

**CITY OF MARSHALL
WORK SESSION
M I N U T E S
Tuesday, July 28, 2026**

The work session of the Common Council of the City of Marshall was held July 28, 2026, at City Hall, 344 West Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by President Pro-Tem Craig Schafer. In addition to Schafer the following members were in attendance: James Lozinski, John Alcorn, See Moua-Leske and Amanda Schroeder. Absent: Robert Byrnes. Staff present included: Sharon Hanson; City Administrator; E.J. Moberg, Director of Administrative Services; Emilie Larson, Administration Intern; and Steven Anderson, City Clerk.

Community Contribution Requests

Nick Leske for United Community Action Partnership was not present but communicated to Moberg that UCAP was not in need of a bus replacement in 2027. Therefore, UCAP would not be making a contribution request.

Christine DeGroot and Paula Nemes from the Marshall-Lyon County Library requested an increase of 6.8% from FY2026. The Lyon County commissioner liaison informed the Library Board that Lyon County would be likely pulling back funding for the library and possibly looking at a minimum maintenance of effort. Councilmembers had asked about the costs of running the Cottonwood and Balaton libraries. DeGroot said that MLCL paid for personnel cost, which was one part-time person at each location and access to the Plum Creek Library system which included all the digital options. Cottonwood and Balaton cities paid for the utilities at each library.

Jennifer Andries, Executive Director for the Lyon County Historical Society, requested \$29,000. Andries briefly reviewed the museum's finances and highlighted popular museum events.

Carol Purrington, representing the Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, thanked the council for allowing MAFAC to temporarily rent space within city hall. Since the move MAFAC had an increase in the number of members and sponsorship and were able to hire a new office manager. MAFAC requested \$9,500.

Brock Klaith and Mark Klaith of Marshall Festivals went over the history of the Sounds of Summer annual festival. Klaith explained the increasing costs of bands and fewer donations and the commitment of the festival to keep it free for all attendees. The Sounds of Summer Committee requested \$20,000 for 2027, an increase of \$10,000 from previous years.

Adjournment

At 4:55 PM Motion made by Councilmember Schroeder, Seconded by Councilmember Moua-Leske to adjourn the work session. All but Councilmember Lozinski voted in favor. The motion **Carried. 4-1.**

Attest:

City Clerk

Mayor