

Council Proceedings
Special Council Meeting
March 2, 2015

A Special meeting of the Marshalltown City Council was convened on March 2, 2015, at 12:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, according to posted notices. Mayor Lowrance called the meeting to order. ROLL CALL: Present – Gowdy, Hoop, Lamer, Martin, Schubert. Present by speakerphone and fully participating: Greer and Wirin.

Discussion regarding proposed police building with Architect James Estes. Estes reviewed estimated hard and soft costs. The original assessment of cost on 11/18/2013, was \$16,009,569. The current revision of cost is \$13,503,860, which includes optional basement parking. The optional basement design for police parking is estimated at \$1,129,680. Estes noted that if the council decides not to include the basement parking area the entire amount budgeted for the basement will not be saved. The current design of the project is in site elevation in respect with South Sixth Street. If the basement is not installed, there will likely be trading of earth work for the basement. Benefits of interior parking for active squad cars are reduced gasoline consumption and faster response time in inclement weather. Not all the squad cars will be parked in the basement and exterior parking spaces will not be reduced. Other costs of construction were discussed, construction manager \$200,000, contingency could be reduced by 5% down to \$216,000, demolition of \$815,000 and traffic light of \$210,000.

The council briefly discussed what to do with the existing police department building. Options include demolition or leasing. The building shares connection with city hall and the elevator is common.

Clapsaddle-Garber Associates performed a traffic study at Ingledue and South 6th Street and found a signal is currently warranted. Current evaluation of the intersection is a low “D” and a signal would restore the status to “A” or “B” specifically due to the east and west traffic flow on Ingledue Street.

Peter Rogers asked about the budget for furnishings. Wetmore explained the new building would likely have new some new furnishings and some existing furnishing would be reused. Mayor Tommy Thompson advised the council to not short cut anything possibly needed within five years, and to ask the Marshalltown Central Business District before demolishing the current police department building.

The council will be considering a resolution at the next council meeting to set the ballot language for a bond issue, not to exceed a certain amount for construction of a public improvement. Specific language will be provided by bond counsel.

Discussion regarding Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016. Finance Director Stansberry reviewed the proposed budget levy, detailing the use of the state’s backfill. The council will make a final decision on the levy certification on March 9 following the public hearing.

With no additional action the meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shari L. Coughenour, CMC, City Clerk

CITY OF MARSHALLTOWN

James L. Lowrance, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shari L. Coughenour, City Clerk