

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Work Session

February 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM



- 1) **CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) **ROLL CALL**
- 3) **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.
- 4) **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. **CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - WARD 1 & 5**
- 5) **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.
- 6) **ADJOURNMENT**

MAYOR: Scott Wolfersberger CITY MANAGER: Derek N. Perry
COUNCIL MEMBERS: Theresa Chaney-Huggett, Jacob Gates,
James Hackworth, Ryan Traver
Training Room, 323 W Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI 49068

January 24th, 2025

To Marshall City Council,

My name is Kaeli Hill and I have lived in Marshall since August of 2003. My family moved here from the Metro Detroit area when my husband's employer expanded to the Kalamazoo area and we needed a central location between Kalamazoo and Ann Arbor. I am writing this letter to submit my request to be considered for the interim position of city council member representing Ward 1.

I have had the pleasure of raising five wonderful children in Marshall, a city that I found on a fluke while driving through while looking at other locations. The moment I saw the iconic fountain and the vibrant downtown, I knew Marshall was "home". This is the town that I have had the pleasure of working for 4 great families in their local business. I worked at Roma's Café, Main Street Beanery, The Dark Horse and now in my semi-retirement phase, The Mole Hole. I have volunteered my time with Marshall public schools, particularly the music programs. I have volunteered with Marshall Civics players, Great Escape Theater Company and both Girl Scout and Boy Scout organizations. I am currently a certified Lay servant for Marshall United Methodist Church and have been preaching part time here in Marshall and as a guest preacher in other cities regionally.

In the 22 years that my family has lived in Marshall, we've seen the ebbs and flows of the national, state, and local economy and its impact on our city. I saw State Farm leave its location on East Dr. just a few years after we moved into town. We saw subdivisions that were being built just stop expanding overnight. We saw storefronts downtown sit empty for longer than usual, and we saw beautiful historic home fall into disrepair and neglect. But then we would see storefronts start to fill up again with new and exciting stores and concepts, we saw those old homes get new life with a fresh coat of paint, new roofs and young children running in the yards again. The results would travel down the streets and revitalization was evident. While it's been a rollercoaster at times, it has always been a place that I have felt safe and love to call home.

As a semi-retired woman working in retail downtown, I have had numerous occasions to talk to both residents and tourists about this city and everything that we love about it and things we would like to see happen. Of course, talking with the tourists is always a pleasure because I get to promote all the wonderful things here in town from our shops, restaurants and parks. I love promoting our festivals, local theaters and our summer events like Fridays at the fountain. This town is so easy to promote and I couldn't be prouder of that fact. But my favorite thing about working downtown and talking to customers is the interactions with the locals. I enjoy hearing about all of the things that people are working on in town and what kind of things they hope to see happening with recent developments. I also listen with interest to those who are worried about the direction of the city and may be leery of what these developments might bring to our town. It is easier to have a real conversation with people face to face than it is over the internet and really appreciate those interactions the most even when we don't share the same opinion.

What I hope to achieve by being selected to the city council representing Ward 1, is to be someone who listens to all residents and helps to find the best path forward. While not a native born, I am a long term resident of Marshall. I have been heavily invested in the community and have a history of service. I ask that you take that into account when consider my submission and appoint me as the interim Ward 1 council member.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kaeli Hill
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Ryan Underhill

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Marshall, MI 49068
Phone

Education

Olivet College, Olivet, Michigan 49076
B.A. in Financial Planning

Experience

Underhill Agency - Farmers Insurance - Marshall, MI 49068

Agency Owner - July 2022 - Present - Currently employ 9 full time team members, that help service our existing clients, and also with acquisitions of new clients. In our short time being open we have accomplished the Blue Vase award, Triple Crown Award, and the Topper Club award. Our focus is to help the people of our amazing community through investments and insurance.

Woods Insurance and Financial Services, INC- Sandy Woods, Marshall, MI 49068

Office Manager- April 2015- July 2022 – Started as a team member with the office in the focus of raw new sales for the first three years. While in the team member role I was able to help the office grow in auto, fire and life. In November of 2018, I became the Sales Team Office Manager. This focus was to recruit, hire, train and mentor our sales team. Our office has hit Travel every year I have been with the office, SVP 2019, Top 200 in overall Multi-Line and Top 75 in Fire Applications in 2020.

The Centennial Group/Principal Financial Group- David Norris, Lansing, MI 48933

Financial Advisor- September 2012- April 2015- Generated and maintained an active client base that produces recurring revenue, built off telephone and face-to-face contact. Developed marketing strategies through mailings and call campaigns that assisted me in building a book of business of over \$3,500,000 in assets. Structured daily schedule that consisted of client and developmental meetings, personal and business market calling, and handling business processing.

Honors & Activities

The Youngish Professionals Committee - 2018-Present

Marshall Rotary - 2019-Present

Marshall City Council 2019-2024

Marshall United Way Board Member 2023-Present

Marshall Community Foundation, Impact Committee Board Member - 2023-Present

January 9, 2025

City of Marshall
323 W Michigan Ave
Marshall, MI 49068

To Whom it Concerns,

I would like to apply for the open Ward 1 City Council opening with the City of Marshall. I am excited to have the opportunity to be on Council again and help our community. Please see my attached resume and let me know if you have any questions. Hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Ryan Underhill

Michael J. Murphy

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Mr. Derek Perry
City Manager
City Hall
323 W. Michigan Avenue
Marshall, MI 49068

Mr. Perry,

I am submitting this letter, along with a resume, to express my interest in undertaking responsibility for the recently announced vacancy for the 5th Ward on the Marshall City Council.

My spouse Janis and I have lived in the same house in the 5th Ward for many years. Our two sons grew up in Marshall and attended the Public Schools through high school. I am proud of our neighborhood and for years have enjoyed its various amenities, including the River Walk and Stuart's Landing.

I am a former Marshall City Council Member, having served for a time in the 1990s. I have been a licensed member of the Legal Bar for many years and have enjoyed applying those skills in the spirit of public service, including as a Member and Board Secretary of the South Neighborhood Improvement Authority; also and more recently, as a Member of the Marshall Rotary Club.

I will certainly appreciate the opportunity to discuss with you and with the City Council my qualifications, interests and things I might help contribute to the City's forward movement. Thank you for your consideration.

Mike

Michael J. Murphy

✓Cc: Michelle Eubank, City Clerk
Resume Attached

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Marshall, MI 49068

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Resume

Education: Graduate -

University of Notre Dame, 1975 Liberal Arts
Phi Beta Kappa

University of Chicago Law School, 1978 Juris Doctor (JD)

Employment Summary:

Chicago, IL Law Firm Associate, 1977 - 1981

Kellogg Company Corporate Counsel, 1981 - 1989

Private Legal Practice, Battle Creek, MI; 1989 - 1995

Battle Creek VA Medical Center, 1995 - 2019

Chief, Health Information Management

Additional concurrent assignments:

1st Facility Privacy Officer

1st Facility Records Manager

Acting Compliance Officer

Current:

Legal practice; Mental health, guardian and conservator cases

Additional activities:

Marshall South Neighborhood Improvement Authority
Board Member and Secretary, 2020 - Present

Marshall Rotary Club, induction on January 28, 2025

Mayor Wolfersberger, City Council Members and Manager Perry,

I would like to express my interest in the open seat on the City Council, representing Ward 5. I will immediately address the fact that I have not lived in Marshall as long as many of you, but even before moving in, this town held a special place in my life. My wife was born and raised here and we got married at The Medalist. In visiting through the years I dreamed of the chance to live here.

Even though I didn't grow up here, my life has prepared me for an opportunity like this. It doesn't take long for somewhere to feel like home. I attended 2 elementary schools, 2 middle schools and 2 high schools. I never had the luxury of letting my roots grow slowly. If I wanted to survive, I'd jump right in, and that's what I've done here in Marshall.

Marshall is on the brink of a new era. Growth in our business community is here and our population will grow along with that. This will bring untold new opportunities and challenges. My career has been in hospitality leadership, specifically in establishing new Chick-fil-A franchises in a new and emerging market. Change and the unknown are where I feel most comfortable. I believe our city needs strong leadership who can navigate the hurdles of growth and change with care and confidence.

I am now firmly invested in the community leading Pastrami Joe's Deli, volunteering where I can and committed to creating the place I want to live and raise a family. I want to serve in a way that represents the interests of the people of Ward 5, as well as the overall good of the city of Marshall as a whole. It would be an honor to serve on this council with each of you.

Thank you,

Andrew Scibbe