



**MARSHALLTOWN CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOVEMBER 16, 2009
MINUTES**

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

The clerk read the consent items: November 9 Council Minutes; Public Hearings 11/23 Rezoning, Vacation of alleys, portion of Woodbury Street and 9th Avenue, Conveyance of property regarding JBS USA LLC expansion project in the area known as French Park.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Staff recommended approval of the contract with JBS USA, LLC, regarding consideration for the conveyance of French Park including replacement of park equipment and reversionary interest should project not be completed by December 31, 2010. The park site has not yet been determined, awaiting park utilization survey.

Staff recommended the approval of the project for the Airport Hanger Apron Rehabilitation Project, to repair deterioration and also recommended approval of the FAA agreement - funding - 95% federal funds, anticipated total cost of project \$640,000 (federal funds \$608,000) and Engineering Services Agreement with CGA

A proposed ordinance was presented in response to council request to ban cell phone & texting while driving. It was recommended to consider an ordinance county-wide, or wait until State leadership passes one for the state.

Staff recommended the purchase of 35 N 1st Street with the intention of using the property for parking or coliseum expansion. The building will not be immediately demolished.

Staff recommended approval of the Heart of Iowa "Ventures" agreement regarding fiber cable service. (The agreement was later abandoned because they didn't want to wait for council approval)

The council discussed the Administrator selection process and salary through June, 2010, deciding to fill the vacancy in-house using a council selection committee. The current contract will be amended through June 2010.

Finance Director Kendall presented the list of Tax Increment projects and explained the multi-year plan, recommended the council approve the certifications.

Staff recommended the council approve agreements to extend Medic and Main Street Participation, with MEDIC for five years at \$50,000 and Main Street for three years at \$24,000. The county will match the MEDIC pledge.

Staff recommended approval of the City / County 28E Agreement regarding parking enforcement, with the city providing labor and receiving revenue for enforcing parking on County grounds, including the horseshoe area south of the Courthouse and parking along the east side of the square.

The citizen committee is close to their goal of raising funds for the dog park. The park will be complete in early 2010. The Park & Recreation Advisory Board set a user fee of \$25 per year, with a \$5 discount for spayed or neutered animals. The fee is a calendar year fee. The daily fee is \$2.



Park Superintendent Chad Weir presented the 2010 Aquatic center report.

Kendall recommended the council defer the September Financials to November 23.

Bruce Campbell recommended the council approve the South Center Street Bids. Construction will commence May 2010, finishing in September 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari L. Coughenour, CMC, City Clerk