

Council Proceedings
February 24, 2014

The Marshalltown City Council met in regular session on February 24, 2014, at 5:30 pm, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Lowrance called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Gowdy, Greer, Hoop, Lamer, Martin, Schubert, Wirin. Firefighter Chad Jones was recognized for ten years of service. Schubert moved to approve the agenda, second by Greer. Motion approved 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Lamer moved to approve the Consent Agenda: Approve Council meeting Minutes of February 10, 2014; Approve Bill List in the amount of \$1,085,847.48; Approve purchase of Superintendent Sewer Department, ¾ ton 4x4 truck, from Jensen Ford \$25,980 with trade in; Receipt of Building Report for January 2014; Resolution 2014-011 Approving Applications for Tax Abatement within Approved Urban Revitalization Areas of the City of Marshalltown, Iowa; Resolution 2014-012 Approving Contracts for Property Acquisition, Easements, relating to Iowa River Interceptor Sewer Project 59011019; Resolution 2014-013 Ordering Construction, Iowa River Interceptor Sewer Project 59011019; Resolution 2014-014 Approving Grant Application for Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau grant, FY 2015; Liquor Licenses: New: Marshalltown Area Speedway, Kruse Motor Sports, Inc., Class B Beer Application, Seasonal; and Central Iowa Fair, add two Five Day Special Class C Liquor Licenses, March 15, 2014, and July 9-13, 2014, to existing license; Liquor Licenses Renewals: (pending fire inspection) Class E Liquor License: Hy Vee Food & Drugstore; Fareway Stores #467; TP Plaza; Class C Liquor License: Brewsters; American Legion; Salon Diana; Corner Tap, Calvin Rockett Bar & Grill; Class C Beer Carry Out: Kwik Star #706; El Vaquero Grocery; second by Wirin. Consent agenda adopted 7-0.

MOTIONS:

Budget Discussion –set hearing for March 24, 2014. Cindy Kendall, former City Treasurer, on contract with the city to prepare the budget for FY 2014-2015, reviewed the timeline for budget preparation, and asked the council for guidelines for revenue. The public hearing is scheduled for March 24 and upper levels of the revenue need to be published prior to the hearing. The council can certify a budget with lower tax rate than that published budget, but can not go higher. The council discussed adding an additional \$50,000 to the local option sales tax designation of 75%, as it will leave sufficient cash reserves in light of the next few years' projected tax valuation reduction over the next eight years. The Emergency Levy was also considered, the maximum levy rate allowed is 27 cents, but due to the health of fund balances, the emergency levy has not been used in recent years. The current budget problem is in the general fund. Staff recommends council spend time to analyze realigned services to deliver services at the level the community requests to absorb to the new norm. Due to the reduction in taxable values the revenue generated is significantly less, with the general fund less than \$289,000 than the prior year. Expenditures will be reviewed at the next meeting. A budget amendment may be required depending on the timing of bond issuance.

Lamer moved to proceed in 2015 with \$1,000,000 in street construction bonds, adding approximately 11 cents to the proposed levy, second by Hoop. Motion carried 7-0.

Martin moved to use revenues from the local option sales and service tax, in the amount of \$50,000, to reduce property tax levy, second by Lamer. Motion carried 7-0.

Wirin moved to use up to 22 cents of the emergency levy to reduce the general fund deficit, second by Greer. Twenty two cents will cover the \$160,000 general fund shortfall. The council will discuss the general fund shortfall at the next meeting and service reduction options. Motion carried 7-0.

Lamer moved to set the public hearing date for the budget on March 24, 2014, second by Gowdy. Motion carried 7-0.

No additional action was required regarding the Street Program proposal for 2014 and 2015 due to Lamer's prior motion relating to \$1,000,000 in street construction bonds.

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Greer moved to accept Crescent Electric's quotation for LED lights for light fixtures located on Main Street and Center Street from State Street to south of the viaduct, second by Schubert. Payback on the fixtures includes energy savings and Alliant rebates for installation. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Lamer moved to adopt Resolution 2014-015 to Fix a Date for a Public Hearing on a Loan Agreement in a Principal amount not to exceed \$225,000, regarding General Obligation Police and Fire Station Loan Agreement, second by Martin. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Schubert moved to adopt Resolution 2014-016 to Fix a Date for a Public Hearing on a Sanitary Sewer Improvement Loan Agreement in a Principal Amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, regarding a Sewer Revenue Improvement Loan Agreement, second by Lamer. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Martin moved to adopt Resolution 2014-017 to Fix a Date for a Public Hearing on a General Obligation Loan Agreement in a Principal Amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, regarding a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement, second by Gowdy. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Greer moved to adopt Resolution 2014-018 to Fix a Date for a Public Hearing on a Storm Water Utility Revenue Loan Agreement, in a Principal Amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, second by Wirin. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Schubert moved to adopt Resolution 2014-019 to Approve Purchase Contract with Zuercher Technologies, LLC, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, regarding Police Department Software, total cost \$275,754.00, five year payments at 0% interest, benefiting both City of Marshalltown and the Marshall County E911 Board, second by Wirin. Resolution adopted 7-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION:

Survey Truck Bids were solicited with two received, for a four wheel drive vehicle with tow package. Union Auto is the low vendor, the vehicle replacement was in the budget. Staff recommends the council approve the bid at the next meeting.

Scott Renaud, Engineer with Fox Engineering, informed the council Plans & Specifications Iowa River Interceptor Sewer Project 59011019 are available for public inspection and the public hearing is scheduled for April 14, 2014.

Engineering staff member Brad Batement recommended the council approve the Certificate of Completion and Final Project Costs, Sidewalk and Ramp Replacement 2013 project 76012023, Construct, \$495,558.38 at the next meeting.

Human Resources Director Petermeier reviewed the progress of the union contract negotiation, with four of the five tentatively scheduled. The agreements will be presented to the council at the March 10 council meeting.

No new information was available regarding Hilltop and S 8th Street Treatment Options a report will be made in two weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:04 p.m. Lamer moved to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 21.5 subsection (1) paragraph (j) OF THE CODE OF IOWA to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property, second by Greer. Motion carried 7-0. At 7:22 p.m. Schubert moved to leave closed session, second by Gowdy. Motion carried 7-0. Roll Call – Present: Gowdy, Greer, Hoop, Lamer, Martin, Schubert, Wirin.

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Greer moved to proceed with purchase option for parcel A at the agreed upon price, second by Wirin.
Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari L. Coughenour, CMC, City Clerk

CITY OF MARSHALLTOWN

ATTEST:

James L. Lowrance, Mayor

Shari L. Coughenour, CMC, City Clerk