

### **CALL TO ORDER**

IN REGULAR SESSION Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 4:00 P.M., First Floor Training Room, City Hall, 323 W. Michigan Avenue, Marshall, MI 49068. The meeting was called to order.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mike Beck, Sue Damron, Matt Davis, Desmond Kirkland, Jason LaForge, Richard Lindsey, Tommy Miller, Tom Tarkiewicz, Catherine Yates, and J.P. Walters

Absent: Becky Jones

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Moved** Walters, supported Lindsey, to elect Mike Beck as Chairperson, Catherine Yates as Vice-Chair, and Sue Damron as Secretary-Treasurer. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Moved** Lindsey, supported Damron, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve minutes of the Regular session held on Monday, August 26, 2021;
- B. Approve DDA and LDFA Revenue/Expenditure Reports for the month ending August 31, 2021.

On a voice vote: **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **MAEDA UPDATE**

MAEDA CEO James Durian provided an update on current projects and MAEDA activities.

### **MARSHALL DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

#### **A. Blues Fest 2022:**

**Moved** Damron, supported Lindsey, to approve the same budgeted amount as last year of \$35,000 for the 2022 Blues Fest. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **B. Bike Rack Proposals:**

**Moved** Damron, supported Miller, to approve the purchase of ten (10) inverted “U” bike racks with the Marshall logo in black to be placed at various locations in the City. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

**C. Downtown Benches at the Fountain:**

Discussion took place regarding benches at the fountain. Consensus of the board is to follow the Downtown Improvement Strategy to keep unity throughout the downtown.

**D. West Green Parking Lot Update:**

**Moved** Beck, supported LaForge, to proceed with Option 1 to complete the Green Street parking lot improvements this year with the understanding to not have a pedestrian walkway and maximize the parking spaces. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY**

**A. LDFA Plan Amendment:**

No action taken. The plan will be worked on in the next 30 days and will come back to the October Board meeting.

**B. Brooks Electric Substation:**

Staff is working with Miller Canfield on the bonding and the Board will be updated along the way.

**C. Update on Solar Mounts:**

Staff will be meeting with Solar Mounts to discuss fencing the property.

**D. Wellflower Purchase Agreement:**

Attorneys are continuing to work together to finalize a purchase agreement.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

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Trisha Nelson, City Clerk