
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 5, 2024
Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

IN A REGULAR SESSION held on Monday, August 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 323 West Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI 49068, the Marshall City Council was called to order by Mayor Schwartz.

2) **ROLL CALL**

Roll was called:

Present: Mayor James Schwartz, Joe Caron, Theresa Chaney-Huggett, Jacob Gates, Ryan Traver, Ryan Underhill

Also Present: Manager Perry and Clerk Eubank

Absent: Scott Wolfersberger

Moved by Joe Caron, supported by Jacob Gates to excuse member Wolfersberger. On a voice vote: **Motion carried.**

3) **INVOCATION**

4) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - Items can be added or deleted from the Agenda by City Council action.

Moved by Joe Caron, supported by Ryan Underhill to approve the agenda as submitted. On a voice vote: **Motion carried.**

6) **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** Persons addressing City Council are required to give their name and address for the record when called upon by the Mayor. Members of the public shall be limited to speaking for a maximum of three (3) minutes. Comments shall address AGENDA ITEM topics. Public Hearing items should be addressed during the PUBLIC HEARING portion (Item 10) of the meeting agenda. Non-Agenda items shall be addressed during the PUBLIC COMMENT-NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Item 14) portion of the meeting agenda.

Barry Wayne Adams of 622 W Green St, Rebekah Sebring of Fredonia Twp, Regis Klingler of Butler Ct, Rick Nukem of Battle Creek, and Ron Hammel of Pennfield Twp gave public comment.

7) **CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Jacob Gates, supported by Ryan Traver to approve the consent agenda as presented. On a roll call vote:

Ayes: Joe Caron, Theresa Chaney-Huggett, Jacob Gates, Ryan Traver, Ryan Underhill, James Schwartz

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

A. **City Council Minutes**
Regular Session - July 15, 2024

B.	<u>City Bills</u>	
	Purchases- 7/12/2024	\$466,897.32
	Purchases- 7/19/2024	\$274,639.76
	Purchases- 7/26/2024	\$4,455.79
	June Power Purchase	\$884,596.52
	TOTAL	\$1,630,589.39

C. SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST - HOME TOUR

D. SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST - SKELETONFEST

E. SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST- CHRISTMAS PARADE 2024

F. SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST - COSTUME PARADE

8) PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

9) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10) PUBLIC HEARINGS & SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL ACTION Persons addressing City Council are required to give their name and address for the record when called upon by the Mayor. Members of the public shall be limited to speaking for a maximum of three (3) minutes per public hearing.

11) OLD BUSINESS

12) REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. BLUEOVAL/FORD INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX ABATEMENT - SET PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Ryan Traver, supported by Theresa Chaney-Huggett to set a public hearing for August 19, 2024, at 7 PM to consider the Ford Motor Co. and Affiliates (BlueOval Battery Michigan LLC) application for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate. On a voice vote: **Motion carried.**

B. DNR FORESTRY GRANT

Moved by Jacob Gates, supported by Theresa Chaney-Huggett to approve the grant application to the Michigan DNR for the IRA Community and Urban Forestry Program in the amount of \$125,000. On a voice vote: **Motion carried.**

C. ELECTRIC BUCKET TRUCK PURCHASE

Moved by Joe Caron, supported by Ryan Traver to approve the Electric Bucket Truck purchase from Custom Truck One Source, in the amount of \$232,860.00 and to cancel the order with Altec Industries approved on July 17, 2023. On a roll call vote:

Ayes: Theresa Chaney-Huggett, Jacob Gates, Ryan Traver, Ryan Underhill, James Schwartz, Joe Caron

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

D. BID APPROVAL - RIVERWALK PHASE 1A REPAIRS

Moved by Jacob Gates, supported by Theresa Chaney-Huggett to Approve the construction bid with TJM Services for phase 1A of the Riverwalk and maximize the use of the available \$340,000 construction funds for the project. On a roll call vote:

Ayes: Ryan Traver, Ryan Underhill, James Schwartz, Joe Caron, Theresa Chaney-Huggett, Jacob Gates

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

E. DART MILLAGE LEVY RESOLUTION

Moved by Jacob Gates, supported by Ryan Underhill to Approve Resolution 2024-22, A Resolution to Declare DART Millage Levy Intent. On a roll call vote:

Ayes: Ryan Underhill, James Schwartz, Joe Caron, Theresa Chaney-Huggett, Jacob Gates, Ryan Traver

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

**CITY OF MARSHALL, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-22**

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE DART MILLAGE LEVY INTENT

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Marshall, held on August 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following preamble and resolution were offered by _____, and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, since 1974, the City of Marshall has operated a Dial-A-Ride Transit (DART) Service for its residents; and

WHEREAS, as part of its revenue sources, the City levies an annual tax, currently at 0.9020 mills for FY2025, on all taxable real and non-exempt personal property in the City of Marshall as approved by the vote of the citizens on August 5, 1975, to operate the DART program; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2023, the Transportation Authority of Calhoun County (TACC) was formally created, and its Articles of Incorporation were amended in November 2023 in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1986; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marshall has opted to participate in the Authority and on November 6, 2024, designated it's TACC representative as Tom Tarkiewicz and includes the member cities of Albion, Battle Creek and Springfield; and

WHEREAS, the TACC met in July and adopted ballot language for the November 2024 general election that asks the question, shall the TACC levy a new tax for public transportation purposes of up to 2.66 mills for a period of 5 years (2024-2028) to generate revenue of \$5,023,197 to support its operation; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL hereby determines that upon successful approval of the TACC tax levy by the voters of the Authority and upon its started authorized collection period, the City of Marshall commits to not levy its dedicated DART millage as authorized by the voters on August 5, 1975.

Resolution declared adopted this 5th day of August 2024.

Michelle Eubank, City Clerk

I, Michelle Eubank, being duly sworn as the City Clerk for the City of Marshall, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the City Council, City of Marshall, County of Calhoun, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on August 5, 2024 and that the said meeting was conducted and that the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available.

Michelle Eubank, City Clerk

13) APPOINTMENTS / ELECTIONS

- 14) PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** Persons addressing City Council are required to give their name and address for the record when called upon by the Mayor. Members of the public shall be limited to speaking for a maximum of two (2) minutes. Comments shall address NON-AGENDA ITEM topics. Public Hearing items shall be addressed during the PUBLIC HEARING portion (Item 10) of the meeting agenda. Agenda items should be addressed during the PUBLIC COMMENT-AGENDA ITEMS (Item 6) portion of the meeting agenda.

Kelly Isaac of N Liberty, Rebekah Sebring of Fredonia Twp, Rick Nukem of Battle Creek, Regis Klingler of Butler Ct, Julie Bryant of Squaw Creek, Ron Hammlin of Pennfield Twp, and Barry Wayne Adams of W Green St gave public comment.

15) COUNCIL AND MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

16) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Michelle Eubank
City Clerk