
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 16, 2024
Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM

1) CALL TO ORDER

IN A REGULAR SESSION held on Monday, September 16, 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, and Scott Wolfersberger

Also Present: Manager Perry and Clerk Eubank

Absent: None

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 Jacob Gates, supported by Scott Wolfersberger to amend the agenda to add the August Power Purchase in the amount of \$895,883.27 to the consent agenda and to table item 13A and to approve the agenda as amended. 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 W Green St and Rebekah Sebring of Fredonia Twp gave public comment.

7) CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Scott Wolfersberger, supported by Joe Caron to approve the consent agenda with the addition of the August power purchase, for a total purchase amount of \$3,240,285.69. On a roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

A. City Council Minutes

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B. City Bills

Purchases 8/30/2024	\$730,439.00
Purchases 9/6/2024	\$1,384,020.61
Purchases 9/10/2024	\$229,942.81
August Power Purchase	\$895,883.27
TOTAL	\$3,240,285.69

C. MARSHALL HOUSE PSA TWELFTH AMENDMENT

8) PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. PUBLIC POWER WEEK PROCLAMATION

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.

A. ORDINANCE 2024-09 - SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Mayor Schwartz opened the public hearing on Ordinance #2024-09.

Barry Wayne Adams of W Green St and Rebekah Sebring of Fredonia Twp spoke during the public hearing.

Mayor Schwartz closed the public hearing on Ordinance #2024-09.

Council expressed concern about limiting the number of sandwich board signs, as well as the location of sandwich board signs. They stated that they would like to see the length of time for additional yard signs to be extended to at least 45 days, if not 60 days, before an election, to cover the timeline of absentee ballots. They expressed concern over the size of billboard signs, as the current signs on Michigan Ave off the I3 district are 230 sq ft and 28 ft tall, which is outside of compliance. They did support digital signage. There was concern over banner signs. On projecting signs, they would like to see it potentially be one per frontage, and that several existing projection signs do have some lighting. They additionally questioned feather signs and if they should be at least allowed as a temporary sign.

Moved by Jacob Gates, supported by Theresa Chaney-Huggett to return Ordinance #2024-09, An Ordinance to Amend City of Marshall Zoning Code, Repeal of Chapter 5.0 Site Standards, Section 5.1 Signs, the Addition of Article 9, Signs, to Repeal any Ordinances in Conflict Thereof, and to Provide an Effective Date Hereof, to the Planning Commission with notes from council for further review. On a roll call vote:

Ayes: Theresa Chaney-Huggett, Jacob Gates, Ryan Traver, Ryan Underhill, Scott Wolfersberger, Joe Caron

Nays: James Schwartz

Abstain: None
Motion carried.

11) OLD BUSINESS

12) REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

13) APPOINTMENTS / ELECTIONS

A. ~~BROOKS NATURE AREA ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS~~

This item was tabled during the setting of the agenda in item 5.

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.

Rebekah Sebring of Fredonia Twp, Kelly Isaac of N Liberty and Barry Wayne Adams of W Gren St gave public comment.

15) COUNCIL AND MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

16) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Michelle Eubank
City Clerk