

COUNCIL WORK SESSION – JANUARY 19, 2016

The work session of the Common Council of the City of Marshall was held on January 19, 2016 in the Minnesota Room at the Marshall Lyon County Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor Byrnes. In addition to Byrnes the following members were present: Schafer, Doom, Bayerkohler and DeCramer. Absent: Conyers and Sturrock. Staff present included: Ben Martig, City Administrator; Glenn Olson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Harry Weilage, Director of Community Services and Thomas M. Meulebroeck, Finance Director/City Clerk. Others in attendance: Deb Gau from the Marshall Independent.

REVIEW MARSHALL AREA HWY 23 SAFETY ASSESSMENT:

The City Council has authorized the Marshall Area Highway 23 Safety Assessment agreement funded in partnership with the Marshall Area Chamber Transportation Group and MnDOT. This assessment is for the area of Highway 23 from County Road 7 to County Road 33.

Director of Public Works Olson summarized the scope of the agreement. There is an initial planning meeting with those involved in the scoping of the project along with the consultant. The process and scope clarifications and setting expectations were discussed.

Also, the Highway 23 and Saratoga Reduced Conflict Intersection (RCI) and pedestrian overpass project is essentially complete. MnDOT is completing a post-construction design review that includes input from the City of Marshall Engineering Department, the Marshall Police Department and the Minnesota State Patrol. Overall, the traffic safety and flow has been tremendously improved from its previous condition. To date, there have been no reported incidents at the location. There have been reports of vehicles inappropriately maneuvering the intersection. Some of these have been observed to be unintentional but others appear to have been intentional. The design review will include trying to make design changes to further limit unintentional errors and to add barriers that would allow intentional inappropriate driving through the intersection. The primary willful violation is the direct crossover from Saratoga across highway 23. There is a raised island but it has not deterred some crossings. A Divided Highway Crossover Violation MSS 169.18 Sub #9. is subject to a fine of \$125.00. No tickets have been issued but law enforcement is actively patrolling for these violations and will issue citations. Mr. Olson will summarize some of the other traffic observed in the area.

REVIEW 2016 CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS:

Glenn Olson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, reviewed in detail the proposed 2016 Capital Improvement Infrastructure related projects.


REVIEW OF RED BARON ARENA AND EXPO PROJECT AND SCHWAN REGIONAL AMATEUR SPORTS CENTER BALLFIELD PROJECT:

There was no discussion on these items.

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A brief discussion was held on the Camden Bike Trail proposed for the area along the Marshall Golf Course. An alternate route was also discussed.

Mayor Byrnes declared the meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.



Mayor

Attest:



Finance Director/City Clerk