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## ***Christmas Holiday & New Year's Message from the City Manager*** ***2021 State of the City Address***

On behalf of the Marceline City Council and Staff, I send these Christmas Greetings and the wish for a happy and healthy New Year in 2022! Celebrating Christmas and ringing in the New Year is always a cause for celebration, a time for reflection, and for spending time with friends and family. For those of you traveling over the Holidays, we wish you safe travels!

2021 ushered in the beginning of an exciting and energetic year for Marceline with new residents, new housing construction, and new business openings - a renaissance if you will – the likes of which we haven't seen in years! The influx of out-of-state license plates and new faces brings new investments in the community as well as business and employment opportunities. Why Marceline? Many factors can be attributed to this trend, including high-speed internet access, tourism, quality education, lower cost of living and the results of the City's ongoing efforts to ensure a high quality of life through reliable utilities, good roads, and safe and clean neighborhoods. We are very optimistic this growth will continue in the coming year with the sound of heavy machinery, saws and hammers filling the air.

Aside from several severe storms and the havoc wreaked by squirrels, 2021 was a year filled with positive and successful City projects to best meet the needs of the citizens and the direction of the City Council. Highlights of those accomplishments include:

- Initiated the Rehabilitation of the New Reservoir Fishing Facility through the Department of Conservation CAP Agreement Grant.
- Chip / Seal approximately 30 blocks and apply overlay to 5 blocks of City Streets.
- Developed subgrade and base for roads to establish a chip / seal on roads in Northwood Estates
- Completed the storm drain replacement project at Howell and Main Street USA.
- Began the installation of Woodward EasyGen electronic control system on Caterpillar generators #5 & #6 at the Electric Plant.



- Rebuilt Transformer Bank behind Walsworth North Plant to a configuration better accommodating the customer's needs.
- Completed and tested the South (Long Branch) Electric Substation and completed installation of new conductors on Circuit #66 between the Long Branch Substation and Pioneer Skilled Nursing Facility. This substation is now in operation.
- Installed new Medium-Voltage, 13.8KV Main Breaker for the Chicago Substation at the Electric Plant.
- Completed the repairs of the dual pump system at the Pine Mobile Lift Station.
- Completed upgrades to the targeting system at the Police Department firing range.
- Purchased and received training on Stop Stick tire deflation devices that are maintained in all Police Department patrol vehicles.
- Initiated installation of a replacement video surveillance system at the Police Department.
- The Municipal Swimming Pool hosted approximately 20 private swim lessons and 3 public swim lesson events.
- Building Permits Issued: 9 New Construction Permits; 13 General Permits (fence / roof / misc.); and 6 Demolition Permits.
- Executed a 5-year solid waste agreement with RTS to include a centralized recycling system.
- Awarded the LWCF Grant for a new multi-use facility (concession stand replacement) in Ripley Park and a fishing dock at the Country Club Lake. Work will begin in 2022.
- Refinanced the Pool General Obligation (GO) Bonds at a lower interest rate for the same terms saving the public over \$100K...



Accomplishments to celebrate are not just those of the City Government, but also those of local civic groups, boards, committees and organizations whose volunteer efforts define who we are as a community. In addition to the hosting of numerous public events, these groups also take on projects to enhance the quality of life for both visitors and residents. Notable accomplishments for 2021 include:

- The Parks & Recreation Board completed fundraising efforts and installation of a Disc Golf Course at the Walt Disney Park. Additionally, the Board has approval for the construction of a Skate Park in 2022.
- Downtown Marceline completed the \$200k facade rehabilitation of the historic Zurcher Building.
- Downtown Marceline and local volunteer efforts saw the completion of the static train display rehabilitation / painting in Ripley Park.
- Marceline Industrial Development Authority (IDA) closed out its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Business Grant Program awarding \$11,514 to local businesses resulting in \$48,000 in total improvements.
- The IDA collaborated with City, County, and State officials to bring CoffeeTree Group, a professional technology services company to Marceline.
- New rooftop Christmas lighting on Main Street USA purchased by the Marceline Area Chamber of Commerce.

A special congratulations and well done goes to the Marceline High School Tigers for their recent 2021 accomplishments –Class 2A State Softball Champions and second place in Class 1 Football! GO TIGERS!

As we turn the page to write a new chapter titled “2022” in Marceline history, we will continue the forward momentum and energy to ensure we are the destination for people to come live work and play. We anticipate the implementation / completion of many new project goals in the upcoming year, with more being added as opportunities arise, to include:



- Complete rehabilitation of the New Reservoir Fishing Facility through the Department of Conservation CAP Agreement Grant.
- Begin the demolition of the current concession stand in Ripley Park and construct new multi-purpose facility as part of an LCWF grant awarded to the City in 2021.
- Purchase and install a new fishing dock at the Country Club Lake as part of an LCWF grant awarded to the City in 2021.
- Chip / Seal approximately 60 blocks of City Streets.
- Remove approximately 40-50 known Ash trees throughout the City to counter Emerald Ash Borer infestation.
- Complete the installation of the Woodward EasyGen control system on Caterpillar generator units #5 & #6 at the Electric Plant.
- Replace old breakers with new reclosers and consolidate circuits in the Chicago Substation at the Electric Plant.
- Rebuild the “West Business” Circuit in the alley west of Main Street USA to improve reliability and better serve the customers.
- Build a new 3-phase line to accommodate two new businesses on HWY 5.
- Replace 4" water line on Chestnut Street and on two blocks of E. Howell St.
- Purchase new body cameras and in car cameras in the Police Department with partial funding from MIRMA and other Law Enforcement Grants.
- Repaint the pool basin and resurfacing/painting of the smaller slide features.
- Rehabilitation / tuck point of the City Hall brick façade / sign.

The reflections of the past year, and the goals for the new year listed are only a sample of all the wonderful achievements and goals of all who work hard to make Marceline a wonderful community. Rest assured, all of you are most appreciated, and we are truly blessed to live in this beautiful City.

Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year! May you experience peace, joy, happiness, and good health throughout the Christmas season and in the coming New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Hoon', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Richard Hoon  
City Manager  
City of Marceline, MO