

COUNCIL WORK SESSION – DECEMBER 1, 2015

The work session of the Common Council of the City of Marshall was held on December 1, 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, Bayerkohler, DeCramer, Sturrock and Conyers. Absent: none. Staff present included: Ben Martig, City Administrator; Glenn Olson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Bob VanMoer, Wastewater Superintendent and Thomas M. Meulebroeck, Finance Director/City Clerk. Others in attendance included Deb Gau from the Marshall Independent.

**DISCUSSION ON 2016 BUDGET:**

Ben Martig, City Administrator, gave an overview of the various materials that were included in the budget packet. Ben briefly reviewed the property tax info and the impact from decertifying TIF District 2-3.

**REVIEW 2016 WASTEWATER FUND BUDGET AND RATES:**

Bob VanMoer, Wastewater Superintendent, addressed the proposed 2016 budget for Wastewater per the format provided by Springsteds. There is a 2% increase in rates that would primarily offset the increase cost for phosphorus treatment. The business that are the primary users of the Wastewater System were advised of the 2% increase.

**REVIEW 2016 STORMWATER FUND BUDGET AND RATES:**

Per the budget format provided by Springsteds, Glenn Olson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, addressed the Surface Water budget for 2016 to 2021 which reflected a 9.75% increase in rates each year. The Surface Water Fund is used primarily to cover some of the cost for new and the replacement of storm sewer system.

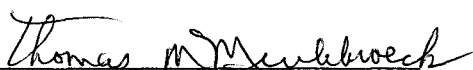
**REVIEW 2016 GENERAL FUND BUDGET PROPOSED:**

Ben Martig, City Administrator, suggested changes in revenues and expenditures for the 2016 General Fund Budget. Other items discussed in relationship to the General Fund Budget were Election expense, Christmas lighting, maintenance of Victory (Wayside) Park, snow removal procedures, the utilizing of Code Red and the messages sent out for snow removal from emergency routes, motorized vehicles traveling in areas where it states non-motorized vehicles only, and the possibility of getting more farmers to assist with snow removal.

Schafer moved, Sturrock seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. All voted in favor of the motion.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Finance Director/City Clerk