



**MARSHALLTOWN CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

July 20, 2009

MINUTES

Mayor Beach called the session to order at 5:30 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were: Backoff, Grabenbauer, Maxwell, Schubert, Wenner and Wirin. Absent: Hoop.

The clerk read the consent items: July 13 Council Minutes and July 16 Special Council Minutes; Receipt of Senior Citizen Center Treasurer's Report dated 7/9/09; Receipt of June 2009 Building Report, Improvements of \$194,000; CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program Resolutions: Procurement Policy, Prohibiting the Use of Excessive Force, Equal Opportunity Policy, Compliance with Drug Free Act, Code of Conduct, Affirmative Fair Housing Policy, Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan; Renewal Supplemental Agreement for Maintenance of Primary Roads 7/1/09-6/30/10; Surplus items – 1986 GMC Pickup & 1978 Woods model 315 mower; July 27 – selection of construction management firm for Carnegie building reuse project.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Wayne Sawtelle, supporting Boyd Elliott, requested the council amend Resolution 2007-113 relating to Retiree's Health Insurance Benefits to allow an exception to allow individuals with ALS to remain on the city's health insurance plan.

Marty Wymore recommended the council approve the REAP application for the Linn Creek Trail Extension from Grimes Farm to S75. The additional 2.9 miles of new bike trail connects the Marshalltown bike trail to the county's southern trail.

Bill Grabe reviewed the services of the Marshalltown Airport, recommending updates to meet current FAA regulations to increase the length of the airstrip and buffer areas. The airport is vital to our community's economic development.

Public Works Director Lynn Couch recommended approval of the grant agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for conducting a drainage study at the Marshalltown Municipal Airport for \$12,750. The local share is \$2,250.

City Administrator Dick Hierstein recommended the council approve an Ordinance to vacate and a Resolution to convey alley near Turner Street according to the recently signed Habitat for Humanity Agreement. The Ordinance to vacate will have three 3 readings 7/27, 8/10, 8/24 with public hearing. The Resolutions will have a tentative on 8/10 and adopt on 8/24 after public hearing.

Acting Police Chief Jack McAllister recommended the council approve the 28D Marshalltown High School police liaison agreement through 6/30/2011.

Housing and Community Development Director Michelle Spohnheimer recommended the council approve the Lead Hazard Pollution Liability Insurance agreement with Koehler Insurance.

City Clerk Shari Coughenour recommended the council approve the 2010 Census Partner Resolution & Agreement and encouraged community leaders to participate in the advance Census Campaign. The kick off meeting is scheduled for August 26 at 5 PM in the Council Chambers. The clerk informed the council the census surveys are confidential and 100% mail in participation is desired by our community.



Public Works Director Lynn Couch informed the council the base for the Meeker Parking Lot project requires stabilization, which is estimated cost at \$6,124.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shannon Naughton, President of the Oktoberfest committee, questioned the anticipated cost for overtime officer expense to cover security needs during the festival. Jack McAllister responded that the department is faced with increased requests for services for community events leaving the budget short to cover emergency services. Jim Deninger, 704 W Southridge Road, agreed that users should be charged for extra services, stating it was not a unique problem.

Jon Boston, Chair of the City Sidewalk Committee, informed the council the design of the Safe Routes to Schools was complete with easements being obtained. Project letting will occur after easements are secured. City Engineer Couch recommends combining year 1 and year 2 of the plan for project efficiencies. The unused monies for year 1 will be rolled over.

Jim Deninger, 704 Southridge Road, asked that the city pay attention to the unsightly curbs.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Coughenour, CMC, City Clerk