

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**MARCH 8, 2021**  
**4:30 P.M.**

The members of the Marshall City Council met for a work session 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2021, in the Community Room of the Marshall Memorial Municipal Airport, 1945 S. Odell, Marshall, Missouri, with the following members of the City Council present: Mayor Julie M. Schwetz, Council Members Chuck Hines, Kirk Arends, Craig Thompson, Dan Brandt, Dewey Hendrix and Leon Thompson; City Administrator David Haugland and City Clerk Julie Lewis. Also in attendance: Ward 2 City Council Candidate Robert Ashford and Ward 4 City Council Candidate Harold Simmons. Council Members Charlie Guthrey and Tom Hagedorn excused absent.

Mayor Schwetz welcomed everyone and said the purpose of the work session is to discuss short term, mid term and long term goals for the City of Marshall. Mayor Schwetz provided handouts to everyone.

**Railroad Project:**

Council Member Hendrix gave an update regarding the Railroad Project of closing certain intersections and upgrading signals at certain intersections. This is an ongoing project.

**New Subdivision/Gieringer Property:**

City Administrator Haugland reported on a meeting with a potential developer.

Council Members discussed the type of development they would like to see at that location along with the needed infrastructure.

Council Member Arends explained what MSDC is doing with incentives and suggested the City do something similar.

Robert Ashford gave input regarding the types of properties buyers are looking for.

The Council will hold a Work Session on March 15, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. and invite developer Jim Steinmetz to speak.

**Hab Center:**

The City of Marshall is obligated to demolish one building on the Hab Center property by November of 2021 or pay MPS for the Gieringer property.

Council Member Arends said the Council is working with MMU regarding funding for the demolition.

A resolution will be presented to Council for approval on March 15<sup>th</sup> requesting funding from MMU.

Council Members discussed the process and potential cost of demolition.

Website:

City Clerk Julie Lewis said her office is working on preparing pages for the site and will be posting those soon.

Council Member Leon Thompson gave an update on creating the position of Tourism/Marketing Coordinator; the coordinator would spend approximately 75% of their time on tourism and 25% of their time working for the City. The duties for the City would include website updates and social media announcements.

Council Member Hendrix voiced his concerns regarding the location of the office of the Tourism Coordinator.

Empty Lots:

City Administrator Haugland updated Council regarding city lots that were sold.

Robert Ashford spoke about in-fill housing and the possibility of adding incentives including tax abatements.

Council Members discussed demolition costs attached to the various lots and potential incentives for future development of those lots.

Council Member Hines will be working with Mr. Ashford regarding the lots.

Marshall Saline Development Corporation:

Council Member Arends gave an update regarding MSDC.

Council Members discussed the proposed development and location of an industrial park.

Retail Recruitment:

There is nothing new to report at this time.

Hab Center Lake:

The City has an agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation for the conservation of the lake; they will be putting up a sign with the name of the lake.

The Marshall Chamber of Commerce is holding a contest to name the lake.

Street Department Relocation:

City Administrator Haugland said MMU has rehabbed the building on Benton; will be turning it over to Municipal Services eventually

Council discussed the rail access in the area in relation to future power generation needs.

Personnel Policy:

City Administrator Haugland indicated the policy is very outdated; he would like to bring in a consultant to aid in updating the document to today's standards.

Transforming Neighborhoods

Mayor Schwetz updated the Council about the Transforming Neighborhoods grant. Enforcement of current codes must be done.

Council Members discussed the development of a vacant property listing and detailed nuisance reports.

The process of handing nuisance and property complaints was discussed. A meeting will be set with the Municipal Judge and Municipal Prosecutor.

Public Safety Sales Tax:

Council Member Hendrix said he and Council Member Leon Thompson have been working on a proposal for a Public Safety Sales Tax to be put on the ballot in August.

The members of the Marshall City Council made no decisions during the work session.

The work session ended at 6:15 p.m.

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Julie M. Schwetz, Mayor

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Julie A. Lewis, City Clerk