

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 23, 2026

Mayor Ladehoff called the special meeting to order at 5:00 pm, March 23, 2026, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 10 W State Street, and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll call-Present: Cahill, Fonseca, Mitchell, Nichols, Schneider, Thompson, Yopez-Gomez.

Mayor Ladehoff opened the public hearing at 5:01 pm for the Property Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. Diana Steiner, Finance Director, noted the taxable values for non-debt service is \$970,000,000 for fiscal year 2027. The consolidated general fund for operating budgets was increased by approximately 3%. With the State calculation, the overall growth is 2.61%. The public transit levy was raised from \$0.40 to \$0.65 per council direction. Liability insurance costs increased 10%. The Support of Local Emergency Management is now levied by Marshall County. Capital projects are levied at \$0.675 per \$1,000 valuation. \$3.3 million in local option sales tax was used to reduce the debt service. The overall tax levy is proposed at \$16.25, which is a \$0.25 increase from fiscal year 2026. No written comments were received. Public comment: Doris Kinnick, 2020 Catalina Place, inquired if the City has looked at other insurance companies to reduce costs, and confirmed that city employees contribute to health insurance costs. Leigh Bauder, 401 Orchard Drive, noted that as a landlord, the increased costs will be passed on to renters. Many of her clients are seniors on fixed incomes, and this will affect them, as Iowa's taxes are higher than other states. Jeremy Adkins, 2101 E Nevada Street, encouraged the council to investigate why his property assessment went from \$8,000 to \$41,000 for a building that was replaced in the same size due to damage from the derecho. He has filed an appeal with the assessor with no change. Layne Pieri, 20 E State Street, noted that the increases will affect Marshalltown residents, but the cost of providing city services has also increased and must be addressed. Tim Bradbury, 12 N 10th Ave, is concerned about Lennox employees decreasing work hours and encouraged the council to keep the budget tight. Linda Clark, 306 S 2nd Ave, noted that while city costs are increasing, so are citizen costs, and many are on a limited income. The public hearing was closed at 5:18 pm and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

CITY OF MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA



Alicia Hunter, City Clerk



Mike Ladehoff, Mayor

ATTEST:



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