

FEBRUARY 28, 2017 – WORK SESSION

The work session of the Common Council of the City of Marshall was held February 28, 2017 in the Professional Development Room at the Marshall Middle School, 401 South Saratoga Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:55 P.M. by Mayor Byrnes. In addition to Byrnes the following members were in attendance: Craig Schafer, Steven Meister, Glenn Bayerkohler, John DeCramer, David Sturrock and James Lozinski. Absent: none. Staff present included: Nick Johnson, City Administrator; Dennis Simpson, City Attorney; Glenn Olson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Karla Drown, Finance Director and Jane DeVries, City Clerk. Others in attendance included: Cal Brink, CEO Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce; Darin Rahm, CVB Director and Deb Gau, Marshall Independent.

**HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER UPDATE:**

David -Elias Rachie, representative from Gatehouse, was in attendance at the meeting to provide an update to the Hotel & Conference Center Phase II Development. Mr. Rachie indicated that they are looking for feedback from the City Council. The question is to plan for construction on city property only, or for a design that would require buying adjacent land.

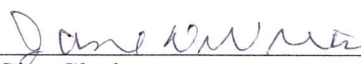
Mr. Rachie indicated that Gatehouse Capital has chosen architects DLR Group and general contractor Dean Snyder Construction of Clear Lake, Iowa for the project. The event center and 101-room Marriott Courtyard hotel with an indoor pool could be built on current city property by the arena. With this proposed plan, there would be an issue with parking. By purchasing adjacent land, Gatehouse could build the same size hotel and event center; and have space for more parking with additional land available for sale for the construction of a restaurant.

Council Member Lozinski asked who would be purchasing the property. He indicated that the hotel should be a standalone business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

  
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Mayor

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City Clerk