

**CITY OF MARSHALL
WORK SESSION
MINUTES
Tuesday, January 11, 2022**

The work session of the Common Council of the City of Marshall was held January 11, 2022, at City Hall, 344 West Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M. by Mayor Robert Byrnes. In addition to Byrnes the following members were in attendance: Steve Meister, Don Edblom, John DeCramer, Russ Labat, and James Lozinski. Absent: Craig Schafer. Staff present included: Sharon Hanson, City Administrator; Dennis Simpson, City Attorney; Annette Storm, Director of Administrative Services; Scott VanDerMillen, Director of Community Services; Karla Drown, Finance Director; Preston Stensrud, Parks Superintendent, and Kyle Box, City Clerk.

2021 Community Survey Summary of Results

City Administrator Sharon Hanson introduced the agenda item and provided background information via PowerPoint. Administrator Hanson reviewed the survey results with the Council with a focus on Park/Recreational expansion areas and new project areas, sales tax extension of .5%, and the potential projects and estimated costs.

Terri Heaton with Baker Tilly provided information on bonding requirements that would be needed if the council chooses to move forward with projects and sales tax extension.

Administrator Hanson discussed the sales tax extension process and the timeline in order to have it submitted to the State Legislator. Administrator Hanson asked the council for their input and level of support.

Councilmember Lozinski commented in support of the aquatic center and additional projects that support the entire community, not ones for specific sports or entities.

Councilmember DeCramer commented in support of the aquatic center and referenced the survey results for the most favored projects. DeCramer discussed that future projects/ facilities can be used by the entire community.

Councilmember Meister commented in favor of the sales tax extension for the aquatic center and supports additional park and recreation projects that can include members of the community.

Councilmember Edblom commented that future facilities will have a regional draw and supports the sales tax extension over property tax increases. Member Edblom also commented in favor of using up to \$20 million of sales tax for the aquatic center and additional projects.

Councilmember Labat commented in favor of the aquatic center but not in support of the listed additional projects at this time. Member Labat requested that an indoor facility that can be used year-round be added to the project list.

Mayor Byrnes commented in favor of the aquatic center and sales tax extension. Voters will need to vote on each item with the Aquatic Center being the City number 1 goal. Byrnes would like to see if any of the survey results can be combined with the YMCA's projects.

There was a consensus from the Council for support of the following:

- Sales tax extension of 0.5%
- Aquatic Center
- Indoor/ Multipurpose facility
- Further discussion on support of YMCA capital projects.

Adjourn

At 5:16 PM, Mayor Byrnes declared the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

City Clerk

Mayor