

CALL TO ORDER

IN REGULAR SESSION Monday, July 20, 2015 at 7:00 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 Reed.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called:

Present: Council Members: McNeil, Miller, Mayor Reed, Schurig, and Williams.

Also Present: City Manager Tarkiewicz and Clerk Nelson.

Absent: Council Member Metzger.

Moved Miller, supported Williams, to excuse the absence of Council Member Metzger. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mother Anne Schnaare of Trinity Episcopal Church gave the invocation and Mayor Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved McNeil, supported Schurig, to approve the agenda with the appointment of the Ward 5 Council Member under item 14 A – Appointments/Elections. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITY COUNCIL WARD 5 APPOINTMENT

City Council allowed the candidates for the Ward 5 City Council vacancy 5 minutes to speak about themselves and why they should be considered to fill the vacancy. The candidates were Jody Mankerian of 301 S. Liberty and Jon Gerten of 1023 Lowe Drive.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Lynne Meservey spoke regarding the installation of playground equipment at Shearman Park.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved Williams, supported McNeil, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Scheduled a public hearing for August 17, 2015 to hear comment on Zoning Amendment Application #RZ15.01 for 309 W. Hanover and 318

- S. Grand to rezone the parcels from MFRD (Multiple Family Residential) to PSP (Public/Semi-Public);
- B. Authorized the purchase of a 2016 Ford F250, 4 wheel drive pick-up from Boshear's Ford in the amount not to exceed \$25,668;
- C. Minutes of the City Council Regular Session held on Monday, June 15, 2015;
- D. Approve city bills in the amount of \$ 3,141,245.69.

On a roll call vote – ayes: McNeil, Miller, Mayor Reed, Schurig, and Williams; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Economic Development Report:

Jim Robey, Associate Vice President of MAEDA, presented an update on the Economic Development Activities in the City of Marshall.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Art Fair:

City Manager Tarkiewicz provided an event report for the Art Fair that will be held every Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Carver Park from July to September.

B. M227 Speed Limit:

Chief Jim Schwartz provided a report on the results of the traffic study the state conducted on M227.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL ACTION

A. Proposed Changes to §97.04 Keeping of Poultry:

Natalie Dean, Director of Community Services/Assistant City Manager, outlined the suggested changes to the §97.04 Keeping of Poultry ordinance.

Mayor Reed opened the public hearing to hear public comment on the suggested changes to the Keeping of Poultry ordinance.

Steve Spranger of 735 Birch Street has 4 chickens and 1 rooster. He encouraged Council to think about their decision. Their chickens are pets and feel they are not a nuisance.

Derek Chism of 732 E. Prospect Street has raised chickens for 3 years and is unaware of any complaints made against him. He urged Council to know the facts

regarding chickens.

Judy Oteney inquired about the rules regarding ducks and turkeys.

Emelia Chism of 732 E. Prospect wrote a letter read by her mother stating why she loves her chickens.

Kate Chism of 732 E. Prospect Street spoke regarding chicken regulations, odor, and made comparisons to the number of dog complaints in the City.

Hearing no further comment the hearing was closed.

Council discussed what changes they would like to see to the ordinance. Staff will make the necessary changes and bring back a modified ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Electric Generator #5:

Moved Williams, supported Miller, to approve retaining The Miratech Corp. to perform a turnkey \$142,571 project that would bring generator #5 into compliance with the USEPA RICE NESHAP Rule and authorize the City Clerk to sign the agreement. On a roll call vote – ayes: McNeil, Miller, Mayor Reed, Schurig, and Williams; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Electric Generator #6 Repairs:

Moved McNeil, supported Williams, to approve retaining Fairbanks-Morse to repair Electric Generator #6 for a total cost not to exceed \$175,000 and authorize the City Clerk to sign the contract. On a roll call vote – ayes: Miller, Mayor Reed, Schurig, Williams, and McNeil; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Installation of Playground Equipment at Shearman Park:

Moved Williams, supported Schurig, to approve \$21,599.50 for the reinstallation of the playground equipment at Shearman Park. On a roll call vote – ayes: Mayor Reed, Schurig, Williams, and McNeil; nays: Miller. **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Schedule Public Hearing – Proposed Changes to Chapter 111 Vehicles for Hire:

Moved Schurig, supported McNeil, to schedule a public hearing for August 17, 2015 to hear public comment on the proposed changes to Chapter 111: Vehicles

for Hire of the Marshall City Code. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS

A. City Council Ward 5 Appointment:

Moved Williams, supported Miller, to appoint Jon Gerten to fill the Ward 5 Council vacancy until the next General Election in 2016. On a roll call vote – ayes: Miller, Mayor Reed, Schurig and Williams; nays: McNeil. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Robert Budesky spoke regarding an issue with the “SeeClickFix” program through the City website.

Mitchell Mueller commented regarding the mowing of the cemetery and has developed a business plan that he believes would save the city money.

COUNCIL AND MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Jack Reed, Mayor

Trisha Nelson, City Clerk