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Members
Amy Ware, District 4 - Mayor
Marvin Bonner, District 1
Leo Morris, District 2
Jennifer Truelove, District 3
Reba Godfrey, District 5
Amanda Abraham, District 6
Micah Fenton, District 7

MINUTES
SPECIAL-CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 23, 2023
4:00 PM

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Amy Ware called the Regular meeting to order in the Council Chambers, City Hall at 04:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor and Council Members:
Mayor Amy Ware
Councilmember Marvin Bonner
Councilmember Leo Morris
Councilmember Jennifer Truelove
Councilmember Amanda Abraham
Councilmember Reba Godfrey
Councilmember Micah Fenton

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:
Terrell Smith, City Manager
Cliff Carruth, Police Chief
Dawn Jones, Finance Director
Eric Powell, Public Works Director
Christol Hall, HR/Civil Service Director
Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney
Anna Lane, Community Services Director
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Director
Nikki Smith, City Secretary/Payroll Accountant

2. Invocation and Pledges

Mayor Ware

3. Presentations & Proclamations

A. Presentation of a proclamation declaring the month of April 2023 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in the city of Marshall.
Megan Johnson, Outreach Coordinator, and Heather Miller-Grubbs, Representative, Women's Center Center, thanked the Council for their support of the awareness efforts

of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Mayor Ware read a proclamation declaring the month of April 2023 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in the City of Marshall.

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 **Items to be Withdrawn From Consent Agenda**

Item B was withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.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 Bonner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Truelove seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0.

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the March 9, 2023 regular meeting.

C. Consider approval of participation in a Texas Opioid Settlement.

D. Consider approval of a resolution to update the authorized City of Marshall Representatives at TEXPOOL.

E. Consider approval of the appointment of Linda Scott to the Keep Marshall Beautiful board.

7. **Consideration of Items Withdrawn From the Consent Agenda**

B. Consider approval of a resolution suspending for 45 days the effective date proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas – Beaumont/East Texas Division, in its application filed on or about March 2, 2023, pursuant to section 104.301 of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act.
Councilmember Bonner stated his reasons for withdrawing this item.

Scott Rectenwald, City Attorney, explained the utility is trying to recover some infrastructure costs. This request occurs annually.

Councilmember Bonner made a motion to approve Item B from the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0.

8. City Manager Reports and Requests for City Council Consideration

A. Consider approval to award a contract for the East Avenue Water Main Improvement Project.

Eric Powell, Public Works Director, stated five bids were received for the East Avenue Water Main Improvement Project. Eric Powell asked for approval to award a contract for the East Avenue Water Main Improvement Project to D&D Pipeline of Longview, Texas, at a cost of $553,508.

Councilmember Morris made a motion to approve awarding a contract for the East Avenue Water Main Improvement Project to D&D Pipeline, at a cost of $553,508. Councilmember Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0.

B. Consider approval of an agreement with U.S. Underwater Services for removal of sediment and silt at the intake chambers of the Raw Water Pump Station

Eric Powell provided some history of the facility at Big Cypress Bayou and asked for approval of an agreement with U.S. Underwater Services for removal of the sediment and silt in the intake chamber at the Raw Water Pump Station. Eric Powell asked for approval of $80,760 in funds, which includes the $67,300 from the quote received in 2022 and a 20 percent contingency for any unforeseen issues that may arise. Funding will come from the Water Production 2023 Operating Budget.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to approve an agreement with U.S. Underwater Services for removal of sediment and silt at the intake chambers of the Raw Water Pump Station at a cost of $80,760. Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0.

9. Executive Session

A. An Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code under Section 551.072. Deliberation regarding real property: Convene in executive session to discuss matters related to the purchase, exchange, lease, sale, or value of real property.

Councilmember Fenton made a motion to convene the Executive Session. Councilmember Truelove seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0. The time was 4:21 PM.

Councilmember Fenton made a motion to reconvene from the Executive Session. Councilmember Truelove seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0. The time was 4:49 PM.

10. Action Item Following Executive Session

A. Consider action as a result of the executive session discussion regarding real property. **Mayor Ware made a motion to hire a broker to list the property discussed in Executive Session pursuant to Local Government Code Section 253.014. Councilmember Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7:0.**

11. Adjournment

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

APPROVED:

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Mayor of the City Council
of the City or Marshall

ATTEST:

R. Smith
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City Secretary