

CALL TO ORDER

IN REGULAR SESSION Monday, October 1, 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: Director of Community Services Huestis.

Absent: None.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Richard Gerten of the Family Bible Church gave the invocation and Mayor Dyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved Miller, supported Metzger to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved Williams, supported Miller to amend the Minutes from Monday, September 17, 2012 to reflect the change under Old Business to read “Council Member Williams was excused from voting on this question by action of the Council on June 18, 2012, related to the overall issue of the Hospital Neighborhood Committee recommendations to the Council.” On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

Moved Booton, supported Reed to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve minutes of the City Council Regular Session and Work Session held on Monday, September 17, 2012;
- B. Approve city bills in the amount of \$779,683.62.

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

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Garden Club Proclamation:

Moved Metzger, supported Mankerian to support the proclamation presented to the Marshall Area Garden Club in honor of their 25th Anniversary. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Marshall Area Garden Club 25th Anniversary
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, 25 years ago community members established the Marshall Area Garden Club in 1987;

WHEREAS, the objectives of the club are to stimulate the love of gardening, encourage home and community beautification, promote better horticultural practice, and encourage all forms of conservation;

WHEREAS, West End Gardens within the street median were designed, planted and are maintained by the club;

WHEREAS, the Garden Club has designed, planted and maintains the Carver Park wheelchair accessible beautification project;

WHEREAS, other beautification projects have included the Fountain Circle Flower Beds, the Post Office Landscaping project, the planting of over 60 American Liberty Elm trees, the sculpture garden at the Marshall District Library and a Blue Star Marker to honor military service people;

WHEREAS, the Garden Club annually provided flower arrangements for the Calhoun County Fair, Historical Society Home Tour, and United Way kick-off breakfast;

WHEREAS, educational and conservation programs have been presented and supported year after year;

WHEREAS, the City of Marshall has benefited immensely from the leadership, dedication, and efforts of Garden Club members;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, James Dyer, Mayor of Marshall, proclaim October 16, 2012 Marshall Area Garden Club Recognition Day. I encourage all residents to visit and view the public landscaping projects

sponsored by the Garden Club and to thank club members for their beautification of our City.

James L. Dyer, Mayor

B. Conflict of Interest:

City Attorney Beardslee presented his findings regarding the Conflict of Interest Policy complaint filed by Steve Rhodes on September 17, 2012.

Moved Miller, supported Metzger to receive and accept the report from City Manager Tarkiewicz and City Attorney Beardslee. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL ACTION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Fire Department Staffing:

Moved Miller, supported Metzger to approve the recommendation that the City staff 7 full-time positions in the Fire Department, pending award notification of the SAFER grant with an update of expenses to Council at the end of the 2nd Quarter ending December 31, 2012. On a roll call vote – ayes: Mankerian, Metzger, Miller, Reed, and Mayor Dyer; nays: Booton and Williams. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPOINTMENTS / ELECTIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

John Merucci spoke regarding a request from the Marshall Neighborhood Committee for the formation of Local Historic District Committee.

Marty Overhiser volunteered to be a part of the committee, if formed.

Janet Ostrum read prepared remarks regarding land use in the City.

COUNCIL AND MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

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None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

James L. Dyer, Mayor

Sandra Bird, Clerk-Treasurer