

Council Proceedings
January 13, 2014

The Marshalltown City Council met in regular session on January 13, 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. Sergeant Melinda Ruopp and K-9 Awol were recognized. Sgt. Ruopp, being nationally recognized for running a successful K-9 program in Marshalltown for the past 15 years, and for being handler of two dogs, J.R. and Awol. 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 December 30, 2013; Approve Bill List in the amount of \$1,106,846.39; Receive Civil Service New Hire List, Street Mechanic; Approve new Cigarette Permit, Goldenland, Inc., 31 N Center Street, January 14, 2014 – June 30, 2014; Resolution 2014-001 Approving Contract with Mid Iowa Community Action, Inc., grant for the Lead Hazard Control Program; Resolution 2014-002 of Support for Marshall County Arts & Culture Alliance Application to the State of Iowa for Iowa Great Places Application on behalf of the community, relating to 13th Street District, Marshalltown Roundhouse and Marshalltown Public Library Prairie Garden project improvements, approximately \$375,000; Resolution 2014-003 Authorizing the City Parks and Recreation Department to Submit a Community Foundation of Marshall County Grant Application not to exceed \$10,000 relating to Skate park improvements and equipment, not to exceed \$10,000; Resolution 2014-004 Authorizing the City of Marshalltown Lead Hazard Control Program to Submit a Grant Application to the Community Foundation of Marshall County, an Affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, relating to Lead Hazard Control Program training, relocation and other program costs, not to exceed \$5,000; Resolution 2014-005 Approving Certificate of Completion and Final Project Costs with Christensen Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$225,058.10, for construction of the East Main Street Bridge Project 76013004; Resolution 2014-006 Approving Contract Mowing Agreement two year contracts, FY 2014 and FY 2015; Liquor License Renewals: Special Beer and Wine License: Mama DiGrado's Pasta & Pizza, 2500 S Center St, Suite 1690; Class C Carry Out: Kwik Star #607, 814 S 6th Street; Jiffy Convenience Store, 111 S 3rd Avenue; second by Wirin. Consent agenda adopted 7-0.

REPORTS

Maggie Burger, Speer Financial discussed the 2014 calendar year borrowing schedule, including \$2 million in general obligation bonds for roads, \$7 million in sewer revenue bonds, approximately \$465,000 in TIF Revenue Bond relating to the TIF agreement with TIG Distributing, \$1 million in storm water revenue bonds and referendum for new police and fire department buildings. Overall rates remain low and the city can issue up to \$10 million in a calendar year of bank qualified debt for increased interest savings due to bank tax savings.

Library Director Sarah Rosenblum reviewed the milestones from the first five years of operating in the new building, noting 1,432,929 items checked out; 1,249,961 visitors, 305,193 computer sessions, 71,549 people attending library programs, 44,384 books added to the collection, 11 piglets that visited the library, and 5 after hours games of sardines.

MOTIONS

Greer moved to place Sandbags, Approve limiting distribution of city owned sandbags only to protect the City of Marshalltown's public infrastructure on the table for discussion and action, second by Martin. Motion carried 7-0. Parks and Recreation Director Gray explained the city does not have enough people to distribute sandbags or fund available to purchase sandbags. The policy was reviewed and it is staff recommendation to not stock sandbags for the general public's use, and limit sandbag stock to cover needs relating to protection of city assets. Sandbags are available at retail outlets. Emergency Management Director Kim Elder was consulted and as most flooding along the Iowa River is predictable, affected persons have time to assemble bags. Sandbags are not effective during flash flooding. Gray stated the sandbags that had been available, but not sand. Homeland Security will provide cities sandbags for protection of their infrastructure but those bags may not be sold or given away. Bill Egleson asked the

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council to consider allowing staff to distribute sandbags and sand, noting the sand pile had been removed from public use.

Greer moved to limit sandbag distribution to the protection of city owned infrastructure, second by Wirin. Motion carried 6-1 with Lamer dissenting.

Lamer moved to Receive the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, second by Wirin. Motion carried 7-0.

There was no action by the council to change the parking availability under the viaduct as per request of the Iowa River Gun Club. The request was to sign several spaces during a portion of the week for the club's specific use.

Greer moved to approve reimbursement of \$20,000, due to completion of the project at 119 E Main Street, City Code Building Upgrade Grant, originally approved by council April 8, 2013, second by Wirin. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Wirin moved to adopt Resolution 2014-007 Approving Certificate of Completion and Final Project costs with Story Construction Co., in the Amount of \$5,675,037.70 for Construction of the WPCP Peak Holding and Pumping Project 52009004, second by Greer. Resolution adopted 7-0. Greer left the meeting at 6:32 PM.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION:

Woodman Controls Company HVAC contract, in the amount of \$80,200; Aquatic Center Report, recommendation for hours change; Retire K-9 Officer AWOL; Surplus Radios, Ambulance service; Council Goals; Financial Software Selection.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

Wirin moved to enter into closed session at 7:00 PM 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 Hoop. Motion carried 6-0. Lamer moved to leave closed session, second by Schubert. Motion carried 6-0. Roll Call – all present except Greer.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional action, at 7:49 PM, Lamer moved to adjourn, second by Hoop. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari L. Coughenour, CMC, City Clerk

CITY OF MARSHALLTOWN

ATTEST:

James L. Lowrance, Mayor

Shari L. Coughenour, CMC, City Clerk