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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
June 25, 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 6:00 PM.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Leo Morris **Motion to Excuse: Ware Second: Godfrey Vote: 4:0**
Councilmember Micah Fenton **Motion to Excuse: Ware Second: Godfrey Vote: 4:0**

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:
Greg Smith, City Manager
Scott Rectenwald, City Attorney
Lisa Pepi, Finance Director
Doug Box, Interim Public Works Director
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Director
Cheryel Carpenter, Community Engagement
Reggie Cooper, Neighborhood Code Enforcement Director
Alex Agnor, Asst. City Manager/Econ. Dev. & Strat. Init. Director
Tom Forrest, Interim Planning and Development Services Director
Cliff Carruth, Police Chief
Nikki Smith, City Secretary

Councilmember Campbell arrived at this point in the meeting.

2. Invocation and Pledges

Mayor Ware

3. Presentations & Proclamations

A. Recognition of the June Yard of the Month winners.

Reggie Cooper, Neighborhood Code Enforcement Director, recognized the June 2026 Yard of the Month recipients; residential property Allen & Aunie Lewis, 1105 Calloway, and the commercial property Julie Simmons CPA, located at 314 S. Lafayette.

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 Items to be Withdrawn From Consent Agenda

There were no items withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.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 Jordan-Anderson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5:0.

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the May 28, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting. (City Secretary)

B. Consider approval of the minutes from the June 11, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting. (City Secretary)

C. Consider approval of the reappointment of Richie Arnold and Brooke LaBouve to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

7. Consideration of Items Withdrawn From the Consent Agenda

There were no items withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

8. Public Hearing & Ordinance

9. Ordinance

A. Consider an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2026, for water and wastewater system improvements; levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security and

payment of said certificates; approving an official statement; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.
Lisa Pepi, Finance Director, provided a recap of what the funding is planned to be used for, that the plan is to issue $35 million to be received around July 21st. The funding will be from the water/wastewater revenue and a property tax levy. Lisa Pepi discussed the reason for moving forward with the issuance now is for projects to move forward. The WSIG funds will still be applied for, and if received will be applied to projects.

Lisa Pepi introduced John Martin, Hilltop Securities, who provided a booklet of information and highlighted various areas including the rating report from S&P Global of AA—, the financing results and market conditions, the Bond Buyer Index, and sources and uses of funds. The Fiscal Year information was reviewed, and John Martin noted Lisa Pepi asked for look into changing the time frame to have an eight (8) year call on the bonds, which would save the city money. The breakdown for the $35 million was stated to be $20 million from I&S and $15 million from water and sewer revenue.

Mayor Ware made a motion to adopt the ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Marshall Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2026 and approving all matters incident thereto. Councilmember Jordan-Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5:0.

10. Resolution

11. Action Items for City Council Consideration

A. Consider and accept the Independent Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.
Lisa Pepi stated the deadline for filing the audit is within 180 days of the fiscal year-end, which would be June 29, 2026, for the City of Marshall. Lisa Pepi stated we are meeting that deadline with this item and thanked her staff for their handwork in getting the audit ready.

Lisa Pepi introduced John Manning, Pattilo, Brown & Hill, LLP, who provided key financial highlights and the audit performance and results. John Manning stated his firm provided an unmodified opinion of the 2025 fiscal year audit, with no findings or issue noted.

Councilmembers asked about the finding from previous years, which was the timely reconciliation of cash. The reconciliation is better and staff is working on processes and working with the bank for additional services that can be provided.

Mayor Ware noted the legislative session change requiring the audit to be filed within 180 days of the fiscal year-end and stated that it was a big deal that we are in compliance to avoid any penalties.

Mayor Ware made a motion to accept the Independent Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5:0.

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

13. **Executive Session**

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to convene into Executive Session. Councilmember Jordan-Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5:0. The time was 6:41 PM.

A. An executive session under Section 551.071, which authorizes a governmental body to consult with its attorney in an executive session to seek his or her advice on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of theState Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter; to wit advice on contracts and proposal relating to Big Cypress Bayou

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session. Councilmember Jordan-Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5:0. The time was 7:27 PM.

14. **Action Item Following Executive Session**

15. **Adjournment**

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5:0.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

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City Secretary