

## COUNCIL WORK SESSION – APRIL 3, 2012

The work session of the Common Council of the City of Marshall was held on April 3, 2012 in the Professional Room at the Marshall Middle School, 401 South Saratoga Street. The members in attendance at the work session included: Mayor Byrnes and Council Members, Hulsizer, Doom, Sanow, DeCramer, Boedigheimer and Ritter. Staff present included: Ben Martig, City Administrator; Glenn Olson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Thomas M. Meulebroeck, Finance Director/City Clerk; Cathy Lee, Executive Assistant; and Jane DeVries, Deputy City Clerk. Others in attendance included: Frank Resta from InterCom Network.

Frank Resta, InterCom Network, provided training for the City Council and City Staff on the Paperless Board Meeting Training.

Be it noted the arrival of City Attorney Dennis Simpson.

### **PRESENTATIONS OF FORMER LIBRARY PROPOSALS FOR ACQUISITION A. HISTORICAL SOCIETY; B. MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOL:**

Neil Ingebrigtsen, President of the Historical Society, indicated that they are proposing to buy the Marshall Lyon County Library for \$1.00, or alternatively for \$25,000.00. He indicated that they wanted to be fair to the City, but they only have a certain amount of money. Moving the museum to the former library would provide them with more space for displays and storage. He indicated that the utility costs and up keep costs of the library would be comparable to the rent that they pay for their current location. Mr. Ingebrigtsen indicated that the Historical Society's first display was in the basement of the old Library. He also indicated that there would not be a need for additional parking.

Clint Willert, Superintendent Marshall Public School, indicated that they are proposing to buy the Marshall Lyon County Library for \$100,000.00 to use as an alternative learning campus. Their current alternative school is located in the Market Street Mall. Mr. Willert indicated that there would be adequate parking available. Mr. Willert indicated that the school would need to make renovations which include adding a sprinkler system, updating the heating/cooling system, and the exterior.

Glenn Olson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, provided information on the potential costs and scheduled of the water and related street improvements to serve this area.

A petition was received from the Downtown Businesses indicating their support for the Lyon County Museum.

DeCramer moved, Ritter seconded, that the City Council consider the sale of the Marshall Lyon County Library at the April 24, 2012 regular meeting. This will allow time for all the entities to discuss options. All voted in favor of the motion.

Al Greig indicated that the downtown businesses are in support of the Lyon County Museum purchasing the old Library. Mr. Greig indicated that there is no guarantee that parking will not be an issue in the future.

County Commissioner Rodney Stensrud indicated that the City and County need to work together on a decision.

There was a concern of where the smoking area would be. Mr. Willert indicated that this would be a drug and alcohol free facility.

Jeff Chapman, Chair of the Marshall School Board, indicated that there is a need for both facilities and hopefully the City would be able to find a place for both.

Lars Johansen indicated that he is in favor of preserving the history of Lyon County and felt that the Museum was a better choice.

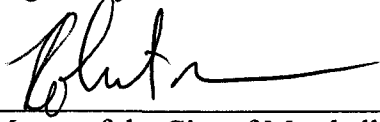
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Ways and Means meeting be added to the agenda. All voted in favor of the motion.

DeCramer moved, Sanow seconded, to approve alternate council members to attend the April 10, 2012 Ways and Means meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

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



Mayor of the City of Marshall

ATTEST:

  
Financial Director/City Clerk