

CITY OF MARSHALL
WORK SESSION
MINUTES
Tuesday, January 28, 2025

The work session of the Common Council of the City of Marshall was held January 28, 2025, 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, See Moua-Leske, John Alcorn, James Lozinski, Amanda Schwartz and Amanda Schroeder. Absent: None. Staff present included: Sharon Hanson; City Administrator; Jason Anderson, Director of Public Works/ City Engineer; E.J. Moberg, Director of Administrative Services; Sheila Dubs, Human Resource Manager; Preston Stensrud, Park and Rec Supervisor; and Steven Anderson, City Clerk.

Planned 2025 Bonding and Impact on 2026 Property Tax Levy

Moberg began the presentation by going over the approved items on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Items included the Aerial Truck for the Fire Department, Legion Field restroom, concession and viewer remodel, Liberty Park bandshell and the South Hill St/ South Minnesota St/Charles Ave Street reconstruction project. Stensrud and Director Anderson had updated costs for the bandshell and the street reconstruction which were increases from the preliminary estimates. Mayor Byrnes commented about the use of legacy funding for the bandshell and whether the federal freeze on funding could impact the bandshell. More than likely the bandshell would need to be pushed back on the CIP scheduled. Moberg continued by explaining initial bonding estimates from BakerTilly and with the already approved projects for 2026 the levy would see a 3.24% increase with only debt and no other considerations. Other impacts on the 2026 levy would be COLA increases with union and non-unions, insurance, and payroll.

With these considerations the levy impact would be in double digits. Councilmembers discussed possibly having the Public Improvement and Transportation Committee look at projects ahead of time and pare them down before they come before the full council. Mayor Byrnes commented that Marshall Municipal Utilities (MMU) was to bring forward a new formula for calculating their payments in lieu of taxes as MMU continued to see increased revenue but decreased payments to the city. Moberg confirmed that he had met with MMU late 2024, and a new formula was being worked out. Revisions to fire service agreements with townships were also being reviewed and chances of losing additional revenue seemed likely.

Adjournment

At 5:05 PM Mayor Byrnes adjourned the meeting.

Attest:

City Clerk

Mayor