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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**  
February 12, 2026  
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 6:01 PM.

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor and Council Members:**

Mayor Amy Ware  
Councilmember Leo Morris  
Councilmember Reba Godfrey  
Councilmember Amanda Abraham  
Councilmember Dathaniel Campbell  
Councilmember Risa Jordan-Anderson

**ABESNT:** Councilmember Micah Fenton **Motion to Excuse: Councilmember Godfrey**  
**Second: Coucilmember Abraham Vote: 6:0**

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Melissa Vossmer, City Manager  
Scott Rectenwald, City Attorney  
Christol Hall, HR/Civil Service Director  
John Wheeler, IT Technican  
Doug Box, Interim Public Works Director  
Thomas Forest, Interim Planning Director  
Cheryl Carpenter, Community Engagement  
Cliff Carruth, Police Chief  
Nikki Smith, City Secretary  
David Rainwater, Fire Chief

**2. Invocation and Pledges**

Mayor Ware

**3. Presentations & Proclamations**

A. Presentation of the Employee of the Month - January. (Employee Engagement Committee)

Anthony Lee, Employee Engagement Committee, presented the Employee of the Month for January 2026, Kenneth Williams, Parks & Recreation. The sponsor for the

Employee of the Month for January is Butler Construction. Kenneth Williams thanked everyone for this recognition and said it is an honor to work for the City of Marshall.

**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 Items to be Withdrawn From Consent Agenda**

All items were withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.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.

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 Consideration of Items Withdrawn From the Consent Agenda**

- A. Consider approval of the minutes from the December 11, 2025, Special-Called City Council Meeting. (City Secretary)

Nikki Smith, City Secretary, stated the minutes from the December 11, 2025, meeting have been prepared for Council's approval.

Councilmember Jordan-Anderson inquired about a timeline for bringing minutes before the council for approval. Councilmember Jordan-Anderson also asked about the order of the items in the December 11, 2025, minutes, which was stated was due to the items being taken out of order during the meeting to allow the presenting staff members to attend the Wonderland of Lights activities.

**Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2025, Special-Called City Council Meeting. Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6:0.**

- B. Consider approval of a Joint Election Agreement with the Marshall Independent School District for the May 2, 2026 General Election. (City Secretary)

Nikki Smith stated the school district is required to hold their election with a local entity if they have an election. This agreement will allow for cost sharing.

Councilmember Jordan-Anderson asked why the districts from the city were not being listed on the agreement and asked if they could be added.

Councilmember Abraham stated this in an internal agreement that the citizens are not reading, and it is just for cost sharing.

Scott Rectenwald, City Attorney, stated the agreement is to share the cost of the election, the districts being listed, or not, will have no effect on the agreement.

**Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to approve a Joint Election Agreement with the Marshall Independent School District for the May 2, 2026 General Election as written. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 5, Mayor Ware, Councilmembers Godfrey, Abraham, Campbell and Morris  
Noes: 0**

**Abstain: 1, Councilmember Jordan-Anderson**

- C. Consider approval of an updated Water Supply Contract between the City of Marshall and Prysmian Group for the continued sale and delivery of treated water to Prysmian Group's cable manufacturing facility located in Scottsville, Texas. (Public Works)  
Councilmember Jordan-Anderson stated she was not aware of this contract, and asked if it was annual and what revenue was brought in.

Doug Box, Interim Public Works Director, stated what the contract was for.

Councilmember Abraham stated the amount is based on usage and rates.

Melissa Vossmer stated staff can provide a report on the revenue from the last twelve (12) months.

**Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve an updated Water Supply Contract between the City of Marshall and Prysmian Group for the continued sale and delivery of treated water to Prysmian Group's cable manufacturing facility located in Scottsville, Texas. Councilmember Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6:0.**

- D. Consider approval of an updated contract between the City of Marshall and the City of Scottsville for sanitary sewer service. (Public Works)  
Councilmember Jordan-Anderson asked to receive the same report as the previous item, a revenue report from the last 12 months.

**Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to approve an updated contract between the City of Marshall and the City of Scottsville for sanitary sewer service. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6:0.**

- A. Discussion regarding Charter Review Committee findings.  
**This item was taken out of order at this point in the meeting to allow the findings to be discussed prior to the consideration of the ordinance.**

Councilmember Abraham summarized the findings for the Charter Review Committee. The revisions that were determined to be needed that were clerical and therefore did not need to be presented to voters would be brought before council for approval in an ordinance. Councilmember Abraham read the propositions that will require a vote from the citizens to update the Charter.

Rezzin Pullum, Charter Counsel, stated the information regarding recommendations and feedback was from the special counsel, and he was open to any questions about how the information was drafted.

Councilmembers discussed the propositions and had Rezzin Pullum clarify Proposition C.

## 8. Ordinance

- A. Consider approval of an ordinance ordering a Special Election for Charter Amendments. (Charter Review Committee)  
Councilmember Abraham stated this item is from the Charter Review Committee's review and is proposing to place the three (3) propositions on the ballot for the election in May 2026.

**Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to approve an ordinance ordering a Special Election for Charter Amendments. Councilmember Jordan-Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6:0.**

## 9. Resolution

- A. Consider approval of a resolution ordering a General Election for City Councilmember Districts 5, 6, and 7. (City Secretary)  
Nikki Smith asked for approval of a resolution ordering a General Election for City Councilmember Districts 5, 6, and 7. Nikki Smith stated it would be determined if all three (3) districts would have an election after the filing period ended.

**Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve a resolution ordering a General Election for City Councilmember Districts 5, 6, and 7. Councilmember Jordan-Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6:0.**

## 10. Action Items for City Council Consideration

- A. Discussion and Approval of the Proposed Marshall Library Service Policy for Patrons which includes Internet Use, Cell Phone Use and Behavior.  
Terri Nalls, Library Director, presented a new policy for library behavior. When drafting this policy, they kept in mind the vision and mission of the library, considered the input of staff, and reviewed existing ordinances about the library. This policy addresses code of conduct, a lost & found policy, child supervision, cell phone and computer usage guidelines, and an internet use policy.

Councilmembers addressed areas of concern regarding age of unsupervised children and monitoring of internet usage.

Melissa Vossmer asked council to approve what was presented and the additions and amendments would be brought back at a future meeting.

**Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve the Marshall Library Service Policy for Patrons which includes Internet Use, Cell Phone Use and Behavior. Councilmember Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6:0.**

**11. Discussion and Reports for City Council Consideration and Direction**

**B. Report to Council on Winter Storm Event Jan 2026**

David Rainwater, Fire Chief, presented an update on the winter storm event stating the After Action Review (AAR) was still being drafted but overall the response went well. David Rainwater provided an overview of the event including a timeline, pre-incident preparation, proactive preparation actions, and Emergency Operation Center (EOC) effectiveness. David Rainwater also recognized the staff of the Public Works Department for their hard work and stated the smart meter technology investment was a useful tool in leak detection and aid in water loss management being successful.

Councilmembers thanked the Public Works Department for their work, thanked David Rainwater for the report and for keeping the community informed.

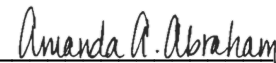
**C. Presentation by Retail Strategies of the Marshall, Texas Trade Area Retail Analysis. (Marshall EDC)**

Rush Harris, Marshall EDC Director, introduced Tyler Sudderth, Retail Strategies, who provided information regarding the company. Tyler Sudderth presented a report to Council regarding the implementation and action of the plan, the analysis, research and mobile data collection that was done. Tyler Sudderth stated the next steps in the partnership would be retail site assessment and strategy, business attraction and community representation. The findings were discussed, and it was discussed that some of the retail leakage was due to Marshall not having what people are shopping for.

**12. Adjournment**

**Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Morris 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