

**CALL TO ORDER**

IN REGULAR SESSION Tuesday, January 17, 2012 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 Dyer.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was called:

Present: Council Members: Booton, Mayor Dyer, Mankerian, Metzger, Miller, Reed, and Williams.

Also Present: City Manager Tarkiewicz.

Absent: Council Members: None.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

David Good of First Baptist Church gave the Invocation and Mayor Dyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved** Metzger, supported Reed, to approve the agenda with the addition of the Michigan South Central Power Agency invoice in the amount of \$676,987.23. On a voice vote: **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Moved** Williams, supported Mankerian, to approve the consent agenda:

- A. Approve minutes of the City Council Regular Session and Work Session held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012;
- B. Approve city bills in the amount of \$1,056,433.09.

On a roll call vote – ayes: Booton, Mayor Dyer, Mankerian, Metzger, Miller, Reed, and Williams; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS & SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL ACTION**

**A. General Fund Fiscal Year 2013 and 2014 Financial Forecast:**

City Manager Tarkiewicz provided some background on the FY 2013 and 2014 Financial Forecast.

Mayor Dyer opened the public hearing to hear public comment.

David Mead, Chairman of the Airport Board, feels the Airport is part of the City's infrastructure and urged Council to give special consideration before cutting any funding.

Eric Lindsley spoke in support of the Airport. Feels the defunding of the Airport would be a detriment to the local economy.

Michael Searles spoke in support of the Airport.

Rob Williams feels the Airport is thriving and the City does benefit indirectly from the Airport.

Dave Mansfield feels the City needs to separate the "must haves" from the "wants" and to consider the Airport as part of the City's infrastructure.

Craig Kempf urged Council to not raise the property taxes and get back to the basics.

John Riske spoke regarding the businesses being built at the Airport and feels that aviation is coming back.

Dave Fhaner spoke in favor of the police and fire department and feels people can dispose of their own Christmas trees.

Bruce Smith provided a "wish list" of things he would like to see but stated there is not enough funds to do so and urged Council to not give up trying to cut expenses.

Jerry Baremore feels reluctant to an income tax and feels the City should go to a defined contribution over a defined benefit pension plan.

Lisa Sands also feels we need to look at our needs over our wants and look into the possibility of furlough days. She also feels we need to discuss possible savings ideas with the employees.

Bill Thick feels the City could change their health insurance plan and pension plan and save a considerable amount of money.

Hearing no further comment Mayor Dyer closed the public hearing.

**B. Adoption of the Six Year Capital Improvement Program July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2018:**

Clerk-Treasurer Bird provided some background on the Capital Improvement Program.

Mayor Dyer opened the public hearing to hear public comment on the July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2018 Capital Improvement Program.

John LaPietra of 386 Boyer Court commented on maintaining our capital needs.

Hearing no further comment the hearing was closed.

**Moved** Miller, supported Mankerian, to approve the adoption of the Six Year Capital Improvement Program July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2018. On a roll call vote – ayes: Mankerian, Metzger, Miller, Reed, Williams, and Mayor Dyer; nays: Booton. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A. 2012 Goals Adoption:**

**Moved** Williams, supported Mankerian, to adopt the 2012 Goals for the City of Marshall. On a roll call vote – ayes: Metzger, Miller, Reed, Williams, Booton, Mayor Dyer, and Mankerian; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. RICE NESHAP Engine #6 Upgrades:**

**Moved** Williams, supported Metzger, to approve the upgrades to Engine #6 to meet the RICE NESHAP compliance upgrades. On a roll call vote – ayes: Miller, Reed, Williams, Booton, Mayor Dyer, Mankerian, and Metzger; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPOINTMENTS / ELECTIONS**

**A. Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority – Technical Advisory Committee Appointments:**

**Moved** Metzger, supported Reed, to approve the appointment of Robert Kiessling as Representative, James Schwartz as First Alternate, and Greg

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McComb as Second Alternate to the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority Technical Advisory Committee. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Jerry Baremor of 902 Verona Road commented on the cost of diesel and suggested the City look into using natural gas for the engines.

John LaPietra of 386 Boyer Court thanked the Council for having the meeting on Tuesday and recognizing Martin Luther King Day.

**COUNCIL AND MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

**Moved** Miller, supported Mankerian, to set a special meeting for Monday, January 30, 2012 at 6:30 p.m to discuss the FY 2013 and 2014 Financial Forecast. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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James L. Dyer, Mayor

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Sandra Bird, Clerk-Treasurer