

CALL TO ORDER

IN REGULAR SESSION Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers of Town Hall, 323 West Michigan Avenue, Marshall, MI, the Marshall City Council was called to order by Mayor Smith.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called:

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

Also Present: City Manager Tarkiewicz

Absent: None.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kris Tarkiewicz of Family Bible Church gave the Invocation and Mayor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved Dyer, supported Williams, to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote: **MOTION CARRIED.**

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION

A. Big Brothers Big Sisters Proclamation:

Mayor Smith presented a proclamation to express appreciation to Big Brothers Big Sisters in celebrating National Mentoring Month, January 2010.

CITY OF MARSHALL, MICHIGAN

A PROCLAMATION TO EXPRESS PUBLIC APPRECIATION TO BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS, A COMMUNITY OF CARING AND TO JOIN THEM IN CELEBRATING NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH, JANUARY 2010

WHEREAS, the health, educational and social well-being of children is the responsibility of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, by strengthening our children through mentoring, we are building a stronger future for them, our communities, and

WHEREAS, the efforts of one adult mentoring a child through Big Brothers Big Sisters, A Community of Caring will help ensure that a child realizes his or her own personal value and potential, and instill within them the hope for a bright future; and

WHEREAS, relationships with caring Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Big Couples, and Big Families offer youth valuable encouragement, motivation, and support to guide them in making positive choices; and

WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters' success indicators show that youth with a Big Brother or a Big Sister in their lives are more likely to have a successful future and become a responsible citizen; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the national mentoring effort, our local Big Brothers Big Sisters Agency is challenging residents of Marshall to step forward to volunteer to become a mentor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Smith, Mayor of Marshall, hereby proclaim the month of January 2010, as **NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH** in Marshall and urge citizens to use this time to better understand and recognize the need to help guide a local child to reach his or her full potential. Further, I congratulate the Big Brothers Big Sisters, A Community of Caring for its continued success in helping meet the mentoring needs of children in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Bruce Smith, Mayor of the City of Marshall, have hereunto set by hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Marshall, Michigan, on this 4th day of January, 2010.

Mayor Bruce Smith
City of Marshall

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

John LaPietra of 386 Boyer Court requested a wording change to his public comment from the December 21, 2009 minutes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL ACTION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved Williams, supported Dyer, to approve the consent agenda with the following corrections to the Monday, December 21, 2009 minutes: change the wording of John LaPietra's public hearing comment to "asked questions" concerning the boundaries of the River District Overlay and remove Council Member Traver from voting on the consent agenda.

- A. Minutes of the City Council Work Session held on Saturday, December 19, 2009 and Regular City Council held Monday, December 21, 2009;
- B. Approve city bills in the amount of \$859,039.10.

On a roll call vote – ayes: Doane, Dyer, Metzger, Miller, Mayor Smith, Traver, and Williams; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

John LaPietra of 386 Boyer Court inquired about the clock tower and asked if the FOIA policy revision would be a topic for a future work session.

COUNCIL AND MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Bruce R. Smith, Mayor

Sandra Bird, Clerk-Treasurer