

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 6, 2021
6:00 P.M.

The Marshall City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, in the Council Chamber of the City Office Building, 214 N. Lafayette, Marshall, MO 65340, with the following members present: Mayor Julie M. Schwetz; Council Members Dewey Hendrix, Kirk Arends, Leon Thompson, Robert Ashford, Charles Guthrey, Craig Thompson, Dan Brandt and Harold Simmons; City Counselor Josh Taylor and City Clerk Julie Lewis.

Council Member Brandt made a motion, seconded by Hendrix, to adopt the agenda as written. A roll call vote was taken with Hendrix, Arends, Leon Thompson, Ashford, Guthrey, Craig Thompson, Brandt and Simmons voting aye. Motion carried.

Council Member Leon Thompson made a motion, seconded by Ashford, to approve the Regular Session minutes of June 21, 2021 and Work Session minutes of June 28, 2021. A roll call vote was taken with Arends, Leon Thompson, Ashford, Guthrey, Craig Thompson, Brandt, Simmons and Hendrix voting aye. Motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Myra Riley, Homeless Project Representative, gave the Council an update. The group is continuing to work towards finding a permanent solution to this issue in Marshall. Cooling/Warming centers have been provided by local business willing to help. The YMCA, Buds Café and A House of Stories Bookstore will allow people to come in and cool down or warm up during the day. The YMCA is offering shower vouchers as well.

Ms. Riley encouraged other businesses to contact her if they would like to participate.

The Project Homeless Shelter of Marshall has a Facebook Page and their next meeting will be on July 20, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church.

Michelle Pointer said there are Real Estate Agents here this evening in support of the ordinance providing for vacant property registration.

Shelley O'Bryan with Simply Realty said they have lost a home sale due to the vacant buildings. She explained the individuals signed a sight-unseen contract, came to town and loved the property but after viewing the town, they pulled their contract due to vacant buildings near the location of the property they were planning to purchase. They are losing home sales and new people coming to town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Council Member Brandt gave the following stormwater tip:

Take your car to a car wash facility or have the wash water flow into your landscape to prevent soapy water from running off your property and into the storm drain.

Council Member Brandt said the Council met on June 28th for a Work Session to look at the 2021 Street Program. The four types of surfacing are mill & overlay, crack sealing, slurry seal and chip & seal. There is a very large list of streets that need attention. The Council would like to get away from using chip & seal as the public does not prefer that type of surfacing. Mill & overlay would be the preferred method; however, it does come down to budget since it costs approximately 9 times more than chip & seal. Council members were able to make some adjustments to the program by moving some things around on the list and by utilizing an independent contractor for some of the crack sealing. Bids will be presented later in the meeting.

PROPERTY, FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Council Member Arends reported the City is 75% through the fiscal year. Revenues are standing at 80% of what was budgeted and expenses are at 77% of budgeted amounts. Department Heads have been asked to be cautious of what they are spending during the next couple of months.

The 2021-2022 budget process has begun. The Committee has met four times and with three Department Heads. Revenues are limited and there are a lot of items on the wish list. They will try to fit in as much as possible but they have a long way to go in order to present a balanced budget.

Council Member Arends said he met with Remco, the demolition contractor working at the Habilitation Center site. The original demolition plan has been shifted so once the group homes have been done they will start on the admin building while the kids are out of school. Permanent fencing will be installed as well. We are working to get this project done as soon as possible as there is a lot of vandalism occurring on the property.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE COMMITTEE:

Council Member Leon Thompson gave the Inspection Department report for the month of June:

Total Permits Issued: 54

Building Permits: 20

Electrical Permits: 4

Mechanical Permits: 6

Plumbing Permits: 14

Certificate of Occupancy: 2

Demolition: 2

Total construction value is \$621,231 with \$250,000 of that being a new cell tower in town. Permit fees collected totaled \$1,308.00

The Inspection Department issued a total of 70 tall grass/weed notices on June 20th resulting in 27 hearings.

The Board of Building Code Enforcement will conduct hearings at 8:30 a.m. on July 20, 2021.

Council Member Leon Thompson said 79 letters were sent to folks living in flood zones. City ordinance and state law require notifications of required inspections of residences within flood plains. Approximately one third of residents have responded; please do so if you have not yet.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Council Member Hendrix reported the Fire Department responded to 61 incidents during the month of June; of the 26 different types of incidents most were medical and EMS assists. Crews installed 2 smoke detectors for residents and completed 4,631 training hours.

Council Member Hendrix gave the following Flood Safety Tips:

- Stay away from downed utility wires. Always assume a downed power line is live. Electrocution is a serious danger in floods as electrical currents can travel through water.
- Turn Around, Don't Drown! - Don't drive through flooded roads
- Stay out of damaged buildings and away from affected areas or roads until authorities deem them safe
- If your power is out, report outages to your utility company
- Look before you step. Debris, including broken bottles and nails can cover the ground and floors after a flood. Mud covered floors and stairs can be slippery
- Listen to news reports to learn if your water supply is safe to drink. Until local authorities say your water is safe, boil water for at least 1 minute prior to drinking or using to cook
- Listen to news reports to learn about road and bridge closures.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Schwetz said the Park Director is unable to be here this evening but did want to let the public know the goal is to have the park open no later than Thursday, but hopes to have it open by Wednesday.

Interviews for the position of City Administrator have started.

The Historic Pennytown Church will celebrate their 150th anniversary on August 1st with a prayer service at 11 a.m. and luncheon with guest speaker at 1 p.m. at the Martin Community Center.

Emergency Management Director Tony Day said he has been in contact with SEMA regarding a possible disaster declaration; they are currently waiting for all jurisdictions to report their numbers. He has also received a call from FEMA regarding our damages; he sees that as a good sign.

Mayor Schwetz suggested citizens keep track of all of their damages from the flood.

Council Member Ashford asked if there is a deadline.

Mr. Day said the Red Cross has a deadline but SEMA is more fluid.

Council Member Arends asked, if declared a disaster, when would financial aid come in?

Mr. Day said it could be approximately 30 days or more after a declaration for municipalities and generally a little longer for the public.

APPOINTMENTS

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Schwetz presented the following appointments for Council consideration:

Library Board

Rosario Crisol – Re-appointment – Term Expires 07/01/2024

Sidney Sullivan – New Appointment – Term Expires 07/01/2024

Paige Samson – New Appointment – Term Expires 07/01/2024

Council Member Leon Thompson made a motion, seconded by Ashford, to approve the appointments as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Craig Thompson, Brandt, Simmons, Hendrix, Arends, Leon Thompson, Ashford and Guthrey voting aye. Motion carried.

MARSHALL HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Schwetz presented the following appointments for Council consideration:

Marshall Housing Authority

Merlin Aldredge – Re-appointment – Term Expires 10/01/2024

Don Garst – Re-appointment – Term Expires 10/01/2025

Council Member Guthrey made a motion, seconded by Arends, to approve the appointments as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Brandt, Simmons, Hendrix, Arends, Leon Thompson, Ashford, Guthrey and Craig Thompson voting aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE FOLLOW UP

EVENT REQUEST:

Mr. Cody Samson, CEO of Midwestern Hydrocephalus Coalition is requesting the closure of a portion of Arrow Street on August 7, 2021 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 12 p.m. to hold a pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Marshall Cultural Council's Shopping Under the Sun Event.

Council Member Brandt made a motion, seconded by Craig Thompson, to approve the event request as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Leon Thompson, Ashford, Guthrey, Craig Thompson, Brandt, Simmons, Hendrix and Arends voting aye. Motion carried.

BIDS – COLD MILLING OF CITY STREETS AND 2” ASPHALTIC CONCRETE OVERLAY:

Municipal Services Director Bill Anderson said one bid was received for cold milling and two bids were received for asphaltic concrete overlay. It is his recommendation to accept the bid of Capital Paving for cold milling in the amount of \$2.06 per square yard, total project cost of \$62,718.76 and for asphaltic concrete overlay in the amount of \$99 per ton, estimated project cost of \$430,441.21.

Mr. Anderson said the company is also willing to do additional streets so there is some wiggle room. The project will begin mid to late August, depending upon weather, and will be completed within approximately 3 weeks.

Council Member Arends said he has received complaints in the past regarding chip & seal but received good responses on the mill and overlay.

Council Member Arends made a motion, seconded by Hendrix, to approve the bids as recommended by Mr. Anderson. A roll call vote was taken with Ashford, Guthrey, Craig Thompson, Brandt, Simmons, Hendrix, Arends and Leon Thompson voting aye. Motion carried.

BIDS – EMULSIFIED ASPHALT SLURRY SEAL OF STREETS:

Municipal Services Director Bill Anderson stated two bids were received for slurry seal. It is his recommendation to accept the bid of Vance Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$2.87 per square yard. The company indicated they will do additional work if Council chooses.

Council Member Ashford made a motion, seconded by Arends, to accept the bid as recommended. A roll call vote was taken with Craig Thompson, Brandt, Hagedorn, Hendrix, Arends, Leon Thompson, Hines and Guthrey voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Anderson said crack sealing will need to be done prior to slurry seal. He requested quotes from two companies and he would like to recommend accepting the quote of Vance Brothers in the amount of .94 per square yard.

Council Member Arends made a motion, seconded by Hendrix, to accept the quote of Vance Brothers in the amount of .94 per square yard for crack sealing of city streets. A roll call vote was taken with Craig Thompson, Brandt, Simmons, Hendrix, Arends, Leon Thompson, Ashford and Guthrey voting aye. Motion carried.

BIDS – POLICE VEHICLE SERVICE:

Police Chief Donnell said bids were requested for police vehicle service which includes oil changes, tire repair, brake repair, diagnostics, filter replacement, battery replacement, wiring, body repair, etc. A total of six bids were received from local providers.

Chief Donnell said his recommendation is to split the award of the bid between three companies as follows:

Diehms' Tire – tire replacement and tire repair

Elmer Hare Ford – basic services

Creative Street Customs – body repair and wiring equipment

Council Members discussed splitting the services.

Council Member Craig Thompson made a motion, seconded by Hendrix, to accept the bid as recommended. A roll call vote was taken with Brandt, Simmons, Hendrix, Arends, Leon Thompson, Ashford, Guthrey and Craig Thompson voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

A resolution entitled “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEEKING FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT” was read by title only.

Mayor Schwetz said this is the preliminary documentation that must be completed in order to receive funding under the American Rescue Plan Act. The City could receive up to \$2.7 million in two installments, however, that amount could change.

Council Member Hendrix made a motion, seconded by Arends, to approve the Resolution. A roll call vote was taken with Simmons, Hendrix, Arends, Leon Thompson, Ashford, Guthrey, Craig Thompson and Brandt voting aye. The resolution is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council, approved by the Mayor and Numbered Resolution No. 2021-5.

ORDINANCES

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ABANDONED AND/OR VACANT PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL” was given its first reading by title only.

Council Member Ashford made a motion, seconded by Craig Thompson, to approve the first reading. A roll call vote was taken with Hendrix, Arends, Leon Thompson, Ashford, Guthrey, Craig Thompson, Brandt and Simmons voting aye. Motion carried.

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS OUT OF THE DIFFERENT CITY FUNDS” was given its first reading by title only.

Council Member Arends made a motion, seconded by Hendrix, to take the ordinance to a second reading. A roll call vote was taken with Ashford, Ashford, Guthrey, Craig Thompson, Brandt, Simmons, Hendrix, Arends and Leon Thompson voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 8604 entitled “AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS OUT OF THE DIFFERENT CITY FUNDS” was given its second reading by title only and put to its final passage upon motion of Hendrix, seconded by Arends . A roll call vote was taken with Ashford, Guthrey, Craig Thompson, Brandt, Simmons, Hendrix, Arends and Leon Thompson voting aye. The ordinance is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council and approved by the Mayor.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mayor Schwetz thanked the Real Estate Agents for being here this evening.

There being no other Council Business, Council Member Brandt made a motion, seconded by Arends, to adjourn to Executive Session concerning leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body; hiring, firing, discipline or promotion of personnel. RSMO 610.021 (2,3)

A roll call vote was taken with Guthrey, Craig Thompson, Brandt, Simmons, Hendrix, Arends, Ashford and Leon Thompson voting aye. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 6:32 p.m.

Julie M. Schwetz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie A. Lewis, City Clerk