

EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 10, 2013

The emergency meeting of the Common Council of the City of Marshall was held on April 10, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the Marshall Municipal Building, 344 West Main 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, Bayerkohler, DeCramer, and Boedigheimer. Absent: Conyers. Staff present included: Ben Martig, City Administrator; Dennis Simpson, City Attorney; Glenn Olson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; and Thomas M. Meulebroeck, Financial Director/City Clerk.

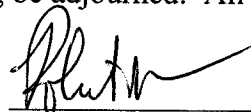
Ben Martig, City Administrator, indicated that according to media reports, portions of Rock, Nobles, Murray, Cottonwood and Jackson counties were hit hard by Tuesday's ice storm event in Southwest Minnesota. A number of communities were experiencing loss of electricity and also in cases substantial trees down causing safety concerns.

Glenn Olson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, received a request on the afternoon of April 10<sup>th</sup> for assistance to the City of Worthington to remove tree debris from ice damage resulting from the storm event beginning April 9<sup>th</sup>. City Administrator Martig followed up with the City of Worthington Administrator who verified they would likely need assistance. They were having a City Council meeting at 3:00 P.M. to assess the situation and potentially take responding action.

Marshall City staff reviewed processes and existing agreements and determined there were no current policies granting authority to respond in an emergency. Staff is recommending in this instances to use the mutual aid agreement that was drafted in 2010 and revised today by the City Attorney's office that would grant authority to send staff and city resources on an event by event basis as authorized by City Council. State law does allow the City Council to convene in an emergency basis without normal posting requirements if certain procedures are followed such as full media and council notifications, all of which have been conducted in this situation.

Boedigheimer moved, Doom seconded, to approve the City of Marshall Mutual Aid Agreement as presented. This agreement would be forwarded to the City of Worthington for their approval. All voted in favor of the motion.

Decramer moved, Doom seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. All voted aye.



Mayor of the City of Marshall

Attest:

  
Finance Director/City Clerk