SPECIAL MEETING

City Hall, Marysville, Kansas, September 6, 2011

Members of the governing body of the City of Marysville were called to order in special session at 5:30 p.m., on the date and at the place noted above with Mayor Bill Phillipi in the chair.

Council members answering present to roll call were: Cohorst, Schuette, Schwindamann, Shipman, Frye and Price. Absent: Doll and Ackerman. A quorum was present.

The call, signed by the six council members present, read as follows:

We, the undersigned councilmembers of the City of Marysville hereby respectfully request that you call a special council meeting of the members of the governing body of said City to be held at 5:30 p.m. on September 6, 2011 in the council chambers at City Hall for the following purpose: To consider, discuss and/or act upon the following: Financing for SRS Building.

Mayor Phillipi explained this meeting is being held to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), Marshall County, Marshall County Partnership for Growth and the City of Marysville. In order for the Marysville SRS to meet their State funding and keep the Marysville office open, they need funding assistance.

The Memorandum outlines Marshall County contributing $15,084.67 in 2012 and 2013; the City contributing $15,084.67 in 2012 and 2013; and Marshall County Partnership for Growth contributing $18,084.66 of which $16,084.66 will come from Steve Cohorst (building owner). In consideration upon funding, SRS agrees to keep the Marysville SRS office open and operating at substantially the same level of current services through September 2013. This Memorandum is contingent upon approval of all parties.

Council discussed the importance of keeping the eleven (11) current jobs. They also discussed the need for the services, especially for children and Law Enforcement Officials being able to report local. At least five (5) counties are served and over seventy five (75) different services are offered. If this office is closed, services would move to Manhattan or Topeka, Kansas.

CM Schuette asked if this would be considered if it were a private business that needed funding to keep their doors open. He also suggested each of the current SRS employees contribute $1,000 out of their own pocket to keep their jobs. CM Price said he would not want to ask the city employees to give money from their pockets, and he would say no if he was in the situation. CM Price also talked about incentives offered in the Industrial Park area, and said that is how he is looking at this situation.

CM Price moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, providing funds in the amount of $15,084.67 for 2012 and 2013, CM Shipman seconded. Motion carried by 4-1-1 voice vote. CM Schwindamann voted no and CM Cohorst answered present.

CM Frye then moved that this funding is for 2012 and 2013 only, and that other Counties should be approached and asked to contribute. CM Schuette seconded. Motion carried by 5-0-1 vote, CM Cohorst again answering present.

At 5:55 p.m., CM Cohorst moved, CM Frye seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

DEBBIE M. PRICE, CMC
City Clerk