

**JANUARY 5, 2006**

Special meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Meyers at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza.

**PRESENT:** Michael Feirer, Alanna Feddick, Gerald Nelson, Marty Anderson, Jerry Bennington, Sr., Chris Meyer, Donald Krueger, John Spiros and Tom Buttke.

**ABSENT:** Edward Beaudry, Jr.

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

No items were added to the agenda.

City Clerk Hall explained that the City of Marshfield has three (3) candidates running for the Mayor's position. Since the City does not have a charter ordinance in place stating that; a primary would be held whenever 3 or more candidates qualify for the ballot; than a primary is not held unless the council decides to have a primary. Without the direction from the governing body to hold a primary, all three (3) candidates names for Mayor will appear on the April 4, 2006 spring ballot.

Aldersperson Anderson is in favor of holding the primary because the money has already been budgeted for. Because the Council approved the budget, they have made the statement that they are in favor of having a primary because they have already granted this amount of money to the election budget. Unless we are willing to give this money back to the taxpayers, we have made a commitment to them that we would hold a primary.

**CC06-001** Motion by Anderson, second by Meyer to hold a primary for the Mayor's race on February 21, 2006.

Aldersperson Feddick said that a primary is vital to the democratic process. Her only concern is that the city does not have an ordinance on primaries. This is something that should be brought up as an ordinance.

Aldersperson Feirer said that he doesn't agree that just because the money has been budgeted that it should spent.

Aldersperson Spiros received a number of calls from people in his area that do not want the council to spend the money to hold a primary.

Vote on motion **CC06-001**; Feirer, Bennington, Spiros and Buttke voted Naye, rest Aye.

**Motion failed**

*(Motion failed because it takes a majority of all the members of the governing body, which is six.)*

The Council directed the City Clerk to prepare a Charter Ordinance regarding primaries for their consideration.

Motion by Nelson, second by Bennington to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

**Motion carried**

Deb M. Hall  
City Clerk