CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 7, 2025
Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM

1) CALL TO ORDER

IN A REGULAR SESSION held on Monday, April 7, 2025 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 Wolfersberger.

2) ROLL CALL

Roll was called:

Present: Mayor Scott Wolfersberger, Jacob Gates, James Hackworth, Andrew Scibbe, Ryan Traver, and Ryan Underhill

Also Present: Manager Perry and Clerk Eubank

Absent: Theresa Chaney-Huggett

Moved by Ryan Traver, supported by Jacob Gates to excuse member Chaney-Huggett. 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.

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.

Jim Coury of 712 Gorham St, Mith Robbins of 305 N Liberty, Regis Klingler of 348 Butler Ct, Malia Flynn, Laurie Hartman, Kelly Isaac of N Liberty St, Barry Wayne Adams of 622 W Green St, and Ian Stewart of 515 Schuyler gave public comment.

7) CONSENT AGENDA

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

Ayes: Jacob Gates, James Hackworth, Andrew Scibbe, Ryan Traver, Ryan Underhill, Scott Wolfersberger
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried.

A. <u>City Council Minutes</u>

Work Session - March 17, 2025
Regular Session - March 17, 2025

B. **<u>City Bills</u>**

Purchases 3/14/2025	$144,092.04
Purchases 3/21/2025	$69,031.27
Purchases 3/28/2025	$296,421.69
TOTAL	**$509,545.00**

C. APRIL 12, 2025, WORK SESSION - FY26 BUDGET REVIEW

D. ELECTRIC - FIBERNET DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION PLAN

E. SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST - YPC-FRIDAY'S AT THE FOUNTAIN

F. SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST - GARDEN FESTIVAL

G. SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST - STEP OUT OF DARKNESS

H. SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST - OAKLAWN COLOR CLASSIC 5K AND FUN RUN

I. SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST - MARKET ON MAIN

8) PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. MARSHALL AREA CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (MACC)

Ian Campbell and Ian Stewart gave a presentation on the Marshall Area Conservation Committee.

B. ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Wolfersberger proclaimed April 25, 2025, as Arbor Day in the City of Marshall.

C. NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK PROCLAMATION

Mayor Wolfersberger proclaimed April 13-19, 2025 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators week in Marshall.

D. CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Wolfersberger proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Marshall.

9) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. DISTRIBUTION OF FY2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

Manager Perry presented the FY2026 proposed budget to council.

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. MODIFICATION TO ELECTRIC GENERAL SERVICE RATE C

Moved by James Hackworth, supported by Ryan Underhill to approve Resolution No. 2025-11, A Resolution to Modify Electric General Service Rate "C" and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents. On a roll call vote:

Ayes: Andrew Scibbe, Ryan Traver, Ryan Underhill, Scott Wolfersberger, Jacob Gates, James Hackworth
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried.

CITY OF MARSHALL, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11

A RESOLUTION TO MODIFY ELECTRIC GENERAL SERVICE RATE "C"

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Marshall, held on April 7, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following preamble and resolution were offered by __________________, and supported by ____________________.

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2024, Marshall City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-13 approving a five-year electric rate plan designed to meet the Electric Department's projected revenue requirements through 2028, including operation and maintenance expenses, power supply costs, capital improvements and debt service obligations; and

WHEREAS, General Service Rate "C," included in the five-year rate plan, contains a 5 kilowatt (kW) monthly minimum demand charge for all General Service Rate "C" customers; and

WHEREAS, General Service Rate "C" was designed using actual customer billing demand data, not including said 5 kW minimum demand charge; and

WHEREAS, , said 5 kW minimum demand charge has not been applied to General Service Rate “C” bills and would create financial hardship for some General Service Rate “C” customers if it was applied;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL hereby determines that the attached General Service Rate “C” rate schedule is adopted effective immediately upon passage of this Resolution and shall replace the General Service Rate "C" rate schedule adopted pursuant to Resolution No. 2024-13, dated May 20, 2024, and that all prior billings under the General Service Rate "C" rate schedule and the Commercial/Industrial Secondary Service "C" rate schedule are hereby confirmed.

Resolution declared adopted this 7th day of April 2025.

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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 April 7, 2025 and that the said meeting was conducted and that the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available.

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Michelle Eubank, City Clerk

B. MDOT BRIDGE PROGRAM APPLICATION - S. MARSHALL AVE. BRIDGE OVER RICE CREEK

Moved by Jacob Gates, supported by James Hackworth to approve Resolution 2025-10, A Resolution Authorizing the South Marshall Avenue Bridge Replacement through the Local Bridge Program, and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents. On a roll call vote:

Ayes: Ryan Traver, Ryan Underhill, Scott Wolfersberger, Jacob Gates, James Hackworth, Andrew Scibbe
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried.

CITY OF MARSHALL, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION #2025-10

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FOR SOUTH MARSHALL AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENTTHROUGH THE LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Marshall, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers, Town Hall located at 323 W. Michigan Avenue, Marshall, Michigan, on the 7th day of April, 2025 at 7 p.m.
PRESENT:

ABSENT:
MOTION BY:
SUPPORTED BY:

WHERE AS, the City of Marshall is preparing a Local Bridge Program Funding Application for the replacement of the S. Marshall Avenue Bridge over Rice Creek, and

WHERE AS, the City of Marshall may be eligible for a maximum of up to 95 percent participation from Federal and/or State sources, and

WHERE AS, the condition of the bridge listed below has deteriorated to such an extent that replacement is necessary and

WHERE AS, the budget of the City of Marshall will not allow replacement of this bridge without additional funds from other sources.

THEREFORE, BE IT NOW RESOLVED that the City of Marshall request local bridge program funds for replacement of the S. Marshall Avenue over the Rice Creek Bridge for the year 2028.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand affixed seal of said City of Marshall, this the ______ day of _______ A.D., 2025.

AYES:
NAYES:
ABSTAINED:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.
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COUNTY OF CALHOUN) ss:

I, the undersigned, the fully qualified Clerk of the City of Marshall, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Marshall at a regular meeting held on the 7th day of April 2025, the original of which resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature this 7th day of April 2025.

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Michelle Eubank, City of Marshall City Clerk

Dated:

C. SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST - MARSHALL PRIDE FESTIVAL

Moved by Jacob Gates, supported by Ryan Underhill to approve the Marshall Pride Festival Special Event for June 14, 2025, at the Brooks Memorial Fountain Park. On a voice vote: **Motion carried.**

D. SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST - CRUISE AT THE FOUNTAIN

Moved by Andrew Scibbe, supported by Ryan Underhill to Approve the July 5th 2025, Cruise at the Fountain Special Event Application request. On a voice vote: **Motion carried.**

E. SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST- OAKLAWN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Moved by Jacob Gates, supported by Ryan Underhill to Recuse member Ryan Traver from item 12E of the agenda. On a voice vote: **Motion carried.**

Moved by James Hackworth, supported by Jacob Gates to Approve the Special Event Request for the Oaklawn Centennial Celebration on July 25, 2025. On a voice vote: **Motion carried.**

13) APPOINTMENTS / ELECTIONS

14) PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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David Gilbert, Emily Emerson-Rich of Union St, Kelly Isaac of the City of Marshall, Regis Klinger of 348 Butler Ct, Barry Wayne Adams of 622 W Green St, and Ian Stewart gave public comment.

15) COUNCIL AND MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

16) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Michelle Eubank
City Clerk