

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARIETTA CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Marietta Municipal Building, 700 S. Highway 77, Marietta, Oklahoma

CALL TO ORDER.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Fraire at 6:01 p.m.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM.

A quorum was declared.

PRESENT

Mayor Kimberly Fraire
Council Member KorDale Lornes
Council Member Kermit McKinney
Council Member Lawrence Anderson
Council Member Angela Vega
Council Member Richard Barker
Council Member Brandy Valenzuela
Council Member Tambre Sanders
Council Member Destry Rushing

INVOCATION.

Invocation given by Lawrence Anderson.

CONSENT AGENDA.

All matters listed under this section are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote. Any council member, however, may remove any item from the consent agenda by request.

Motion made by Council Member Lornes to approve the Consent Agenda with statement that the date on Item #2 of the previous minutes be corrected, Seconded by Council Member Barker. Voting Yea: Council Member Lornes, Council Member McKinney, Council Member Anderson, Council Member Vega, Council Member Barker, Council Member Valenzuela, Council Member Sanders, Council Member Rushing

1. Consideration and possible action relating to the approval of the agenda as part of the minutes.
2. Consideration and possible action relating to the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on September 13, 2022.
3. Consideration and possible action relating to the approval of financial reports.

4. Consideration and possible action relating to the approval of purchase orders and expenditures from the following accounts/funds, if any: general fund; sanitation fund; cemetery care fund; expense account; grant fund; police asset forfeiture account; payroll account.
5. Consideration and possible action relating to the appointment of Noah Miller as a volunteer firefighter.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA.

Any matter removed from the consent agenda at the request of a council member will be considered separately.

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

This is an opportunity for citizens to address the City Council. Remarks shall be addressed to the governing body as a whole. Any issues presented will not be further discussed by the City Council or Mayor at this meeting. Comments must be limited to three minutes or less.

Bobby Anderson addressed the Council regarding all three railway crossings being blocked in case of emergency. City Administrator Scott responded to the inquiry. He stated an alternate route would need to be used and we have fire stations on both sides of the track.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT.

The City Administrator will provide updates regarding recent and upcoming events and projects, and general operations of the City. No action will be taken.

City Administrator Scott addressed the Council and stated the waterline project is complete and there were extra costs incurred to replace valves; the company who did the waterline project was awarded the bid and they have been here this week assessing the project and marking utility locations; we submitted an application for the Tap Grant for the Depot restoration and there is a site visit scheduled for next week. The estimate for the repair is about \$1,500,000.

REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. Consideration and possible action relating to a proposal by Love County 4-H regarding the placement of a book exchange station at Shellenberger Park.

Laura Minyard with the 4H and the Love County Librarian addressed the Council regarding a book exchange. Nesha explained the Library would maintain the book exchange and the 4H will get donors to fund the project.

Motion made by Council Member Barker to approve the book exchange project, Seconded by Council Member Rushing.

Voting Yea: Council Member Lornes, Council Member McKinney, Council Member Anderson, Council Member Vega, Council Member Barker, Council Member Valenzuela, Council Member Sanders, Council Member Rushing

2. Consideration and possible action relating to a presentation by Georganne Westfall regarding regulations for buildings and properties located on West Main Street.

Motion made by Council Member Lornes to table this item until next meeting; Seconded by Council Member Sanders. Voting Yea: Council Member Lornes, Council Member McKinney, Council Member Anderson, Council Member Vega, Council Member Barker, Council Member Valenzuela, Council Member Sanders, Council Member Rushing

3. Consideration and possible action relating to the final inspection and walk-through of renovated municipal building.

City Administrator Scott discussed the new Municipal building and any changes needed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m. to tour the new building and reconvened at 6:34 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member McKinney to accept the final inspection and walk-through of the building, Seconded by Council Member Valenzuela. Voting Yea: Council Member Lornes, Council Member McKinney, Council Member Anderson, Council Member Vega, Council Member Barker, Council Member Valenzuela, Council Member Sanders, Council Member Rushing

4. Consideration and possible action relating to creation of a community liaison position, and the approval of a job description for said position.

City Administrator Scott addressed the Council regarding this position. Everyone at the City has a job title and description but all pull together to do what needs to be done. He would like someone to help promote the City and work to help work on future projects, plan community activities and help with grants. This position has not been budgeted. Funds would need to be moved around to pay for the position and it would be \$40-\$41,000 per year.

No action will be taken tonight and will be brought to the next meeting.

5. Consideration and possible action relating to the display of overhead signs and/or banners on streets and highways.

Mayor Fraire stated ODOT says no to overhead signs or banners are allowed. If we do it then the City will be liable for any damage. Attorney Cochran talked with other towns and they stated ODOT looks the other way.

Mayor Fraire directed Attorney Cochran to prepare an Ordinance regarding Overhead Signs/Banners.

6. Consideration and possible action relating to a Marietta Schools all-class reunion.

Councilman McKinney stated a class reunion is being planned for a 50 year school reunion and they are wondering if the City is opposed to it being held at the end of April.

No action taken.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS.

The Mayor will provide updates regarding recent and upcoming events and projects, and general operations of the City. No action will be taken.

Thanked the City employees for all their hard work and thanked everyone for being here.

NEW AND UNFORESEEN BUSINESS.

Discussion and possible action with respect to any matter not known, or which could not reasonably foreseen, prior to the time of posting this agenda.

None.

ADJOURN.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Gwin", is written over a horizontal line.

Dottie Gwin, City Clerk
Scott Chaney, Deputy City Clerk