

CITY OF MARSHALLTOWN
SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL AGENDA
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 W STATE STREET
DECEMBER 21, 2020, 5:30 PM

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A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Joel T.S. Greer

B. **ROLL CALL**

Cahill, Gowdy, Hoop, Isom, Martin, Thompson, Wirin.

C. **MAYOR, COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**

D. **AGENDA**

1. **Interviews For 1st Ward City Council Vacancy**

Shari Coughenour, 520 N Center St

Mike Ladehoff, 407 N 15th Ave

Raymond Starks, 116 W Main St, Apt B

Documents:

[12-21-2020_Letters of Interest-1st Ward.pdf](#)

E. **MOTIONS**

1. **Motion For Appointment To Fill 1st Ward Vacancy**

F. **ADJOURN**

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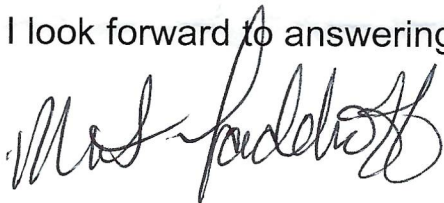
Marshalltown City Hall
24 North Center Street
Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

Honorable Joel Greer
Members of the Marshalltown City Council.

I am writing to you to express my interest in the City Council seat vacated by Sue Cahill, 1st Ward due to her election to the Iowa Legislature. My family and I are 30+ year residents of the 1st Ward and am now employed by Emerson Process Management as a grit blaster for over 9 years.

I served on the Marshalltown City Council for 6 years, from 1996 until 2002, and have remained active in the community since as a volunteer to Woodbury Elementary School, Coordinated the UAW Community Food Bank after the tornado, Chairman of the UAW Community Services Committee and as Chairman of the UAW Consumer Protection Committee.

I look forward to answering any questions that you may have.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Ladehoff", with a stylized, cursive script.

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Mayor Joel Greer
Marshalltown City Hall
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Mayor Greer and Members of the Marshalltown City Council:

I'm writing you today to indicate my interest for the 1st Ward City Council appointment. I want to represent the 1st Ward on the City Council in order to serve its residents and to support businesses in our downtown. Professionally, I am an associate attorney at Moore, McKibben, Goodman & Lorenz, LLP where I have been fortunate to represent many members of this community. I am also proud to serve as the Economic Vitality Chair of the Marshalltown Central Business District; in this role I have supported existing businesses in the downtown and identified opportunities for new growth.

If confirmed to the council, my priorities would be improving quality of life issues for the town's residents and growing its businesses. Originally, I became invested in the council's activities over the safety zone issue. I am grateful to the council for passing this measure, and as a councilman I would continue the work Councilwoman Cahill has done focusing on the importance of quality of life for our community's residents. Quality of life issues directly impact whether residents want to live in the downtown and other areas adjacent to the railroad, affecting where they spend their time and money. Quality of life also includes good, affordable housing near where people work; supporting affordable rental options above Main Street and throughout the community allows people who work here to also live here. Quality of life also includes supporting homeowners making necessary repairs and updates to revitalize neighborhoods, especially those which were hit hard not only by the tornado in 2018 but also this year's derecho. Finally, quality of life includes supporting beautification efforts to plant more trees and provide more greenspace and other outdoor spaces where people can gather. This also includes repairs and improvements to existing greenspaces like Riverview Park—a place where people can exercise and spend time outdoors. These measures will attract new residents and benefit those who already live in Marshalltown.

I came to this town after attending Drake Law School because of the strength of its community—something that I gained an even greater appreciation for seeing everyone come together after the tornado and derecho. I have the perspective of someone who chose to live in Marshalltown; I humbly ask for your support so I can bring that perspective to the council to support homeowners, build upon the businesses downtown, and attract new members to this community.

Thank you for your consideration,



Raymond Joel Starks
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Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

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1st Ward Councilor appointment, Shari Coughenour

From : Shari Coughenour <shari.coughenour@gmail.com>

Mon, Dec 07, 2020 03:14 PM

Subject : 1st Ward Councilor appointment, Shari Coughenour**To :** clerk@marshalltown-ia.gov

Dear Mayor Greer,

I am interested in serving my community as First Ward Councilor and request to be considered for appointment to fill the vacancy due to Susan Cahill's successful election as our State Representative. I intend to run for First Ward council in November, or when/if a special election is requested by the voters.

I have lived in the First Ward since 1998 and raised my family in our town. I believe Marshalltown is a great place to live, work and play, and want to be part of the team that works hard to make our community a better place.

I've volunteered in our community. I served as board member and secretary/treasurer for the Morning Optimists, who support our community through the Red White and Blue Flag subscriptions. I was also involved in my church when my kids were younger, teaching little ones on Sundays as well as mentoring other single moms.

I've also served the community for 20 years as City Clerk, and fully understand all the funding mechanisms available to Iowa Cities, as well as the challenges facing Marshalltown, specifically the First Ward.

I would love to meet with you and the other councilors and further explain my love for our community, and why I would be an asset to the community as First Ward Councilor.

Shari Coughenour
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