

CALL TO ORDER

IN REGULAR SESSION Monday, November 6, 2017 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: Caron, Costa, McNeil, Metzger, Mayor Reed, Schurig, and Williams.

Also Present: City Manager Tarkiewicz and Clerk Nelson.

Absent: None.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Zack Langford of Surrendered Life Church gave the invocation and Mayor Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved Metzger, supported Williams, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 12F – FiberNet Bucket Truck Purchase. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Scheduled a public hearing for Monday, December 4, 2017 to hear public comment on Zoning Amendment #JPC-RZ17.01 to rezone Parcel #53-131-009-09 to FS (Freeway Service);
- B. Approved the proposed Traffic Control Order #103 to remove the NO PARKING signs on the south side of Prospect Street between Linden Street and Kalamazoo;
- C. Minutes of the City Council Regular Session held on Monday, October 16, 2017;
- D. Approve city bills in the amount of \$ 544,926.71;

On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION

A. Eagle Scout Award:

Mayor Reed presented a resolution to express congratulations to William Rayner on the occasion of earning the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

**CITY OF MARSHALL
COUNTY OF CALHOUN, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS CONGRATULATIONS
AND PUBLIC APPRECIATION TO **WILLIAM RAYNER** ON THE OCCASION OF
EARNING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT
IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, AND FOR HIS
EAGLE SERVICE PROJECT OF POLLINATOR CONSERVATION AT BROOKS
NATURE AREA.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Marshall is aware that William Rayner has earned the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America by completing all requirements of that rank, and was elevated to the rank of Eagle Scout on September 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, William Rayner has distinguished himself with earning the rank of Eagle Scout, which is earned by only four out of one hundred young men who join the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, William Rayner has also provided the community for his Eagle Service Project the addition of two beehives and five butterfly houses, as well as educational signage about the importance of pollinators to the ecosystem at the Brooks Nature Area; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scout Troop 373 of Marshall, MI, in particular, and William Rayner most particularly, embody the spirit of Scouting in America.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Marshall hereby recognizes and congratulates William Rayner on his significant life achievement, to thank him for his time and effort spent to better himself and those with whom he is acquainted and wishes him well on all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Marshall encourages its citizens to consider William Rayner as an example of one of Marshall's finest community-minded and goal-oriented young men.

Date

Jack Reed, Mayor

B. Heritage Commons Senior Enrichment Center Presentation:

Kitty Knoll provided an overview and progress report for Heritage Commons Senior Enrichment Center.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL ACTION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Liquor License – Veritas Vineyard LLC:

Moved Metzger, supported Schurig, to approve the liquor license application for Veritas Vineyard LLC located at 101 W. Michigan Avenue. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Marshall Energy Center Assessing Services Agreement:

Moved Caron, supported Williams, to approve the contractual agreement with Mr. Edward VanderVries to provide consulting and assessing services for the MEC project and authorize the Clerk to sign the agreement. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. 1st Quarter Investment Portfolio Report:

Moved Metzger, supported McNeil, to accept and place on file the 1st Quarter Investment Portfolio Report as presented. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. 1st Quarter Financial Report:

Moved Williams, supported Schurig, to accept and place on file the 1st Quarter Financial Report as presented. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

E. 1st Quarter Cash & Investment Position Report:

Moved Williams, supported McNeil, to accept and place on file the 1st Quarter Cash & Investment Position Report as presented. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. FiberNet – Bucket Truck Purchase:

Moved Schurig, supported McNeil, to authorize the purchase of a 2011 Ford F-550 from Agger Automotive, Inc. of Englewood, CO in the amount not to exceed \$47,900 plus \$1,000 for title transfer and associated costs. On a roll call vote – ayes: Caron, Costa, McNeil, Metzger, Mayor Reed, Schurig, and Williams; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS

A. Marshall Farmers Market Advisory Board:

Moved Metzger, supported Costa, to approve the appointment of Jason Killoran to the Marshall Farmers Market Advisory Board with a term expiring October 20, 2020. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Construction Board of Appeals Appointment:

Moved Caron, supported Williams, to approve the reappointment of Brent Bidwell to the Construction Board of Appeals with a term expiring October 6, 2019. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Petty shared his academic experience and his experience in corrections and working with delinquent children. He stated the importance of structuring programs for a positive peer culture. He feels the City is missing the boat and the matter needs more attention than it is being given. Mr. Petty shared a personal story with his experience with drugs and stated that is why he can't be quiet in regards to this matter.

Alice Peterson appreciated the feedback after the last Council meeting but still has concerns. She stated that addictions are like a cliff, they are dangerous. She feels we can prevent the problem and asked Council to reconsider.

Michael Robertson stated the Council is doing a good job and gave his support for putting the laws in place and being proactive about the issue. He feels the Council is doing the right thing for the community.

Kathy Miller spoke regarding the growing industry of medicinal marijuana. She respects others opinions regarding the issue but feels the issue at hand is economic growth. She stated it has been hard seeing some of the character assassinations that has been going on to council members and never thought she would see that in this town.

Jerry Clifton spoke in opposition of the MMMFLA ordinance. He quoted council members previous statements and commented on the leadership. Mr. Clifton feels the issue at hand should have been brought to a vote and urged Council to revoke the ordinance.

Paul Schuette expressed his support. The work the City Council does is never taken lightly and feels the Council protects the City. He stated the majority of the people support council and the minority are very vocal.

Derek Allen voiced his unwavering support for Mayor Reed and the council as a whole. He supports the economic development pursuit and urged them to continue the pursuit and not get discouraged by the personal attacks. He stated the vast majority of the people support council and thanked them for their service.

Dee Nelson is new to the community and stated she is not for or against marihuana but wants to see Marshall improve. She feels Marshall is not doing this for money but we do need money for services

Dennis Nelson spoke regarding conversations he has had with his granddaughter regarding marihuana and expressed his appreciation of the Councils service.

Ian Stewart cares for our town and the future and appreciates our leadership and believes in the decisions that are being made. Mr. Stewart thanked Council for their service.

Joe Jarvis, partner with Great Lakes Farms, spoke regarding the proposed grow facility in the industrial park. He stated his family has been involved in medical cannabis for the past decade and are passionate about what they do. It will be a highly regulated industry and Marshall will be right at the forefront.

Mike Elias, Vice President of Quality Operations for Great Lakes Farms, introduced himself to the Council. He stated he is a data driven individual and never takes a haphazard approach to anything. The growing operation they are proposing is a well-oiled machine that has been proven in Arizona.

Mike Bareman commended Council for recognizing an Eagle Scout and what we do for our seniors. It is very important to recognize achievements.

Doug Murch stated that he believes in the City and the direction we are moving. He believes Marshall is a great place to live and believes it is very important to stand up to bullies.

Karen Fritz stated she had proudly met almost all of the Council members and believes in their decision.

John Sherwood stated he was raised in this town and has covered news events for 50 years and respects the leadership he has seen. He worked for the Battle Creek Enquirer as an opinion editor and learn to recognize that the minute somebody presents their opinion in the form of an insult they have lost the rational argument.

Richard Huggett moved back to Marshall from Denver and expressed his support for the City Council. He shared his experience with living near grow facilities in Denver and their contributions to the neighborhoods.

Richard Lindsey listed many accomplishments of the Marshall community in the last

five years. And expressed his support of the Council, Mayor, and City Manager.

Glenn Frye stated he has been a Marshall resident since 1969. He feels marihuana is a very addictive drug and urged council to not allow it in the City of Marshall.

Caryn Drenth stated she attended the Council meeting to thank the Council for their work and being proactive and thoroughly doing their research.

COUNCIL AND MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Jack Reed, Mayor

Trisha Nelson, City Clerk