

**CITY OF MARSHALL
BUDGET WORK SESSION
M I N U T E S
Tuesday, November 22, 2022**

The work session of the Common Council of the City of Marshall was held November 22, 2022, at City Hall, 344 West Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:48 P.M. by Mayor Robert Byrnes. In addition to Byrnes the following members were in attendance: Steve Meister, Craig Schafer, John DeCramer, Russ Labat, James Lozinski, and Amanda Schroeder. Absent: None. Staff present included: Sharon Hanson, City Administrator; E.J. Moberg, Director of Administrative Services; Jason Anderson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Dave Parsons, City Assessor; Preston Stensrud, Parks Supervisor; and Steven Anderson, City Clerk.

Preliminary 2023 Budget and Levy

Sharon Hanson opened the work session by explaining the items that impacted the budget and levies. The city had finished a personnel classification and compensation study earlier in 2022 and the adjustments from the study added a large amount to the levy for 2023. Health insurance premiums for the city increased 8.8%, which compared to some other municipalities was on the smaller side for increases. Administrator Hanson also talked about inflation and how the city is purposefully not using reserves to lower the levy. City Assessor Dave Parsons and Director of Administrative Services E.J. Moberg gave a presentation on how property tax values and the levy are calculated and distributed amongst the tax base. Councilmembers asked how the shift from taxes being paid primarily by commercial/industrial properties to residential affected the increases seen on the TNT notices. Discussion was had amongst members and staff on values and tax rates. Staff recommended a levy increase of 8.10%, a decrease from the previous work session amount of 9.04%.

Administrator Hanson and Preston Stensrud discussed with council the potential land purchase for the aquatic center and Ralco parking lots.

Adjourn

At 8:33 PM Motion by Councilmember Lozinski, Seconded by Councilmember Schroeder to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk