

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
December 21, 2020

Mayor Joel Greer called the special meeting to order at 5:36 PM, December 21, 2020, via Go-To Meeting. Roll call—Present virtually: Cahill, Gowdy, Isom; Present in council chambers: Hoop and Thompson. Wirin joined the meeting virtually after interviews and discussions were completed. Cahill thanked the applicants who submitted letters of interest for the First Ward vacancy.

AGENDA

Shari Coughenour, 520 N Center St, Mike Ladehoff, 407 N 15th Ave, and Raymond Starks, 116 W Main St, Apt B, were present virtually to interview for the First Ward City Council vacancy. The City Clerk, Alicia Hunter, asked the following series of questions, and each applicant had the opportunity to answer.

1. Tell us about yourself and your background.
2. Have you ever held a public office before or served on any boards, commissions, or committees?
3. What will you do to help further the respectful relationships that currently exist between the City's elected officials?
4. In 2021 and beyond, we will have a number of items related to Downtown redevelopment coming forward, including the Downtown Implementation Plan and design standards for Downtown. How will you ensure that you are representing your ward in any Downtown-related discussions?
5. What does the City need to continue to do to help the 1st Ward recover from the tornado and the derecho?
6. What City staff and departments have you interacted with and for what purposes?
7. The City has been working with the Iowa DOT for a number of years on enhancements for the Highway 14 Corridor from northern City limits to Anson Street. What value do you see in this project?
8. What are your strengths and weaknesses?
9. Identify 2 or 3 things you have done in the past to improve or promote Marshalltown.
10. The 1st Ward is also home to JBS. The City has quarterly meetings with JBS of which you would be invited to be a part of. What messages would you take into these meetings?
11. If a petition for a special election is filed, would you plan to be on the ballot for that election?
12. Why do you want to represent the 1st Ward on the Marshalltown City Council and why should the City Council members choose you?

MOTIONS

City Attorney Roger Schoell confirmed a simple majority vote is necessary to pass a motion of appointment. Thompson advised he will vote no on any motion of appointment as he would like to hold a special election. Mayor Greer confirmed a petition has not been received for a special election. Isom and Cahill support the appointment so there is first ward representation in upcoming budget discussions. Gowdy would like all 7 council members to be present for this decision.

Motion by Isom to APPOINT RAYMOND STARKS TO FILL THE FIRST WARD VACANCY, motion failed due to no second.

Motion by Hoop, second by Gowdy to table the motion for APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE FIRST WARD VACANCY to the 12/28 meeting, motion carried 3-2, with Isom and Thompson dissenting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

CITY OF MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA



Alicia Hunter, City Clerk



Joel T.S. Greer, Mayor
ATTEST:



Alicia Hunter, City Clerk