

**Second Floor Conference
Room, City Hall**
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Marshall, TX 75671
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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

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SPECIAL-CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 26, 2026
4:15 PM

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Amy Ware called the Special-Called meeting to order in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall at 4:16 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:

Melissa Vossmer, City Manager
Nikki Smith, City Secretary
Julie Richards, Interim Budget Manager
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Director
Cheryl Carpenter, Community Engagement
Alex Agnor, Asst. City Manager/Econ. Dev. & Strat. Init. Director
David Rainwater, Fire Chief

2. 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.

3. Discussion and Reports for City Council Consideration and Direction

A. Presentation and Discussion on Marshall's Emergency Medical Services. (Fire / City Manager)

David Rainwater, Fire Chief, provided information regarding the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Strategic Options Analysis, emphasizing the primary goal is to take care of the citizens. David Rainwater provided a background of current EMS operations, stating we cover approximately 71,000 residents across seven (7) jurisdictions. Per the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, a department should be able to answer 90 percent of EMS calls; the city can currently only answer 62 percent. David Rainwater presented three (3) options for council to consider to better respond to and assist the residents.

Option 1: Expansion to three (3) ambulances, which would cost an additional \$410,600 per year, but allows the city complete control and gives a 93 percent response.

Option 2: Discontinue Emergency Service District (ESD) services, which would cost an additional \$538,175 per year but could have possible backlash as we have the developed relationships and expectations of service.

Option 3: Private ambulance partnership, which would cost an additional \$590,000 per year, but the city would have no control.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed the options. This discussion included the reason for the higher cost of canceling ESD services being the higher revenue coming from ESD calls and county calls; that ESDs are capped by the state regarding what they are allowed to charge; who covers the ESD calls if services are discontinued, which was said to be debatable; placement of ambulances; and a timeline for Option 1, which would be a phased approach from March 2026 to August 2027.

David Rainwater stated the next steps would be to receive council direction, then have discussions with the county and ESDs, and apply for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant, which, if received, would provide funding to increase the number of firefighters for three (3) years, then the city would be liable for maintaining those positions.

Councilmembers discussed the option of requesting a funding increase from the county, the operational cost of running an ambulance including personnel, maintenance, etc.

The council gave a consensus on pursuing Option 1.

B. Discussion of the FY26 Street Program. (City Engineer / Interim Public Works Director)

Stany Hayes, P. E., discussed the street maintenance recommendations, provided a refresher regarding other, cheaper methods that are beneficial to use. Stan Hayes stated the City of Longview seal coats 100 percent of their residential streets. A seal coat costs approximately \$4 per square yard, an overlay costs approximately \$15 per square yard, and a reconstruction and overlay costs approximately \$25–\$30 per square yard.

Councilmembers discussed options and whether money should be set aside for sealing instead of all monies funding reconstruction. The cost of the list of requested streets is \$3.7 million, with a budget of \$2.1 million. All costs associated with the program will be included, so the list will need to be at approximately \$1.9 million. Councilmembers

further discussed the streets listed and were able to develop a list totaling \$1.8 million. Stan Hayes stated the next steps would be to have the council agree with the developed list and move forward with the program.

The council gave a consensus on moving forward with the list.

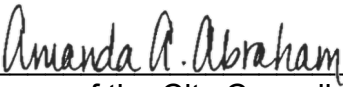
Stan Hayes provided bids for Longview and Gilmer to show the cost difference between the bids and stated that parking lots are separate from the street list.

4. Adjournment

Councilmember Fenton was not present for the adjournment.

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6:0.

APPROVED:



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

ATTEST:



City Secretary