

## COUNCIL WORK SESSION – MAY 8, 2018

The work session of the Common Council of the City of Marshall was held on May 8, 2018 in the Professional Development Room at the Marshall Middle School, 401 South Saratoga Street. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Mayor Bob Byrnes. In addition to Byrnes the following members were present: Craig Schafer, Steven Meister, Glenn Bayerkohler, John DeCramer, David Sturrock and James Lozinski. Absent: None. Staff present included: Sharon Hanson, City Administrator; Dennis Simpson, City Attorney; Jason Anderson, Assistant City Engineer/Zoning Administrator; Karla Drown, Finance Director; Ilya Gutman, Plan Examiner/Assistant Zoning Administrator and Kyle Box, City Clerk.

### **Discussion on City Hall**

City Administrator Sharon Hanson introduced Barbara Midgarden Marks and Richard Engan of Engan Associates to provide discussion on City Hall.

Barbara Midgarden Marks provided an over view of the three sites proposed in the City Hall search; County Fair Foods, Landmark Mercantile and Current City Hall/Hotel. Engan Associates recommendation to Council is that they stay and renovate the current City Hall and Hotel site.

Council member Bayerkohler provided discussion from the City Hall Committee. Member Bayerkohler commented on the Mercantile Building's cost and if the \$2,240,900 was an asking price or if it could be negotiated. There was continued discussion by Council on the fees associated with purchasing a building.

Both Council and Engan Associates staff discussed the Mercantile building and its positives. However, Richard Engan discussed the process of finishing a building like the Mercantile building and the amount work necessary to complete it. The entire work space would need to be finished and for security purposes, adding an internal elevator or stairwell would be recommend and an additional cost.

There was discussion by Council that the Mercantile building is a taxable property within the community and would be taken off the tax roll if it was acquired as City Hall.

DeCramer, discussed the possibility of speaking with the other building owners to lease a building space. DeCramer commented that with the information collected, Council should make a decision.

City Administrator Hanson provided discussion that the preservation of the current City Hall building is more conservative and more of a benefit in the eye of the public.

Mayor Byrnes commented that we can always continue to ask for more information but at some point, a decision needs to be made on the City Hall project.

Council member Bayerkohler added that he would like to look more into the costs of the Mercantile and current City Hall buildings before making a decision.

City Administrator Hanson added that staff is waiting for a Council direction on the item. Engan Associates commented that estimates will become more accurate as the project develops.

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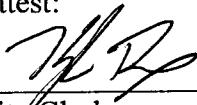
Richard Engan discussed with direction from Council they can provide schematic plans for a specific building in four to six weeks.

Member **David Sturrock** Moved, Member **James Lozinski** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'to continue with the City Hall project at the current City Hall location.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **1**. The motion **Carried. 6 – 1** with Bayerkohler voting no.

Member **James Lozinski** Moved, Member **Craig Schafer** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Adjourn Meeting'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk