

CALL TO ORDER

IN REGULAR SESSION, Monday, July 20, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. via ZOOM, the Marshall City Council was called to order by Mayor Caron.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called:

Present: Council Members: Mayor Caron, Gates, McNeil, Metzger, Traver, Underhill, and Wolfersberger.

Also Present: City Manager Tarkiewicz and Deputy Clerk Hall.

Absent: None.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Scott Williquette of Grace Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Caron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved Metzger, supported McNeil, to approve the agenda with the addition of the Michigan South Central Power Agency Invoice in the amount of \$ 713,973.07. On a roll call vote – ayes: Gates, McNeil, Metzger, Traver, Underhill, Wolfersberger, and Mayor Caron; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Peter Meijer announced candidacy for the 3rd Congressional District.

Jen Rice announced her candidacy for City Councilmember Ward 4.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Kathy Miller of 540 Cosmopolitan stated she is excited to see the Social District on the agenda. Noticed that it is only the south side, but there are many businesses on the north side that could benefit as well. Inquired why it is the alleys and not the parking lots?

Caryn Drenth of 602 Laura Lane is a member of the MAEDA Board and stated that MAEDA conducted a poll and the use of alleys on both sides of Michigan Avenue was 90% supported by the business owners. The alleys are not attractive but this would allow opportunity to clean up and maybe have artists do displays. She feels the Michigan Avenue construction will cripple the downtown businesses and this would be something new to promote Marshall.

Pam Wolfersberger, Farmer's Market Manager, encouraged Council to keep the

Market in mind when discussing the Social District as there are already issues with traffic patterns and getting to the Market.

Theresa Chaney-Huggett of 625 W. Green commented that Marshall could draw examples from Traverse City and other communities who already have Social Districts. Many allow people to stroll, sip, and shop at the same time and she would support everything being included, not just the restaurants.

Matt Davis, MAEDA Board Chair, commented that the creation of the Social District has had a lot of MAEDA involvement and they will do everything they can to help their partners. He commented MAEDA is open to ideas and further discussion to keep moving quickly and this would be an opportunity for an alley beautification project.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the City Council Regular Session held on Monday, July 6, 2020;
- B. Approve city bills in the amount of \$1,061,049.48.

On a roll call vote – ayes: McNeil, Metzger, Traver, Underhill, Wolfersberger, Mayor Caron, and Gates; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL ACTION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Street Improvement Bond Proposal:

Moved Wolfersberger, supported McNeil, to adopt a resolution for the Street Improvement Bond Proposal ballot language for placement on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot. On a roll call vote – ayes: Metzger, Traver, Underhill, Wolfersberger, Mayor Caron, Gates, and McNeil; nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CITY OF MARSHALL
CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

July 20, 2020

RESOLUTION #2020-25

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MILLAGE BALLOT LANGUAGE

TO GENERATE MILLAGE FOR ROAD BOND REPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, the Marshall City Council wishes to repair and rehabilitate approximately 17 miles of roads within the City of Marshall; and

WHEREAS, the Marshall City Council is giving the registered voters of the City the ability to pass a ballot millage proposal for the repayment of Road Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the repair and rehabilitation of said roads will increase the quality of life in the City of Marshall; and

WHEREAS, cities may impose and levy ad valorem property taxes to finance lawful public services, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and

WHEREAS, the Marshall City Council wishes to levy up to 2.5 mills for road bond repayment; and

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Marshall, Calhoun County, approves the following millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to the County Clerk to be placed on the November 3, 2020, election ballot:

STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSAL MILLAGE

Shall the City of Marshall, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed four million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$4,750,000.00) and issue general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, payable in not to exceed 10 years from the date of issuance of each series, to provide funds, including any premium from the bond sale, to pay the City's cost to improve, replace, and reconstruct major and local City roads, including necessary right of way and appurtenances and attachments thereto? If approved, the estimated millage that would be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year that the levy is authorized is 2.50 (\$2.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 2.5 mills (\$2.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value). Taxes within the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Local Development Finance Authority (L DFA) districts will be distributed as prescribed by law.

[] Yes

[] No

I, Trisha Nelson, Clerk for the City of Marshall, Calhoun County, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2020- 25 was offered by Councilperson Wolfersberger and supported by Councilperson McNeil, and the same was duly passed at a regular meeting of the City Council by remote technology held on Monday, the 20th day of July, 2020 and that the vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mayor Caron, Gates, McNeil, Metzger, Traver, Underhill, and Wolfersberger.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Trisha Nelson, Clerk

B. Motor Pool Purchases:

Moved McNeil, supported Underhill, to approve the purchase of a John Deere 544L Wheel Loader for \$201,509.56 and two (2) Tink 720 Claw Buckets for \$20,183.00 each from AIS Equipment of Lansing, MI. On a roll call vote – ayes: Traver, Underhill, Wolfersberger, Mayor Caron, Gates, McNeil, and Metzger; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:

Moved Metzger, supported Wolfersberger, to enter into an agreement with Westside Solutions for the installation of two (2) Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations located in the downtown in the amount of \$100,140 and authorize the Clerk to sign the agreement. On a roll call vote – ayes: Underhill, Wolfersberger, Mayor Caron, Gates, McNeil, Metzger, and Traver; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Creation of Marshall Social District:

Discussion took place regarding the creation of a Marshall Social District. No action was taken. A Special Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Staff will determine the location and post accordingly.

APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Barry Wayne Adams expressed his objection to the ZOOM meeting format and feels that it does not allow for the democratic process and separates people from government. Mr. Adams also found it disturbing that with an attorney present the EO for face masks is referred to as law and it is not a law.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Joe Caron, Mayor

Trisha Nelson, City Clerk