

NOTICE AND MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARIETTA CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 09, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Marietta Municipal Building, 700 S. Highway 77, Marietta, Oklahoma 73448

BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED (which may include discussion, consideration, action for approval or disapproval, voting to take any appropriate action, and the revision, amendment and passage of resolutions on the following agenda items):

CALL TO ORDER.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Rushing at 6:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM.

PRESENT

Mayor Destry Rushing
Council Member Samantha Aldaba
Council Member Crystal Cohee
Council Member Tommy Kiser
Council Member Matt Barber
Council Member Ramona Willis

ABSENT

Council Member Stephanie Furrh

INVOCATION.

Invocation given by Scott Chaney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Matt Barber.

CONSENT AGENDA.

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

Motion made by Council Member Barber to approve the Consent Agenda, Seconded by Council Member Kiser.

Voting Yea: Council Member Aldaba, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member Barber, Council Member Willis

1. Approval of the agenda as part of the minutes.
2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on August 12, 2025.
3. Approval of financial reports.

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4. 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA.

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

None.

CORRESPONDENCE.

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

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

Denice Halstied stated Oklahoma Main Street Awards Banquet is September 30 and for every empty building on Main Street we are losing \$100,000.

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 gave an update on EDA Grant Application, he's meeting with the National Park Service for the new park, gave information on the Dollar Tree groundbreaking, City is looking for a contractor to fix the awning on the old drug store building, and an update on streets.

REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. Public hearing regarding the application of Bryce McCage to rezone property located at 305 E. Main, also known as Lot 6, Block 87, Marietta City, Love County, Oklahoma from the zoning single family residential(R1) to multi family residential(R2).

Public Hearing opened at 6:13 p.m. No one present.

Motion made by Council Member Barber to close the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m., Seconded by Council Member Kiser.

Voting Yea: Council Member Aldaba, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member Barber, Council Member Willis

2. Ordinance rezoning property located at 305 E. Main also described as Lot 6, Block 87 Marietta City, Love County, Oklahoma..

City Administrator stated the Planning Commission approved the rezoning.

Motion made by Council Member Barber to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-02 as presented, Seconded by Council Member Aldaba.

Voting Yea: Council Member Aldaba, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member Barber, Council Member Willis

3. Discussion and possible action regarding traffic flow on Gilliam Street and Mayall Street during school drop off and pickup time.

No action. Administrative.

4. Designation of Halloween Bash as a special event and necessary street closures.

Motion made by Council Member Kiser to adopt Resolution 2025-22 as presented, Seconded by Council Member Aldaba.

Voting Yea: Council Member Aldaba, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member Barber, Council Member Willis

5. Designation of the Homecoming Parade sponsored by the Marietta Public Schools a special even and necessary street closures.

Motion made by Council Member Cohee to adopt Resolution 2025-23 as presented, Seconded by Council Member Barber.

Voting Yea: Council Member Aldaba, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member Barber, Council Member Willis

6. Discussion and possible action regarding an ordinance for pay raises for Council Members and any or all other elected officials for the City of Marietta.

No action.

7. Executive session to discuss the employment of Brendon Black with the City of Marietta, pursuant to Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 307 (B) (1).

Motion made by Council Member Kiser to go into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m., Seconded by Council Member Barber.

Voting Yea: Council Member Aldaba, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member Barber, Council Member Willis

Returned to Open Session at 7:33 p.m.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding the employment of Brendon Black, and the hours, duties, compensation and benefits of said Brendon Black.

Motion made by Council Member Barber to adopt Resolution 2025-24 as presented, Seconded by Council Member Kiser.

Voting Yea: Council Member Aldaba, Council Member Cohee, Council Member Kiser, Council Member Barber, Council Member Willis

NEW/UNFORESEEN BUSINESS.

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

None.

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.

Mayor Rushing mentioned the groundbreaking ceremony for Dollar Tree, wish Terry Vernon happy birthday tomorrow.

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ADJOURN.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Scott Chaney, Deputy City Clerk
Dottie Gwin, City Clerk

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