

**Jean Birmingham Council
Chambers, City Hall**
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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
SPECIAL-CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 23, 2026
4:15 PM

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Amy Ware called the Special-Called meeting to order in the Council Chambers, City Hall at 4:17 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
Scott Rectenwald, City Attorney
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Director
Cory Owen, Assistant Public Works Director
Cheryl Carpenter, Community Engagement
Cliff Carruth, Police Chief
Nikki Smith, City Secretary

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. Discussion Regarding Noise, Block Parties & Large Gatherings. (Councilmembers Jordan – Anderson & Morris / Chief Carruth / Chief Rainwater / Assistant City Manager) Cliff Carruth, Police Chief, provided background information regarding events that have occurred and stated that, upon speaking with other Police Chiefs, similar issues have been occurring in other cities. Cliff Carruth spoke of measures taken to respond to noise complaints, block parties and larger gatherings, including arresting individuals engaged in unlawful activities. An option of drafting an ordinance for accountability purposes was discussed, along with the option to create a permit for hosting large gatherings.

Council discussed the permit option with staff, including possible time limits, having security, defining an unruly party and who the responsible person(s) would be. The cost of additional staff being called in to have officers able to respond to unruly individuals at large gatherings was discussed, and who should be responsible for those costs.

Melissa Vossmer, City Manager, spoke about the past events that led to this discussion and stated the goal is not to infringe on the right to gather but to protect the safety of the public and be able to hold someone accountable for any damages or illegal activity.

Councilmembers expressed their support of a permit if parameters were in place for things such as time limits, number of people per square foot, and enough restrooms for a large gathering. The council expressed concern for residents in the areas of large gatherings, as it makes some people leave their homes when they know ahead of time, in order to avoid any unlawful behavior from the attendees.

Council was asked to think about ways to try to control violence through legislation and ways to be more proactive about events to give young adults something to do and send information to the City Manager for dissemination to council for future discussions.

- B. Discussion Regarding the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) Projects Concerning the Stabilization and Control of the City of Marshall's Water System. (Public Works)

Melissa Vossmer stated that council is familiar with the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) and the need to get projects shovel ready.

Stan Hayes, Hayes Engineering, stated we have the Water Development Board Grant application and the CIP. This discussion will be about the grant. Stan Hayes provides a brief recap of HB 500, including looking at communities with high water loss; our water loss is over 30% while the national average is about 15%. The tentative schedule for the grant was discussed, with the application being due July 30, 2026, selection by September–October 2026, contracts signed in January 2027 and funding in the first quarter of 2027. Stan Hayes also explained the scoring system and highlighted some of the FAQs. The grant is 100% funded, no match is required. Stan Hayes stated what types of projects are eligible and that we want to submit projects that check all the boxes. The age of the waterlines was discussed as Marshall is one of the oldest towns in Texas. The cost of the WSIG projects is \$20,500,000, to include four (4) projects: East End Blvd to West End Blvd, Replace Original Small Diameter Water Mains, TCEQ Water Mains, and Water Mains with Excessive Leak History.

Melissa Vossmer reminded council that the \$1.56 million dollar WSIG preparations are not reimbursable but are projects that need to be done whether we are awarded the

grant or not, so the funds and work will not be wasted. The \$1.56 million is for the drawing and specifications for the projects. While we have grant projects and the CIP, we also have plans in place for stabilization.

4. Adjournment

Councilmember Fenton made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Abraham 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