APRIL 18, 2006

Organizational meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Meyers at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza.

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

City Clerk Hall administered the Oath of Office to the following newly elected City Officials:

Michael Meyers, Mayor
Michael Feirer, 1st District Alderperson
Trish Siegler, 3rd District Alderperson
Ed Wagner, 5th District Alderperson
Donald Krueger, 7th District Alderperson
Thomas Buttke, 9th District Alderperson

PRESENT: Michael Feirer, Alanna Feddick, Trish Siegler, Marty Anderson, Ed Wagner, Chris Meyer, Donald Krueger, John Spiros, Tom Buttke and Edward Beaudry, Jr.
ABSENT: None

CC06-123 Motion by Meyer, second by Krueger to confirm the Mayor's appointments to the Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee; Board of Public Works and Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC06-124 Motion by Feirer, second by Wagner to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Alderperson Meyer to the City Plan Commission. All Ayes
Motion carried

Mayor Meyers read his citizen appointments to various committees, boards and commissions.

CC06-125 Motion by Buttke, second by Meyer to hold over the citizen appointments until the April 25, 2006 Common Council meeting. All Ayes
Motion carried

Nominations were held for Council President.
Alderperson Anderson nominated Alderperson Meyer.
Alderperson Meyer nominated Alderperson Buttke.

CC06-126 Motion by Feirer, second by Krueger to close the nominations. All Ayes
Motion carried

The Common Council voted by ballot.
Results: Alderperson Buttke received 7 votes; Alderperson Meyer received 3 votes.

Alderperson Buttke was elected as the Council President.

Nominations were held for an Alderperson to serve on the Industrial Park Authority.
Alderperson Buttke nominated Alderperson Spiros.
Alderperson Meyer nominated Alderperson Anderson.

CC06-127 Motion by Wagner, second by Meyer to close the nominations. All Ayes
Motion carried

The Common Council voted by ballot.
Results: Alderperson Spiros received 8 votes; Alderperson Anderson received 2 votes.

Alderperson Spiros was elected to the Industrial Park Authority.

CC06-128 Motion by Anderson, second by Meyer to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Brian Panzer to serve as the Weed Commissioner. All Ayes
Motion carried

REMARKS BY MAYOR MEYERS
Mayor Meyers congratulated the two newly elected alderpersons, Trish Siegler – District 3 and Ed Wagner – District 5. He said goodbye to two long-term alderpersons, Jerry Nelson – District 3 and Jerry Bennington – District 5. Both of these fine gentlemen served 18 years and did a fine job representing their constituents. He thanked the several citizens who have served and those that will be serving on citizen committees.

The City is faced with several challenges. He urged the Council to move ahead and support changes which will make Marshfield better.

We need to continue to "grow" our tax base by:

- Continuing to support the efforts of MACCI and Main Street Marshfield.
- Continuing to encourage our existing businesses to share some ideas that may result in attracting new businesses.
- It is a team effort involving people from all corners of the city, including the local media who needs to share the city's positive side and all the good things we have to offer.

The key to planning for our future is still the Annual City Budget. At a time when the State of Wisconsin wants to control our spending and revenues; but they continue to require unfunded mandates, which leave the cost to the state required projects in the hands of local officials, we need to meet those challenges and move ahead, and do what is best for Marshfield despite these limitations.

The city is a service business. We provide services people expect for their tax dollars. Faced with rising costs of manpower with over 200 employees, and the ever increasing cost of health insurance and other benefits, the City Council needs to concentrate on one thing and that is we need to get a handle on what services are "essential" and separate those from services that people merely "want".

The City Council will want to take a stand this year to encourage or demand a "cut" in taxes for next year. Realizing that the tough decision that will have to be made is to cut some services and be prepared to take the heat.

The City can not continue to rely on borrowing to meet our needs. We need to work together and there is no better time to start than in the upcoming annual budget.

He asked the residents of Marshfield to contact their elected representatives and anyone working for the city and voice their ideas and/or concerns. The Council can not guess what it is the residents want them to do. It makes it much easier if you can give the Council some direction.

This is a team effort. It starts here with the city council and other elected officials but we need the residents to be interested. We need your input. That is the "Marshfield Spirit".

CITIZEN COMMENTS
There were none.

Motion by Krueger, second by Wagner to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.
Motion carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk