



The Town Crier

October 2012

MARSHALL CITY CHARTER REVISIONS

The Marshall City Charter has had only two revisions since 1978. On the November 6, 2012 General Election ballot, the City of Marshall voters will be asked to consider ten questions to revise portions of the Charter. Some questions have been raised that we would like to share.

The language on the ballot had to meet the approval of the State of Michigan Attorney General and the Governor.

On the ballot, only the question will appear but not the comments that were shown in the September Town Crier.

What is the correction being made in Question #1?

Question #1 corrects Article 2 to read Article 11, which is the correct Article in the State Constitution.

What is wrong with residency requirement for the City Manager in Question #4?

The residency requirement of the City Manager was superseded by a change of State law in 1999, which does not allow residency requirements.

Why is there a need to change the date from June 1st to June 30th in Question #6?

Question #6 would allow the annual budget to be adopted at the first meeting in June and the Council to approve employee salaries after the budget adoption instead of before the budget adoption, which allows for better financial management and review.

In Question #8, why does the term %City officials+ need to be changed to %all City employees+?

Question #8 allows the City Manager to appoint an Acting City Manager in their absence. Currently the Clerk Treasurer is the only employee who could act in

the City Managers absence. The Acting City Manager would be rotated annually amongst the City's five Directors, with the approval of the City Council.

Why does the Charter need to be revised to change who appoints the Clerk-Treasurer and separate the duties of the Clerk and Treasurer? Do Questions#3, #7 & #9 add new employees?

Question #3, #7 & #9 do **not** add any more employees. This change does **not** cause any increase in costs or compensation. These questions deal with the Clerk-Treasurer's position. The Questions accomplish several things:

Currently the City has employees filling the Clerk-Treasurer, Deputy Clerk, and Deputy Treasurer positions. The same employees will become the Finance Director, Clerk, and Treasurer, respectively.

Currently, the Mayor appoints the Clerk-Treasurer every two years. Having the City Manager hire this position will allow the position to have more longevity with the City, and create better long term financial continuity.

The duties of the Clerk and the Treasurer are very different. The Treasurer manages the City's tax collections, while the Clerk keeps records and handles election responsibilities.

The current Clerk-Treasurer delegates the appropriate duties to her Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer.

ANNUAL TRASH, LEAF AND BRUSH MILLAGE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

On the November 6, 2012 General Election ballot, the City of Marshall voters will be asked to consider the following issue: .

ANNUAL TRASH, LEAF AND BRUSH MILLAGE

Shall the City of Marshall levy 0.5 mills (50¢ per \$1,000 of taxable value), and levied for four years, 2013 through 2016 inclusive, for the purpose of providing revenue for the once annual removal of trash, leaves and brush , which will raise an estimated \$98,000 in the first year the millage is levied?

[] Yes

[] No

The following questions have been submitted:

If the ballot proposal fails, how will I dispose of my materials?

You will need to haul your leaves and brush to the Compost Center on Division Road. Materials usually placed out for the Spring Trash Pickup will need to be picked up by your garbage hauler if they allow.

How much will this millage cost if I have a property valued at \$100,000?

If you have a property valued at \$100,000, the annual cost is estimated to be \$25.

Will there be a 2012 Leaf Pickup?

Yes. Since the millage election occurs during the 2012 Leaf Pickup, the Council is funding this year's pickup from reserve funds.

When will the ANNUAL TRASH, LEAF AND BRUSH MILLAGE be levied?

The millage would be levied in the bill mailed on July 30th and due September 15th.

If the millage fails and I put my leaves in the street will code enforcement cite me?

Yes, in order to keep the storm sewer grates clean, the code compliance officer will issue warnings and citations to those who attempt to dispose of their leaves in this manner.

Does the millage get applied to my commercial or industrial property?

Yes, the millage has to be levied on all taxable properties.

Compost Center

The Community Compost Center is open.

Hours of Operation:

Monday	9:00 a.m.· noon, & 2:00· 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	1:00· 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.· noon
Thursday	1:00· 5:00 p.m.
Friday	CLOSED
Saturdays	8:00 a.m.· 3:00 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

Last Day for the Season
Saturday, November 17th

CITY CALENDAR

Oct 1	City Council
Oct 8	Airport Board
Oct 10	Planning Commission
Oct 15	City Council
Oct 18	Zoning Board of Appeals
Oct 23	Recreation Board
Oct 25	Downtown Development
Nov 5	City Council
Nov 6	ELECTION DAY
Nov 12	Airport Board
Nov 14	Planning Commission
Nov 15	Zoning Board of Appeals
Nov 15	Downtown Development
Nov 19	City Council
Nov 22	OFFICES CLOSED
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Nov 27	Recreation Board

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor	James Dyer
Ward 1	Wayne Booton
Ward 2	Nick Metzger
Ward 3	Brent Williams
Ward 4	Jack Reed
Ward 5	Jody Mankerian
At Large	Kathy Miller