



## CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

<b>Presenter:</b>	Steven Anderson
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, July 23, 2024
<b>Category:</b>	PUBLIC HEARING
<b>Type:</b>	ACTION
<b>Subject:</b>	Franchise Agreement with Minnesota Energy Resources 1) Public Hearing for Natural Gas Franchise; 2) Consider Adoption of Ordinance Granting Franchise
<b>Background Information:</b>	<p>Minnesota Energy Resources was approached by Duinick Inc. to receive service of natural gas to their location along North Seventh Street. Under Chapter 10 of the City Charter a franchise is required to “place or maintain any permanent or semi-permanent fixtures in, over or under any street or public place for the purpose of operating a public utility...” and can only be granted by ordinance.</p> <p>The Public Works Director and City Clerk have been in talks with Minnesota Energy Resources and have worked with Robert Vose of Kennedy and Graven along with City Attorney Whitmore to modify our current franchise agreement with Great Plains Natural Gas to fit the request of Minnesota Energy Resources. The franchise agreement proposal is nearly identical to the Great Plains Natural Gas agreement with the largest change being an authorized service area for Minnesota Energy Resources along North Seventh Street, instead of having access to the entire city limits. The service area can be reviewed and expanded if Minnesota Energy Resources receives new requests for service that does not interfere with existing facilities.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	
<b>Alternative/ Variations:</b>	
<b>Recommendations:</b>	1) To close the public hearing 2) Adopt Ordinance 24-014 Granting a Natural Gas Franchise to Minnesota Energy Resources and authorize the summary publication of said ordinance.