
Kristina Hamilton, Employee Engagement Committee, stated the process for selecting the Employee of the Month and presented the Employee of the Month for the month of July 2024 to Edward Irving, Parks & Recreation.

4. **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.

Angela Person, 2804 W. Pinecrest, spoke in opposition of Item 8a.
Kelsie Hopkins, 116 Sugar Creek Drive, spoke in opposition of Item 8a.
Kendrick Biggs, 10216 FM 2625 E., spoke in opposition of Item 8a.
Steven Hammond, 4404 Bridle Path, spoke in opposition of Item 8a.
Madison Wiggins, 246 Barrett Gibson, spoke in opposition of Item 8a.
Ronny Minatrea, 7109 State Hwy 43 N., spoke in opposition of Item 8a.
Jennifer Williams, 2826 Mary Mack Dr., spoke in opposition of Item 8a.
Elton Brock, 105 Ashwood Terrace, spoke in opposition of Item 8a.
Ryan Collier, 1006 Pocono St., spoke in opposition of Item 8a.

5. **Items to be Withdrawn From Consent Agenda**

Item F was withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

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

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the June 27, 2024 Regular Council meeting. (City Secretary)

B. Consider approval of a task order for Halff - Master Plan Development at City's Raw Water Intake Plant. (Public Works)

C. Consider approval of awarding a contract for Sanford St Sewer Improvements. (Public Works)

D. Consider approval of oil & gas lease agreement with RFE Touchdown North, LLC. (City Attorney)

E. Consider approval and appointment to the City of Marshall's seats on the East Texas Council of Governments Board of Directors. (City Manager)

7. **Consideration of Items Withdrawn From the Consent Agenda**

F. Consider approval of the proposal for Heartland Park & Recreation, LLC. for improvements to Bella Wyatt Park and signage for three parks for $84,123.00 (Parks & Recreation)

Councilmember Godfrey stated her reasons for withdrawing this item.

Marina Garcia-Heredia, Parks & Recreation Director, provided information regarding the proposals with Heartland Park & Recreation, LLC. for improvements to Bella Wyatt Park at a cost of $49,923 and signage for Bella Wyatt, Bath Miller and Lions parks at a cost of $34,200. Marina Garcia-Heredia stated the total cost would be $84,123.

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to approve the proposal for Heartland Park & Recreation, LLC. for improvements to Bella Wyatt Park and signage for three parks for $84,123.00. Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0.

8. City Manager Reports and Requests for City Council Consideration

A. Consider approval of a contract for Operations at Airport Park. (Parks & Recreation)

Marina Garcia-Heredia presented information regarding a five-year contract with Red Dirt Baseball Club for operations, maintenance and upkeep at Airport Park. Marina Garcia-Heredia provided detailed information regarding the contents of the proposed contract and what the benefits are for all involved.

David Upchurch, Red Dirt Baseball Club, provided information regarding the history of the company and partnerships with other facilities and cities.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Terrell Smith, City Manager, stated the facility is a public park and would be available to the citizens. The use of fields would be scheduled with Red Dirt Baseball.

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to table approval of a contract for Operations at Airport Park. Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion, which passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Ware, Councilmembers Godfrey, Campbell and Jordan-Anderson
Nays: Councilmembers Morris, Abraham and Fenton

B. Presentation of current status of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plan. (Public Works)

Cory Owen, Public Works Assistant Director, provided the history, upgrades, projects and needs of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

C. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Workshop. (Finance)

Dawn Jones, Finance Director, provided an overview of the status of revenues, expenses and priorities for Fiscal Year 24 as of June 30, 2024,
Kristina Hamilton, Finance Assistant Director, provided base expenditure and revenue assumptions and projections for Fiscal Year 25, including known increases for TMRS and TWC and a projected 20% increase in costs of health and dental insurance.

City Staff provided information regarding their supplemental budget requests for needs for their various departments.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

9. Adjournment

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed by 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