



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Category:	PUBLIC HEARING
Type:	INFO/ACTION
Subject:	Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance Amendment to Section 86-96 to permit a gun range as a Conditional Use
Background Information:	<p>The original MERIT Center master plan included a gun range shown west of the driving track north of Erie Road. A gun range is not listed as a permitted or conditional use in any zoning district. The area north of Erie Road is zoned A - Agricultural District.</p> <p>It seems to make sense to add outdoor gun ranges for law enforcement officers as a conditional use to A - Agricultural Districts. Several other cities that have outdoor shooting ranges were contacted and it seems to be a common way to have them listed as a conditional use in a rural or agricultural district.</p> <p>A few other minor changes are also proposed to streamline the Agricultural District Section and make it more consistent with the rest of the ordinances.</p> <p>The MERIT Center master plan is attached for your reference.</p> <p>At the June 12, 2019, regular Planning Commission meeting Steen made a motion, second by Schroeder to recommend to city council an approval as recommend by staff. All voted in favor of the motion.</p> <p>At the meeting on August 21, 2019, Legislative and Ordinance Committee voted to recommend to council the approval of revisions amending Section 86-96 A - Agricultural District as recommended by staff.</p> <p>The Ordinance Amendment to permit a gun range as a Conditional Use in an A – Agricultural District was introduced at the September 10, 2019, City Council meeting.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	None.
Alternative/ Variations:	None.
Recommendations:	<p>#1 that the Council close the public hearing on the Ordinance Amendment to Section 86-96 to permit a gun range as a Conditional Use.</p> <p>#2 that the Council adopt Ordinance No. XXX, Second Series, Amending Section 86-96 A - Agricultural District to permit a gun range as a Conditional Use in an A – Agricultural District.</p>