

Council Proceedings
Special Council Meeting
January 30, 2017

A Special meeting of the Marshalltown City Council was convened on January 30, 2017, at 12:03 pm, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, according to posted notices. Mayor Lowrance called the meeting to order. ROLL CALL: Present – Gowdy, Greer, Hoop, Lamer, Martin, Schubert, Wirin.

Finance Director Steiner recommended a buy down on the debt service levy with cash on hand. Rebalancing of other levy taxes results in a zero increase of the property tax levy rate.

Moody's bond rating is strongly biased on the city's cash balances, with a higher cash balance leading to lower interest rates when bonds are sold. The council discussed the transit fund, road use tax fund and local options sales tax fund. The city has historically limited the amount of support for wages directly attributable to road service costs to about \$800,000. Iowa Code allows road use tax funds to be used for maintenance and management of streets. The general fund is stretched. Staff has been instructed for the past several years to prepare zero increase budgets. Contractual wage increases have required cuts in budget and services offered. Local option sales tax revenues are higher than estimates, due to the Alliant workers' spending their earnings in our community. The state is considering withdrawing their support of the backfill.

The council will meet again on February 6, 2017, at noon, to discuss the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari L. Coughenour, CMC, City Clerk

CITY OF MARSHALLTOWN

James L. Lowrance, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shari L. Coughenour, City Clerk