

SPECIAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 16, 2010

The special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Marshall was held on November 16, 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 in attendance: Hulsizer, Doom, Sanow, DeCramer, Boedigheimer and Ritter. Absent: None. Staff present included: Ben Martig, City Administrator; Glenn Olson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Rob Yant, Director of Public Safety; Harry Weilage, Director of Community Services; Jess Nelson, Studio One; and Thomas M. Meulebroeck, Finance Director/City Clerk. Others in attendance included: Mel Odens, MSA Engineer; Steve Strautz, Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee; Cal Brink, Chamber of Commerce; Al Anderson; Kodiak Hill-Davis and David Turch from Turch & Associates.

Mr. Turch and Ms. Hill-Davis from Turch and Associates have been hired as lobbyist for the Marshall Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee and were in attendance at the meeting to update the City Council on their activities in promoting transportation needs for the City of Marshall and the Southwestern area of Minnesota.

As a follow up to a previous discussion on the Surface Water budget for 2011, a brief discussion was held on the potential options to close out Capital Project Fund 480 – Ditch 62 and Capital Project Fund 481 – Corp of Engineers to the Surface Water Fund 630. It was the general consensus to move forward with the closing of Funds 480 and 481 to Fund 630 and that the 9.25% increase in rates be considered for 2011.

The proposed budget for 2011 with a projected rate increase of 8.25% was discussed. A concern was expressed with the change in technology that eliminated some night shifts but did not reduce personnel within their operations. Mr. Olson did indicate that they did not reduce staff since the duties of the staff were changed to assist more in the area of operations and in completing tasks that were not getting done on a timely basis. It was the general consensus to move forward with the proposed 8.25% increase in rates for 2011.

The past revenues and expenditures for the Municipal State Aid Revolving Fund (MSA) and the “429” Public Improvement Revolving Funds were reviewed. The Council did discuss various ideas for revenues and expenditures for these funds. The replacement of Pedestrian Bridges and abutments were discussed and recommended that the City continue the plan of replacing them.

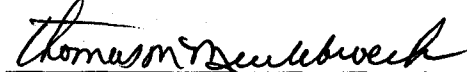
Ben did review in detail the proposed adjustments to the General Fund Revenues and Expenditures for 2011. The general consensus of the City Council was to incorporate the proposed changes and that the review continue at a Budget Workshop meeting to be held on November 23, 2010.

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



Mayor of the City of Marshall

ATTEST:



Finance Director/City Clerk