



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Scott Przybilla
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Consider Approval of Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between City of Marshall and the State of Minnesota
Background Information:	<p>During COVID, the University of Minnesota initiated a COVID wastewater monitoring program. The idea was to test wastewater to determine if wastewater would be an indicator of the virus, based on shedding from those infected with it. They were able to detect the virus and determined there was a benefit to public health. Since COVID, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has taken over the program. They are now not only testing for COVID, but other major respiratory diseases like RSV and influenza.</p> <p>Wastewater monitoring cannot be linked to a specific individual or determine the exact number of people infected in a community. The trends over time provide information about whether a disease is present and increasing or decreasing.</p> <p>The Wastewater Department has been supplying samples since the program's onset, which involves preparing an influent sample for shipping on Mondays and Wednesdays at which time UPS picks the sample for delivery to the MDH lab.</p> <p>MDH has recently secured funding to pay a \$100.00 stipend for each sample submitted, up to \$10,000 per year. To receive the stipend, the City must enter into a JPA with the State of Minnesota.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	The City may receive up to \$10,000 from the State of Minnesota as payment for work that we are already completing.
Alternative/ Variations:	None
Recommendations:	that the City Council approve the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Marshall and State of Minnesota.