

SPECIAL MEETING - DECEMBER 6, 2011

The special meeting of the Common Council was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 in the Professional Room at the Marshall Middle School, 401 South Saratoga Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Byrnes. In addition to Byrnes the following Council Members were present: Hulsizer, Doom, Sanow, DeCramer, Boedigheimer and Ritter. Absent: none. Staff present included: Ben Martig, City Administrator; Lorna Sandvik, City Assessor and Thomas M. Meulebroeck, Finance Director/City Clerk. Glenn Olson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, arrived at 6:30 P.M. There were 10 residents in attendance and Deb Gau from the Marshall Independent

This was the date and time set for a public hearing on the 2012 Budget and Levy. Ben Martig, City Administrator, provided a review of the 2012 Budget and Tax Levy. The purpose of this public hearing was to hear any comments from the City Council and from the general public in regard to the proposed budget and tax levy payable in the year 2012. Mr. Martig provided a power point presentation which included:

- Proposed Tax Levy
- Sample Tax Statements
- How Property Tax Rates are Determined
- Property Tax Class Rates – State of Minnesota
- Residential Property Tax Comparison 2011-2012
- Commercial/Industrial Tax Comparison 2011-2012
- History of Local (Tax Capacity Rates) for City-County-School
- City of Marshall Tax Capacity Rate
- City of Marshall Tax Capacity 2002-2012
- General Fund Revenues
- General Fund Revenue Comparisons 2010-2012
- LGA History 2003 - 2012
- 2012 Proposed Use of Property Tax Revenue
- How is my 2012 “City” Tax Dollar (\$1.00) Spent?
- General Fund FY 2012 Expenditures
- General Fund Expenditure Comparisons 2011-2012
- General Fund Expenditure Breakdown by Type 2011 vs. 2012
- Marshall-Lyon County Library
- Economic Development
- Enterprise Funds

Russ Labat, Publisher Marshall Independent, 508 West Main Street, addressed the City Council on behalf of the Commercial and Retail Businesses requesting that the City Council reduce the proposed levy for 2012 by \$107,303 to a 0% increase. Mr. Labat presented 30 letters from businesses in support of the 0% increase and indicated that there would be additional letters submitted to the City.

Pat Foley, Eco Water, 801 West Main Street, also expressed his concern with today's business struggles and supported a 0% increase in the levy.

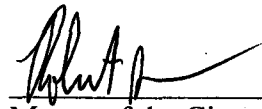
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The City Council members each expressed their thought as to what the City Council should consider as the tax levy for 2012.

Decramer moved, Sanow seconded, that the public hearing be closed. All voted in favor of the motion.

Byrnes called for a 5-minute recess at 6:50 P.M.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M. All voted in favor of the motion.



Mayor of the City of Marshall

Attest:



Finance Director/City Clerk