

ORDINANCE NO. _____, SECOND SERIES
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 521, SECOND SERIES, MINNESOTA
EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (MERIT) CENTER BOARD

The City Council of Marshall, Minnesota ordains:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 12 of the Marshall City Code is hereby amended, which shall read as follows:

Sec. 2-361. - Established.

The Minnesota Emergency Response and Industrial Training (MERIT) Center Board is hereby established.

Sec. 2-362. - Composition; terms; qualifications.

(1) The MERIT center shall consist of no more than 18 members or less.

The following shall be permanent members of the Board of Directors:

- i. Director of Public Safety, City of Marshall, Minnesota.
- ii. One (1) City Council member, City of Marshall, Minnesota as appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

(2) The following organizations/groups may each appoint one member to the board:

- i. Minnesota West Community and Technical College.
- ii. Minnesota State Fire Department Association—Region 13 (Southwest).
- iii. Minnesota State Fire Department Association—Region 9 (West Central).
- iv. Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA).
- v. Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) Region V.
- vi. Southwest Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Corporation.
- vii. Southwest Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association—Law Enforcement representative

The above-mentioned members will be appointed by their representative organization or association, for a period of time of that organization's or association's choosing.

(3) The following members shall be appointed by the members of the MERIT Board for a term of three years:

- i. Two (2) Industrial representatives, one (1) within the corporate municipal boundaries of the City of Marshall and one (1) within the primary service area of the MERIT Center as described in Article I. Section 5.

- ii. One (1) member from a gas or electric utility company or authority within the primary service area of the MERIT Center as described in Article I. Section 5.
- iii. One (1) local National Guard Unit or other military representative within the primary service area of the MERIT Center as described in Article I. Section 5.
- iv. One (1) Fire, Emergency Medical Services or other related Safety representative within the primary service area of the MERIT Center as described in Article I. Section 5.

Members of this group may be re-appointed for two (2) consecutive terms.

If any organization listed in Section 2 above does not choose to appoint a member to the board, the remaining members may choose to leave the position vacant or may attempt to fill the position with at-large member until such time that the organization may choose to appoint a member. Any member of the board mentioned in Section 2. above may designate an alternate who will be eligible to vote during the absence of the official member.

The following members will be appointed by the City Council.

- a. Four at-large members. The term of any member shall be three years from and after the January 1 of the year of their respective appointments and shall expire each year on December 31.
- b. No board member shall during the term of their membership, hold any other office or position in the city government.

Sec. 2-363. - Purpose.

The purpose of the MERIT Center Board shall be to advise the council regarding the management, operation and maintenance of the MERIT Center facility located at 1001 West Erie Road, Marshall, Minnesota, and to promote such facility to be the premiere emergency preparedness, response and industrial training center located in southwest Minnesota.

Sec. 2-364. - Powers and duties.

The powers and duties of the MERIT Center board shall be as follows:

- (1) To adopt bylaws and rules for the conduct of its officers, including election, assumption of duties and definition of responsibilities of all officers and committees.
- (2) To provide relevant, quality training and educational opportunities to public safety, governmental, industrial personnel and the general public.
- (3) To provide life-safety opportunities which encourage and inspire participation by professionals and the public in meeting the every changing cultural, social, educational and professional needs of the citizens of southwestern Minnesota and beyond and to promote safety and to enhance the quality of life.
- (4) To encourage volunteerism, individual initiative, team work and corrective management to achieve and maintain the highest level of community preparedness and safety.

- (5) To provide an educational environment with a minimum of barriers to all persons using the facility at the lowest cost of user and public while adequately funding facility operations.
- (6) To provide the opportunity for everyone with lifelong learning and development through providing credit, certificate and non-credit educational programs in community emergency preparedness, response and safety.
- (7) To promote public and private interaction, cooperation and partnerships in community emergency preparedness, response and safety.
- (8) The board shall make appropriate recommendations and appropriate reports to the city council, on at least an annual basis. The city council is the official governing body of the MERIT Center facility and shall have the authority to approve or disapprove recommendations from said board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Marshall, Minnesota, this ____ day of _____, 2019.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk