

CITY OF MARSHALL
WORK SESSION
MINUTES
Tuesday, June 23, 2026

The work session of the Common Council of the City of Marshall was held June 23, 2026, at City Hall, 344 West Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M. by Mayor Robert Byrnes. In addition to Byrnes the following members were in attendance: James Lozinski, John Alcorn, Craig Schafer, and Amanda Schroeder. Absent: See Moua-Leske. Staff present included: Sharon Hanson; City Administrator; E.J. Moberg, Director of Administrative Services; Preston Stensrud, Park and Rec Supervisor; and Steven Anderson, City Clerk.

Marshall Area Hockey Association Request

Ty Brouwer, as a representative of the Marshall Area Hockey Association (MAHA) came before the council to provide information and a request from MAHA for dryland expansion at the Red Baron Arena. Brouwer showed various facilities within Minnesota to provide examples of what a dryland facility was. Typically, the facility would be a separate space for players to warm-up, lift weights and have a goal shooting area that didn't require ice. MAHA after discussions with Park Supervisor Stensrud thought the southeast corner of the arena would be a good area for expansion. The proposed facility would be 65 feet by 125 feet with just under half of the space to be utilized by the arena for storage. Stensrud indicated that arena staff were stacking items vertically as they had run out of room. Brouwer reached out to two architectural firms to get estimates on design and constructions administration. Engen Associates out of Willmar proposed \$68,000 and estimated the facility would cost upwards of \$1,000,000. Brouwer also contacted local contractors to receive estimates, and the facility cost was roughly \$700,000 and the architect could be cut out. Lozinski voiced concerns about not using an architect. However, under Minnesota bid laws if the city were to take on this project proper notice and sealed bids would need to be taken. Brouwer said the facility was proposed to have exterior steel siding and would not match the brick of the arena. Lozinski also voiced concern with using steel and not having the expansion be uniform with the rest of the arena.

MAHA was willing to commit \$500,000 towards the project either upfront or over a period of five-years, with payments over five-years being preferred. Ideally, MAHA would like to see the project process started right away this year. Council members mentioned if anything was to move forward the project shouldn't affect the tax levy.

At 5:12 PM Mayor Byrnes adjourned the meeting.

Attest:

City Clerk

Mayor