

**CITY OF MARSHALL  
BUDGET WORK SESSION  
M I N U T E S  
Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

The budget work session of the Common Council of the City of Marshall was held September 13, 2022, at City Hall, 344 West Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Mayor Robert Byrnes. In addition to Byrnes the following members were in attendance: Craig Schafer, John DeCramer, Russ Labat, James Lozinski, and Amanda Schroeder. Absent: Steve Meister. Staff present included: Sharon Hanson, City Administrator; E.J. Moberg, Director of Administrative Services; Jim Marshall, Director of Public Safety; Dave Parsons, City Assessor; Karla Drown, Finance Director; Scott VanDerMillen, Director of Community Services; Sheila Dubs, Human Resource Manager; Dean Coudron, Public Ways Superintendent; Lauren Deutz, Economic Development Director; Preston Stensrud, Parks Superintendent and Steven Anderson, City Clerk.

**Preliminary 2023 Budget and Levy**

Sharon Hanson, City Administrator, opened the session with a presentation on future park needs. Based on surveys conducted the city has strong support for a variety of park and recreation projects and little disagreement with the importance of parks and rec to quality of life and attractiveness of the community. Hanson brought forward Preston Stensrud, Parks Superintendent, to discuss the current state of the Independence Park picnic shelter and possible timelines for replacement. Discussion was had about possibly adjusting the capital improvement timeline. Stensrud continued his presentation with talks about the disrepair of the band shell located at Liberty Park.

Sharon Hanson moved the discussion to the state of the aquatic center. A new location for a proposed aquatic center was brought forth for discussion. Talks were had about sharing the Schwan's parking lot between Greeley and Saratoga.

E.J. Moberg, Director of Administrative services presented the 2023 Preliminary Budget and Levy discussion. From the August 23, 2022, Budget work session the preliminary levy increase was brought down to 12.01%. Discussion was had about various projects and the classification and compensation study. One option presented would reduce the levy increase to 9.04%. More discussion was had regarding the use of American Rescue Plan Act money and bonding rates.

**Adjourn**

At 5:17 P.M. Mayor Brynes adjourned the Budget Work Session.

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Mayor

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City Clerk