

SPECIAL MEETING – AUGUST 31, 2010

The special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Marshall was held on August 31, 2010 in the Board Room at Marshall Municipal Utilities, 113 South 4th Street. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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; and Thomas M. Meulebroeck, Finance Director/City Clerk.

Ben Martig, City Administrator, provided information that was received in regard to a Towing and Storage License. This will be discussed at the next regular city council meeting.

Ben indicated that following the budget discussion he would be updating the Council on the hiring process for fire department personnel.

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss various aspects of the proposed 2011 City of Marshall Budget.

Ben addressed the City Council Project Priorities for 2011 and the related Staff Summary Task List. The four primary focus areas for 2011 were: (1) Industrial Park Development; (2) Park Development (Memorial and Windstar) with a priority on Memorial Park Phase II; (3) MERIT Center Driving Facility and Amateur Sports Center Facilities; and (4) Economic Development Reorganization.

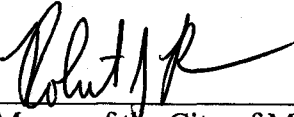
The components of the Preliminary 2010 Tax Levy of \$4,806,667, collectible in 2011 was reviewed. This levy represents a 3% increase. The City Council members discussed and expressed their thoughts on the proposed levy and were in a consensus to begin with a 3% increase.

Ben expressed concerns with the Certified Levy the City received from the State; therefore the amount presently budgeted for 2011 is the same as 2010, which is less than the certified amount.

Some of the adjustments in the proposed 2011 expenditures include a 2% increase in wages; an 11% increase in health insurance premiums and a 13% increase in electrical and water rates. Ben did indicate that City Staff will be reviewing alternatives to the health insurance deductible and co-pays. The capital requests for 2011 to 2015 were briefly reviewed.

Ben provided an update on the hiring of personnel for the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department. There is currently 4 or 5 openings on the department. The job description for a fireman is being reviewed and updated. Due to changes in the Federal Labor Standard Act, City Staff has reviewed the City Policy as it relates to full time City employees also serving on the Fire Department. It was the consensus that full time City employees not be considered for future openings on the Fire Department.

Ritter moved, Doom seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 P.M. All voted in favor of the motion.



Mayor of the City of Marshall

ATTEST:



Financial Director/City Clerk