MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019
6:00 PM

Mayor Terri Brown called the Regular meeting to order in the Commission Chambers, City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Terri Brown, District 3

COMMISSIONERS:
Marvin Bonner, District 1
Amy Ware, District 4
Vernia Calhoun, District 5
Larry Hurta, District 6
Doug Lewis, District 7

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:
Mark Rohr, City Manager
Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief
Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney
Cliff Carruth, Police Chief
Jack Redmon, Support Services Director
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Superintendant
Wes Morrison, Community & Economic Development Director
Elaine Altman, City Secretary/Finance Director
Eric Powell, Public Works Director
Mallori James, Tourism & Cultural Arts Director
Stormy Nickerson, Management Analysis/Communications Coordinator

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Commissioner Calhoun and Olando Morton, 7th grade student at Marshall Junior High School and Jagger Abernathy, 5th grade student at David Crockett Elementary School

321. **RECESS TO CONDUCT THE CITY OF MARSHALL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TRUST MEETING**

The Regular City Commission Meeting was recessed to conduct the City of Marshall Employee Benefits Trust Meeting. The time was 6:05 p.m.

322. **RECONVENE THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

The Regular City Commission Meeting reconvened. The time was 7:02 p.m.

323. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Narcy Crosby, 211 N. Bolivar, thanked Gail Beil for her contributions to the city and spoke regarding the Perkins Building and hopes the City will partner with the Texas Historical Commission for downtown redevelopment.

Kenneth Moon, 706 S. Carter, spoke in opposition of the Special Election to Fill a Vacancy, being held on May 2, 2020. He expressed a desire to have this election conducted sooner.

Leo Morris, 505 S. Carter, spoke in opposition of the Special Election to Fill a Vacancy, being held on May 2, 2020.

Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief, 601 S. Grove, invited Commissioners and meeting attendees to the dedication of the bell memorial Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 11 a.m.

324. **ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Item G was withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

325. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Ware seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the November 21, 2019 Special-Called meeting and December 5, 2019 Special-Called meeting.

B. Report regarding the status of the Memorial City Hall renovation project.

C. Consider approval of the annual Interlocal Agreement with the Marshall-Harrison County Health District.

D. Consider approval of appointments and reappointments to various City boards, commissions, and committees.

E. Consider approval of a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Interlocal agreement with Region 2 Education Service Center for cooperative purchasing services through the Goodbuy Purchasing Program.

F. Street Sweeping Activity Report.

326. **PRESENTATION**

A. Check presentation from AEP/SWEPCO, in the amount of $13,900, for recognition of the City's participation in the 2019 Load Management Program.

Nancy Pasel, Water Treatment Superintendent, introduced Michael Nix of AEP/SWEPCO, who presented the City with a check in the amount of $13,900. The check was in recognition of our participation in the 2019 SWEPCO Load Management Program at the City Water Intake Plant on Big Cypress Bayou.

ORDINANCES

327. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 ANNUAL BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION.

Elaine Altman, Finance Director, asked for approval of an Ordinance amending the 2019 Annual Budget to appropriate funds for projects approved by the City Commission.

Commissioner Calhoun made a motion to approve an Ordinance amending the 2019 Annual Budget to appropriate funds for projects approved by the City Commission. Mayor Brown seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.

328. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 ANNUAL BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR YEAR-END ADJUSTMENTS IN SELECTED DEPARTMENTS.

Elaine Altman asked for approval of an Ordinance amending the 2019 Annual Budget to provide for year-end adjustments in selected departments.

Commissioners asked questions regarding this item.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve an Ordinance amending the 2019 Annual Budget to provide for year-end adjustments in selected departments. Commissioner Ware seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE

329. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14, GARBAGE, TRASH, AND WEEDS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, REVISING THE SCHEDULE OF REFUSE RATES, PROVIDING FOR MONTHLY CHARGES, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2020.

Eric Powell, Public Works Director, stated there were no changes to this ordinance.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the Ordinance amending Chapter 14, Garbage, Trash, and Weeds of the Code of Ordinances, revising the schedule of refuse rates by 2.7%, providing for monthly charges, and establishing an effective date of January 1, 2020. Commissioner Hurta seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.

RESOLUTIONS

330. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR CITY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2.

Elaine Altman asked for approval of a resolution ordering a Special Election for City Commissioner District 2 to be held on May 2, 2020.

Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney, stated the Commission has the opportunity to appoint someone to fill the vacant position until the election is held, but is not obligated to do so.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed. Commissioner Calhoun asked for an agenda item to appoint someone to the vacant District 2 position prior to the May 2nd election.

Commissioner Hurta made a motion to approve a resolution ordering a Special Election for City Commissioner District 2. Commissioner Ware seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.

331. <u>CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND CENTERPOINT ENERGY'S PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE FOR ITS PROPOSED INCREASE IN RATES IN THE BEAUMONT/EAST TEXAS DIVISION.</u>

Eric Powell asked for approval of a resolution to suspend CenterPoint Energy's proposed effective date for its proposed increase in rates in the Beaumont/East Texas Division.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve a resolution to suspend CenterPoint Energy's proposed effective date for its proposed increase in rates in the Beaumont/East Texas Division. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.

<u>CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR CITY COMMISSION CONSIDERATION</u>

332. <u>PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR.</u>

Mike Hallum, CPA with Knuckols, Duvall, Hallum, & Co., presented the audit report for the 2018 fiscal year and highlighted significant information.

333. <u>CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH CASEY SLONE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE PERKINS BUILDING PROJECT.</u>

Wes Morrison, Community & Economic Development Director, asked for approval of a contract with Casey Slone Construction Company for the Perkins Building project. He stated the bid was for $269,200, to include demolition, disposal, slab reconstruction and asbestos removal. A Community Development Block Grant will provide funding of $222,315 and additional funding will come from the City's General Fund Reserves. If approved, work will begin in January and is not expected to take longer than 60 days.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve a contract with Casey Slone Construction Company for the Perkins Building project. Commissioner Bonner seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.

334. **<u>CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA</u>**

G. Municipal Court Activity Report.

Leland Benoit, Municipal Court Administrator, provided information regarding this item.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve Item G of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.

335. **<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>**

Commissioner Bonner made a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.

APPROVED:

Mayor of the City Commission
of the City of Marshall, Texas

ATTEST:

City Secretary

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