

**Jean Birmingham Council
Chambers, City Hall**
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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
August 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 06:03 PM.

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
Christol Hall, HR/Civil Service Director	
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Director	
Nikki Smith, City Secretary/Payroll Accountant	
Marina Garcia-Heredia, Parks & Recreation Director	
Anna Lane, Community & Neighborhood Services Director	
Alex Agnor, Economic Development & Strategic Initiatives Director	

2. Invocation and Pledges

Mayor Ware

3. Presentations & Proclamations

A. Recognition of August 2024 Yard of the Month winners.

Anna Lane, Community & Neighborhood Services Director, recognized the August 2024 Yard of the Month recipients; residential property 2105 Rosborough Springs owned by Joe & Betty Lambright & the commercial property 2801 E. Travis St., Reunion Inn.

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.

There were no citizen comments.

5. Items to be Withdrawn From Consent Agenda

Mayor Ware made a motion to table Items 6B, 10B and 10C. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0.

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 Morris made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0.

- A. Consider approval of the minutes from the August 8, 2024 Regular Council meeting. (City Secretary)
- C. Consider approval of Project Acceptance - Operations/Lab building at WWTP. (Public Works)
- D. Consider approval of amendment to City Ordinance 2-4.2 Lateral entry for experienced police officers. (Police)

7. Consideration of Items Withdrawn From the Consent Agenda

- B. Consider approval of allowance for the Soil Remediation for Field #5 at Airport Park for \$130,412.00 (Parks & Recreation)
This item was tabled.

8. Public Hearing & Ordinance

- A. Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of an ordinance regarding a rezoning request for 2518 Cooper Street from Agriculture and Estate (AE) to Multi-Family Residential (MF) (Z-24-04). (Planning & Development)
- Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief, asked for approval of an ordinance regarding a rezoning request for 2518 Cooper Street from Agriculture and Estate (AE) to Multi-Family Residential (MF). Reggie Cooper stated 8 notices were sent out with one response in favor and no responses in opposition of the request. The Planning & Zoning Commission approved the request by a vote of 5:0.

Mayor Ware opened the public hearing.

Travis Crafton, 476 Shady Ln., stated he was the representative for the owner and would be available for any questions regarding the rezoning of 2518 Cooper Street.

Mayor Ware closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve an ordinance regarding a rezoning request for 2518 Cooper Street from Agriculture and Estate (AE) to Multi-Family Residential (MF). Councilmember Jordan-Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0.

9. Resolution

- A. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Workshop and consider approval of a resolution setting two public hearings on the proposed FY25 Budget. (Finance)
- Kristina Hamilton, Assistant Finance Director, provided information regarding projected revenue and expenditures for the FY25 budget. Kristina Hamilton stated an adjustment to the required reserve from three months (25%) to four months (33%) is being put in place. Kristina Hamilton provided a list of the recommended one-time expenses being requested for approval. Kristina Hamilton asked for approval of a resolution scheduling two public hearings for the FY25 budget for September 12th at 6:00 PM and September 26th at 6:00 PM.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to approve a resolution setting two public hearings on the proposed FY25 Budget. Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0.

- B. Tax Rate Discussion and consider approval of a resolution scheduling two public hearings on the proposed tax rate of \$0.589506 per \$100 of valuation and tax increase. (Economic Development & Strategic Initiatives)
- Alex Agnor, Economic Development & Strategic Initiatives Director, provided information regarding the various tax rates available for the City of Marshall. Alex Agnor stated the proposed tax rate for FY25 (Tax Year 2024) is \$0.579079 per \$100 of valuation. Alex Agnor provided the property tax exemptions for residential properties. Alex Agnor asked for approval of a resolution announcing the proposed tax rate of \$0.579079 per \$100 valuation and scheduling two public hearings on the proposed tax rate for September 12th at 6:00 PM and September 26th at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Ware made a motion to approve a resolution scheduling two public hearings on the proposed tax rate of \$0.579079 per \$100 of valuation and tax increase. Councilmember Jordan-Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0.

10. City Manager Reports and Requests for City Council Consideration

- A. Discussion regarding current debt, debt issuance, and future CIP projects. (Finance)
Kristina Hamilton introduced John Martin with Hilltop Securities, who provided information regarding the process of debt issuance, the types of debt issuance available to municipalities, the current debt of the City of Marshall, and future CIP projects.
- B. Consider approval of a contract for Sports LED Lighting Improvements at Airport Park. (Parks & Recreation)
This item was tabled.
- C. Consider approval of a contract to be awarded to Unlimited Sports Solutions for improvements to Airport Park. (Parks & Recreation)
This item was tabled.

11. Executive Session

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to convene the Executive Session. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0. The time was 7:12 PM.

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to reconvene from the Executive Session. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0. The time was 8:18 PM.

- A. An Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code under Section 551.074 Personnel Matters: Discuss or deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Manager.
- B. An Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code under Section 551.074 Personnel Matters: Discuss or deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Interim City Manager.

12. Action Item Following Executive Session

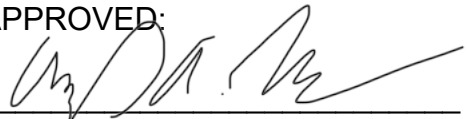
- A. Consider action regarding discussion from executive session.
Councilmember Abraham made a motion to authorize the City Attorney to negotiate a contract with Strategic Government Resources for a City Manager recruitment. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0.
- B. Consider action regarding discussion from executive session.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to grant the City Manager and City Attorney discretion to consider and fulfill the Interim City Manager position. Councilmember Jordan-Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0.

13. Adjournment

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0.

APPROVED:



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

ATTEST:



City Secretary