

APRIL 11, 2017 – WORK SESSION

The work session of the Common Council of the City of Marshall was held April 11, 2017 in the Professional Development Room at the Marshall Middle School, 401 South Saratoga Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 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; Scott VanDerMillen, Director of Community Services; Sheila Dubs, Human Resource Manager 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. Mr. Rachie provided a conceptual rendering of the proposed hotel and conference center. He indicated that they are proposing to build a 16,000 square foot conference center and a 100-room Marriott hotel next to the Red Baron Arena and Expo Center. Both buildings would connect to the arena and they would be arranged so the signage for the Red Baron Arena and Expo Center would be visible from Highway 23 and the intersection of Highway 23 and 19. By purchasing the adjacent land, Gatehouse could build the hotel and event center; and have space for more parking. The plan presented includes purchasing adjacent land. The conceptual renderings also includes space for a possible restaurant, which would be separate from the hotel and conference center.

Council Member Sturrock left at 6:55 P.M.

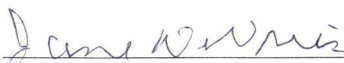
The next step is for Springsteds, the City's financial advisors, to review the budget. City Administrator Johnson indicated that more detailed budget will be presented to the council at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 P.M.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk