

CALL TO ORDER

IN REGULAR SESSION Tuesday, February 21, 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, Reed, and Williams.

Also Present: City Manager Tarkiewicz.

Absent: Council Members: Miller.

Moved Metzger, supported Williams to excuse the absence of Council Member Miller. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dennis Croy of Marshall Wesleyan Church gave the Invocation and Mayor Dyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved Williams, supported Metzger, to approve the agenda with the addition of the Michigan South Central Power Agency invoice in the amount of \$694,627.68. On a voice vote: **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved Metzger, supported Mankerian, to approve the consent agenda:

- A. Schedule a public hearing for March 5, 2012 to hear public comment on the rezoning request for Marshall Animal Care Center to rezone from Highway Service (HS) to Professional Office Service District (POSD);
- B. Schedule a public hearing for March 5, 2012 to hear public comment on the proposed Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate application for Stelmi American, Inc;
- C. Adopt the resolutions in support of the submittal of a grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation Local Bridge Program for the Monroe Street Bridge over Rice Creek and Marshall Avenue Bridge over the Kalamazoo River;
- D. Approve the resolution and participation agreement for the MERS 457

- Supplemental Retirement Program and approve HR Policy #12-01 to amend the personnel Policy Manual;
- E. Approve minutes of the City Council Regular Session and Work Session held on Monday, February 6, 2012 and the Work Session held on Tuesday, January 19, 2012;
 - F. Approve city bills in the amount of \$1,459,732.03.

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

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Shearman School Neighborhood Park Presentation:

Mark Gilbert, member of the Parks and Recreation Board, spoke to Council about the opportunity for the creation of a neighborhood city park at the vacant Shearman School property.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL ACTION

OLD BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Hangar Lease Agreement:

Moved Booton, supported Metzger, to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to sign the agreement with Griswold Aviation LLC for the rental of the maintenance hangar at Brooks Field and to cosign a loan from the Economic Development Corporation Fund for an amount not to exceed \$9,000. On a roll call vote – ayes: Mayor Dyer, Mankerian, Metzger, Reed, Williams and Booton; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Electric Franchise Agreements:

Moved Metzger, supported Mankerian, to authorize the Mayor and the City Manager to sign the electric franchise agreements with Fredonia, Marengo, Marshall, and Eckford Townships for a term of 30 years. On a roll call vote – ayes: Mankerian, Metzger, Reed, Williams; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Memorandum of Understanding for a Community Wide Economic Development Strategic Partnership

Moved Williams, supported Booton, to adopt the resolution supporting the Memorandum of Understanding for a Community Wide Economic Development Strategic Partnership. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CITY OF MARSHALL, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION #2012-03**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR A COMMUNITY WIDE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

WHEREAS, Facilitation services by the Nonprofit Alliance, an organizational technical assistance and support program in Calhoun County, the Marshall City Council commits itself for a period of six (6) months from March 1, 2012 to participating in a process of good faith discussions toward a potential strategic partnership with the Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, The involvement of the City of Marshall will include participation of its Economic Development Authorities; the Marshall Downtown Development Authority, and the Marshall Local Development Finance Authority, through their respective Boards.

WHEREAS, During that time, the Marshall City Council will not enter into any other similar discussions with any other party, nor will it make any material changes affecting the organization or its leadership, without fully informing, in advance where possible, the other parties to these discussions.

WHEREAS, The Marshall City Council and the other parties to these discussions are forming a Task Force to explore potential strategic partnerships and to conduct the discussions and negotiations about such partnerships.

WHEREAS, The Marshall City Council delegation to the Task Force shall consist of:

Mayor James Dyer

City Manager Tom Tarkiewicz

WHEREAS, At the end of the six-month period, if not sooner, the Task Force will submit its report and recommendations to the full board of the Marshall City Council.

WHEREAS, Upon request by the Task Force, the six-month period may be extended by vote of the Marshall City Council board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of the Marshall City Council agrees to:

- Explore economic collaborating to create improved efficiencies;
- Explore moving organizations and their services to a Central location;
- Explore consolidated services model into a centralized seamless process;
- Explore how boundaries can be eliminated between groups;
- Explore how we can Institutionalize events throughout the Marshall community;
- Explore how we can seamlessly provide a concierge level process to those who visit and wish to establish business in the Marshall Community;
- Maintain our primary organization mission and focus.

Dated: February 21, 2012

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand affixed seal of said City of Marshall, this the 21st day of February, 2012.

Sandra Bird, Clerk Treasurer

APPOINTMENTS / ELECTIONS

A. Board of Review Appointment:

Moved Williams, supported Metzger, to approve the appointment of Julie Staab to the Board of Review with a term expiring January 1, 2012. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments:

Moved Metzger, supported Mankerian to reappoint Russ Byrne and Doug Murch to the Zoning Board of Appeals with terms expiring March 10, 2015. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mark Webb announced his candidacy for Calhoun County Prosecutor.

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COUNCIL AND MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

James L. Dyer, Mayor

Sandra Bird, Clerk-Treasurer