

SPECIAL MEETING – AUGUST 3, 2010

The special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Marshall was held on August 3, 2010 in the Board Room of Marshall Municipal Utilities, 113 South Fourth Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Byrnes. In addition to Byrnes the following members were present: Hulsizer, Doom, Sanow, DeCramer, Boedigheimer and Ritter. Absent: None. Staff present included: Ben Martig, City Administrator; Harry Weilage, Director of Community Services; Thomas M. Meulebroeck, Financial Director/City Clerk; and Rob Yant, Director of Public Safety, arrived late.

Ben Martig, City Administrator, indicated that the purpose of this meeting was to provide a forum for Council direction at the beginning of the budget process, encourage discussion and facilitate some priorities and provide direction for areas of further research and analysis.

COMMUNITY VISION:

Ben Martig, City Administrator, reviewed the Community Vision which is: "Marshall will be a vibrant community of values, neighborhoods, families, education, diversity, business; all building a sense of community." "Continue private/public partnerships as we progress toward being a regional commercial, educational, medical, retail and cultural center of 18,000 citizens." It was the general consensus of the council that employment be added to the Vision.

COMMUNITY ISSUES (OPPORTUNITIES & THREATS) – PRIORITIZATION AND OBJECTIVES (ACTION ITEMS):

The Mayor and Council identified the following "Community Issues" identified and discussed were:

- Industrial Park Development
 - Sonstegard Property
 - DeRuyck Property
 - Airport Property
 - Safety Issues
- Industrial Storm Water Management
- Regional Sport Center
 - Community vs City
 - Development Issues
- City Building's Usage – Library/City Hall
 - Future usage of Library
 - Future parking for current Library facility
 - City Hall remodel garage
 - Building Inventory
 - Marshall Hotel
- Airport Industrial Development
- Park Development – Memorial Park/Windstar Park
- MERIT Driving Track
- EDA with Lyon County/other Cities
- New Liquor Store needs
- Street Maintenance
- Maintain Zero Budget Increase for Debt
- Pedestrian Bike Trail Connection
 - Park to Park
 - School to School
- Saratoga Overpass
 - Federal/State Funding
- Scheduled Air Service

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Maintain/Improve Bond Rating
Four-Lane Highway Access
Regional Transportation Issues – Safety Issues
Area behind Menards – WalMart
 Zoning – what does the City want in this area
Capital Plan Replacement Items – (Major items)

There was a brief discussion on the City of Ghent utilizing the Building Inspector Department and how this was working. Discussion also included that service could be shared with other communities.

The following Issues were prioritized as the most important:

- a. The development of the city-owned industrial park properties was the top priority identified by the City Council.
- b. Park Development (Windstar Park and Memorial Park) was identified as a priority as Memorial Park noted as the priority of the two.
- c. Continued work toward the development of the current capital projects for the Southwest Minnesota Regional Amateur Sports Center and Minnesota Emergency Response and Industrial Training (MERIT) Center projects. The sports project is for the development of an indoor facility and outdoor facilities. The MERIT Center project is for the development of a driving safety track and related facilities.
- d. Support to complete a reorganization plan for economic development activities in coordination with Lyon County.

FURTHER BUDGETARY ISSUES AND/OR RESEARCH:

There was some discussion on the 2011 budget process and issues. The Council discussed possibilities of the preliminary levy.

Councilmember Boedigheimer requested more thorough review of the wastewater and surface water rates to be proposed in 2011.

The Council agreed the importance to review the Department Structure in Public Works and Park Maintenance with potential retirements in key positions. The Council further elaborated that it would be valuable to complete a comprehensive review of retirements and succession planning.

ENDOWMENT FUND DISCUSSION – INVESTMENT SOLUTIONS, CREATION OF FUND AND GUIDELINES:

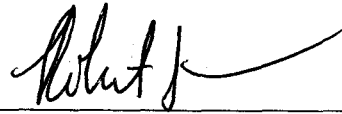
Ben Martig, City Administrator, indicated that the following Investment Options will be reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee:

- Foundation (SWIF, MN foundation, etc.)
- Repurchase Agreement (Springsteds)
- Local Investment Management (Wells Fargo, Bremer)
- “Loan” to MMU or interfund loan.

The Ways and Means Committee will be recommending an Investment Option and an Internal Fund Creation and Policy needs to be reviewed.

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Boedigheimer moved, Doom seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. All voted in favor of the motion.



Mayor of the City of Marshall

ATTEST:



Financial Director/City Clerk