

**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
July 9, 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 Leo Morris
Councilmember Reba Godfrey
Councilmember Amanda Abraham
Councilmember Micah Fenton
Councilmember Dathaniel Campbell
Councilmember Risa Jordan-Anderson

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Smith, City Manager	Cliff Carruth, Police Chief
Scott Rectenwald, City Attorney	Nikki Smith, City Secretary
Lisa Pepi, Finance Director	David Rainwater, Fire Chief
Rush Harris, Marshall EDC Director	
Christol Hall, HR/Civil Service Director	
Julie Richards, Interim Budget Manager	
Doug Box, Interim Public Works Director	
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Director	
Cheryl Carpenter, Community Engagement	
Alex Agnor, Asst. City Manager/Econ. Dev. & Strat. Init. Director	

2. Invocation and Pledges

Mayor Ware

3. Presentations & Proclamations

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

Randall Jeans, Employee Engagement Committee, presented the Employee of the Month for July 2026, Kaleb Neu, Arena Manager. The sponsor for the Employee of the Month for July is Councilmember Risa Jordan-Anderson. Kaleb Neu thanked everyone for this recognition.

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.

Bubba Oney, owner of Action Towing, spoke regarding the fees for wrecker companies and asked how the fees were determined. Mr. Oney also stated the cost of business has increased over the years, but the fees charged have not increased since the 1990s. Mr. Oney asked council to consider providing more time for the wrecker drivers to review the fees, to have discussions with council and come to a common ground.

Clifford Cole, Jr., owner of Cole's Garage and Wrecker Service, stated a rate sheet was provided in 2023 by the county that is also used for city tows. Mr. Cole asked the council to review the rates currently in place, consider the cost of doing business, and to look at the rates of other counties.

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 Abraham made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

- A. Consider approval of the minutes from the June 25, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting. (City Secretary)

7. Consideration of Items Withdrawn From the Consent Agenda

There were no items withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

8. Ordinance

Mayor Ware announced that item 9B would be taken out of order to allow for items 8A, 8B, and 9B to be discussed together as they pertain to the same subject.

- A. **O-26-15** Consider approval of amendments to the Wrecker Ordinance. (Police)
Cliff Carruth, Police Chief, stated that state law sets the non-consent tow rates, the sheriff plans to follow the city's rates, and Longview is working on updating their

wrecker fees as well. Cliff Carruth provided the purpose and reason for the ordinance update, stating definitions are being updated, clarity is being added, and the licensing and operational requirements for wrecker companies are being included. Improvements to the rotation system were discussed as well as public safety enhancements. Cliff Carruth stated the updated ordinance will allow for consumer protection, maximum fee schedule overview and insurance and compliance standards. The benefits for the city were discussed to include increased transparency, reduction in complaints and billing disputes, safer roadways, and enhanced enforcement capabilities.

Council members engaged in discussion with the wrecker companies informing them that this item has been researched and reviewed, rates in other cities have been compared, state law has been reviewed and applied, and the fees are for police-authorized or non-consent tows, not private property tows. Council also discussed the current rate sheet, provided by Mr. Oney, that provides fees that have not been established by council.

Greg Smith, City Manager, stated council has the option to adopt what is presented in the ordinance and resolution and address the one-off charges in a following update.

Councilmember Jordan-Anderson made a motion to table the item. This motion did not receive a second.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve O-26-15 amendments to the Wrecker Ordinance. Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion, which passed with the following vote:

Ayes: 6, Mayor Ware, Councilmembers Abraham, Campbell, Fenton, Godfrey and Morris

Noes: 1, Councilmember Jordan-Anderson

- B. **O-26-16** Consider approval of an ordinance amending ordinance O-25-15 Comprehensive Fee Schedule. (City Secretary)

Nikki Smith, City Secretary, stated this item is updating the Comprehensive Fee Schedule to include wrecker service fees the city can charge wrecker companies as allowed per the Wrecker Ordinance.

Councilmember Abraham clarified that the fees are included in the Comprehensive Fee Schedule to allow for fees to be updated without having to update the Wrecker Ordinance and the same will hold true for the resolution that sets the fees the wrecker companies can charge for non-consent tows.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve O-26-16, an ordinance amending ordinance O-25-15 Comprehensive Fee Schedule. Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0.

9. Resolution

- B. **R-26-13** Consider approval of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Marshall, Texas, establishing the maximum fees that may be charged by holders of an

emergency wrecker license for police-authorized or non-consent towing, recovery, and storage services; providing for enforcement; and providing an effective date.

This item was taken out of order as it relates to the previous two (2) items.

This item establishes the maximum fees a licensed emergency wrecker company is allowed to charge for police-authorized tows as allowed per the Wrecker Ordinance. Also included in this resolution are fees for special services, and additional authorized charges.

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to approve R-26-13, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Marshall, Texas, establishing the maximum fees that may be charged by holders of an emergency wrecker license for police-authorized or non-consent towing, recovery, and storage services; providing for enforcement; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0.

It was noted that this resolution can be amended and charges can be updated, added, or removed at future meetings.

- A. **R-26-12** Consider approval of a resolution updating and amending Resolution R-12-14. (Councilmember Godfrey, City Manager, City Secretary)

Greg Smith stated this resolution is on the agenda to allow for resolution R-12-14 to be amended and updated regarding the dissemination of information to council members. The updates allow for council to be notified that a council member has requested information, and it is available. Information will not be automatically sent to all members. If a council member would like to receive the information, they may request it be sent to them.

Councilmember Godfrey provided a history of the subject and stated the updates ensure efficiency and effective use of resources as well as the City Manager's time.

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to approve R-26-12, a resolution updating and amending Resolution R-12-14. Councilmember Jordan-Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0.

10. Executive Session

Councilmember Fenton made a motion to convene into Executive Session.

Councilmember Jordan-Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0. The time was 7:14 PM.

- A. An Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code under Section 551.074 Personnel Matters: Review candidates for the position of Municipal Judge.

The council reconvened from the Executive Session. The time was 7:30 PM.

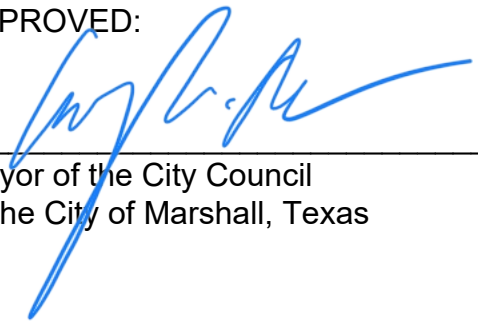
11. Action Item Following Executive Session

- A. Consider action regarding discussion from the executive session.
No action taken.

12. Adjournment

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Jordan-Anderson 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