

**CITY OF MARSHALL
WORK SESSION
M I N U T E S
Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

The work session of the Common Council of the City of Marshall was held September 10, 2024, at City Hall, 344 West Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M. by Mayor Robert Byrnes. In addition to Byrnes the following members were in attendance: Steve Meister, Amanda Schroeder, James Lozinski, John Alcorn and See Moua-Leske. Absent: Craig Schafer. Staff present included: Sharon Hanson; City Administrator; E.J. Moberg, Director of Administrative Services; Jason Anderson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer and Steven Anderson, City Clerk.

2025 Preliminary Budget

Moberg reviewed the proposed items impacting the budget and levies. The franchise fee for natural gas and cable were adjusted to better reflect current trends. Public safety aid would be used towards offsetting payroll changes for the Police Department. The parks staffing request had been removed, and debt issuance interest as well as the railroad quiet crossing study were changed as well. All these fluctuations resulted in a \$427,043.00 change in the levy. However, a number of items after the last work session on August 27 were brought forward. Lobbying and government relations from Flaherty & Hood, MMU revenues decreased, City Attorney legal fee renewal increased, and the aquatic center would now need funds to repair and maintain for 2025 until the new aquatic center could be built. These changes resulted in \$77,664 over and above the current suggested levy.

Councilmember discussed the formula used by MMU and a revision to be discussed at the next MMU Commission meeting. Members also asked various questions on the increase of attorney fees. The preliminary budget and levy needed to be approved by the September 24th meeting to be certified to the Lyon County Auditor/Treasurer by September 30th. Lozinski stated that a 9% increase was his limit, and Mayor Byrnes and Meister both commented that 9.5% - 9.9% would be acceptable to them.

Adjournment

At 7:02 PM Mayor Byrnes adjourned the meeting.

Attest:

Steven Anderson, City Clerk

Robert Byrnes, Mayor