

CALL TO ORDER

IN REGULAR SESSION, Monday, April 5, at 7:00 P.M., via Electronic Meeting format utilizing ZOOM. City Council was called to order by Mayor Caron.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called:

Present: Council Members: Mayor Caron (Marshall, MI), Rice (Marshall, MI), Schwartz (Marshall, MI), Traver (Marshall, MI), Underhill (Marshall, MI), and Wolfersberger (Marshall, MI).

Also Present: City Manager Tarkiewicz and Clerk Nelson.

Absent: Council Member Gates

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Nick Walker of Family Bible Church gave the invocation and Mayor Caron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved Wolfersberger, supported Rice, to approve the agenda with the removal of items 10B. Adjustment of Power Supply Cost Adjustment and item 12A. Electric Deficit Elimination Plan and schedule a special meeting for April 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for consideration of the two items. On a roll call vote – ayes: Rice, Schwartz, Traver, Underhill, Wolfersberger, and Mayor Caron; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

John Anthony LaPietra stated it has been 20 years since the Future Energy Needs Committee was formed and discussed reducing energy use.

Ron Goodwin commented he will address the electric rate issue on April 12th.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved Underhill, supported Traver, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve a resolution authorizing the application to the Local Bridge Program for the South Marshall Avenue Bridge over Rice Creek;
- B. Scheduled a public hearing for April 19, 2021 to hear public comment on the proposed ordinance amendment to City Ordinance Chapter 70, section 70.17;
- C. Minutes of the City Council Regular Session held on Monday, March 15, 2021 and Special Session on Monday, March 22, 2021;
- D. Approve city bills in the amount of \$715,793.44.

On a roll call vote – ayes: Schwartz, Traver, Underhill, Wolfersberger, Mayor Caron,

and Rice; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL ACTION

A. CDBG Grant Application – Schuler’s Restaurant:

Moved Traver, supported Underhill, to recuse Mayor Caron from voting on the CDBG Grant Application for Schuler’s Restaurant. On a roll call vote – ayes: Wolfersberger, Rice, Schwartz, Traver, and Underhill; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Director of Special Projects Eric Zuzga explained the next step in this project is the submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for \$420,000 in assistance. This grant would be received by the City and passed through to Schuler’s to pay for the renovation, in addition to over \$509,000 from Schuler’s.

Mayor Pro-tem Traver opened the public hearing to hear comment on the CDBG Application for Schuler’s Restaurant.

Hearing no comment, the hearing was closed.

Moved Wolfersberger, supported Underhill, to approve the recommendation and resolution which authorizes the submission of a CDBG Grant Application to assist in the redevelopment of the Schuler’s Restaurant 2nd Floor Rehabilitation project. On a roll vote – ayes: Underhill, Wolfersberger, Rice, Schwartz, and Traver; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CITY OF MARSHALL, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION #2021-15**

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION for the Submission of a
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application
To Support the Schuler’s 2nd Floor Rental Rehabilitation Project**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Strategic Fund has invited Units of General Local Government to apply for its Community Development Block Grant Program to support Schuler’s 2nd Floor Rental Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marshall desires to request \$420,000 in CDBG funds to fund the creation of seven (7) apartments on the second floor of the Schuler’s

building; and

WHEREAS, the Sue and Shannon Damron are investing funds in the amount of \$509,294; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the City of Marshall's Master Plan as described in the Application; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will benefit all residents of the project area and 36.96% of the residents of the (UGLG) are low- and moderate-income persons as determined by (census data provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project have not been obligated/incurred and will not be obligated/incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal written authorization to obligate/incur costs from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Marshall hereby designates the City Manager as the Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG Application, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant.

Voting For: Traver, Wolfersberger, Schwartz, Underhill, Rice

Voting Against: N/A

Abstained: Mayor Caron

Absent: Gates

CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Marshall at a regular meeting held on the 5th day of April, 2021.

Trisha Nelson, City Clerk

Date

OLD BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. 2021 Street Improvements Phase #2:

Moved Traver, supported Wolfersberger, to approve the ROWE Professional

Services proposal in the amount of \$26,700. On a roll vote – ayes: Rice, Traver, Underhill, Wolfersberger, and Mayor Caron; nays: Schwartz. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Nick Metzger stated the rates in 2017 suggested a 3% increase and feels if done that today would only be a 9% increase if done annually. Are we not optimistic anymore?

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Joe Caron, Mayor

Trisha Nelson, City Clerk