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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
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 13, 2023
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 06:05 PM.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Jennifer Truelove (Motion to Excuse: Bonner Seconded: Godfrey Vote: 6:0)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:
Terrell Smith, City Manager
Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief
Cliff Carruth, Police Chief
Dawn Jones, Finance Director
Eric Powell, Public Works Director
Scott Rectenwald, City Attorney
Anna Lane, Community Services Director
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Director
Nikki Smith, City Secretary/Payroll Accountant
Garnett Johnson, Community Development Director

2. Invocation and Pledges

Mayor Ware

3. 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.

4. Items to be Withdrawn From Consent Agenda

There were no items withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

5. 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 Fenton made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6:0.

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the June 26, 2023 Special-Called Council meeting.

6. Consideration of Items Withdrawn From the Consent Agenda

There were no items withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

7. Ordinance

A. Consider an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates Of Obligation, Taxable Series 2023 for funding a flood management project.

Dawn Jones, Finance Director, introduced John Martin, Hilltop Securities, who provided information regarding an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Marshall, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Taxable Series 2023 for funding a flood management project; awarding sale of said certificates of obligation; and enacting other provisions relating thereto. John Martin stated the total amount issued would be $2,050,000 with an interest rate of zero percent.

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to approve an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates Of Obligation, Taxable Series 2023 for funding a flood management project. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6:0.

8. Resolution

Items 8A & 8B were taken out of order.

A. Consider and act on a resolution directing publication of notice of intention to issue combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation.

Eric Powell, Public Works Director, provided information regarding the Capital Improvement Program projects, including improvements to the parks and arena, streetscaping, drainage, etc.

Cliff Carruth, Police Chief, and Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief, provided information regarding the need for an updated radio system.

Cliff Carruth provided information regarding infrastructure improvements needed at the Police Department.

Randy Pritchard, Support Services, provided information regarding needed improvements and upgrades to Airport Park, City Park, and playground equipment within the various City parks. Randy Pritchard also explained the infrastructure improvements needed at the City Arena.

Dawn Jones provided information regarding the need for an updated water metering system.

Terrell Smith, City Manager, and Dawn Jones provided information regarding various scenarios for borrowing different amounts and the effect on the tax rate.

Terrell Smith asked for approval of a resolution directing publication of Notice of Intention to issue Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation for the maximum amount of $20,000,000 for paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations to be incurred in connection with the planning, acquisition, design, and construction of (i) convention center roofing, HVAC and renovations; (ii) fire stations and fire facility improvements and fire apparatus; (iii) police department improvements consisting of parking and expanding the Emergency Command Center & Training Room; (iv) information technology and public safety communication upgrades; (v) municipal administrative building improvements; (vi) fleet fuel facility; (vii) arena improvements consisting of drainage, parking and electrical upgrades; (viii) park and recreational facility improvements; (ix) street and road improvements including related lighting, signage and streetscape improvements; (x) drainage and detention pond improvements; (xi) water system meters and (xii) paying legal, fiscal, engineering, architectural and other professional services in connection with these projects.

Terrell Smith stated approval of the Notice of Intention to issue Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation for the maximum amount of $20,000,000 would allow the Council to consider all options presented. Terrell Smith stated his recommendation would be to issue the Certificates of Obligation for $13,200,000 for the projects provided in Scenario A with no impact on the tax rate.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Fenton made a motion to approve a resolution directing publication of notice of intention to issue Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation. Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6:0.

B. Consider a resolution approving the execution and delivery of a grant agreement for flood infrastructure improvements; and resolving other matters relating to the subject.

John Martin asked for approval of a resolution regarding the execution and delivery of a Grant Agreement for flood infrastructure improvements, and resolving matters relating to the subject. The City of Marshall, Texas has received approval from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for financial assistance from TWDB to the City in the amount of $3,155,650, consisting of the City's Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023, in the amount of $2,050,000, and Grant in the amount of $1,105,650. John Martin reminded the Council that the grant amount does not have to be paid back.

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to approve a resolution regarding the execution and delivery of a Grant Agreement for flood infrastructure improvements, and resolving other matters relating to the subject. Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6:0.

9. City Manager Reports and Requests for City Council Consideration

A. Consider approval of a contract with Motorola for a digital radio system.

Randy Pritchard, Support Services Director, asked for approval of a contract with Motorola for a digital radio system at a cost of $6,095,117. This system will resolve the issues of inconsistent coverage and interoperability capabilities City Staff has experienced with the older system and includes new radios and dispatch consoles.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to approve a contract with Motorola for a digital radio system. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6:0.

10. Adjournment

Councilmember Godfrey made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6:0.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

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City Secretary