

IN A WORK SESSION MONDAY, January 20, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 323 West Michigan Avenue, Marshall, MI, the Marshall City Council was called to order by Mayor Smith.

Roll was Called:

Present: Council Members: Dyer, K. Miller, L. Miller, Metzger, Mayor Smith, Traver and Williams.

Also Present: City Manager Olson, Clerk-Treasurer Hovarter, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Townley

Absent: None

The Cronin Building project received an extension until June 2009. The City is continuing to show the building to interested parties. RayMark's exclusive agreement expired December 31, 2008. They are still interested but are leery with the current economy like it is.

One of the four electricians started working on the Alley Project. Fundraising continues for the project.

The Cultural Economic Development Plan kick-off meeting will be held on February 12, 2009. There is a need for a member of Council to act as a liaison for the Steering Committee.

There will be an Energizing Entrepreneurs Program meeting on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Library.

The occupational rate in the downtown business district is currently at a 94% occupancy rate. There are currently only 8 vacant buildings and 2 under renovation.

There currently is not a rental rehab program but the DDA is looking into getting grants for such a program.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m

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Bruce Smith, MAYOR

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Tracy Hovarter, CLERK-TREASURER