

COUNCIL WORK SESSION – AUGUST 18, 2015

The work session of the Common Council of the City of Marshall was held on August 18, 2015 in the Professional Development Room at the Marshall Middle School, 401 South Saratoga Street. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Mayor Byrnes. In addition to Byrnes the following members were present: Schafer, Doom, Sturrock and Bayerkohler. Absent: Conyers and DeCramer. Staff present included: Ben Martig, City Administrator; Marc Klaith, Fire Chief; Cal Brink, CEO Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce; and Thomas M. Meulebroeck, Finance Director/City Clerk.

2016 BUDGET REQUEST FROM MARSHALL AREA FINE ARTS COUNCIL:

Carol Purrington, MAFAC President, request for 2016 is \$1,500 for Summer concerts and \$3,500 for the operating fund, which is a total of \$5,000.

2016 BUDGET REQUEST FROM LYON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Jennifer Andries, Executive Director of the Lyon County Historical Center, was requesting \$22,800 for the 2016 operations.

2016 BUDGET REQUEST FROM THE SOUNDS OF SUMMER COMMITTEE:

Russ Labat addressed the request of \$5,000 for 2016 for the Sounds of Summer Event

2016 BUDGET REQUEST FROM MARSHALL AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION:

Paul Meyer and Kelly Loft, on behalf of the Marshall Amateur Hockey Association, were requesting \$50,000 for 2016. One half, \$25,000, to be paid in January, 2016 and the other \$25,000 in July, 2016 if the new facility is not open. If the new Arena is open the 2nd half will not be provided to MAHA.

REVIEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 2016 BUDGET:


Cal Brink, CEO Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce, reviewed the budget request for 2016. He indicated that EDA is proposing the same total budget as 2015.

Ben Martig, City Administrator, briefly addressed 2016 Budget concerns including:

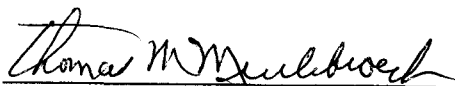
- 1) A proposed 17 ½% increase in health insurance premiums.
- 2) A proposed 22% increase in dental insurance premiums for a 2-year period of 2016 – 2017.
- 3) The increase in tax base growth would be available the 1st week in September, 2015.
- 4) Increase in operation costs for the MERIT Center in 2016.
- 5) Increase in Liquor Operation cost and debt for 2016.
- 6) Reorganizing the Finance/Clerks Department and the consideration of one (1) fulltime position.
- 7) The potential of additional staffing requested for the Police Department.

Capital Improvement suggestions were the bathroom and playground equipment in the Parks.

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



Mayor



Finance Director/City Clerk