

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL
January 8, 2025

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on January 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Marceline City Hall, Mayor Sallie Buck presiding. Council members present were Shelly Milford, Brian Baker, Gary Carlson, and Clarence Gibson. Staff attending: City Attorney Robert Cowherd, City Manager Jesse Wallis, City Clerk/Assistant City Manager (ACM) Lindsay Krumpelman and Street Superintendent Adam Lichtenberg, Water Superintendent Mikeal Thompson and Wastewater Superintendent Justin Griffin. Others present: Dave Tavres, Lawanda Hull, John Siecinski, Gayle Siecinski, Terry Siddens, Lindsey Ewigman, Amanda Johnson, Brooke Lodder, Ryan Lodder, and Reporter Robin Fry.

Mayor Sallie Buck led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Milford moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilman Baker moved to approve the financials as presented. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL, OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

City Clerk Update: City Clerk/Assistant City Manager (ACM) Krumpelman stated she has worked on the record retention project and end of the year filing. She informed those present that three (3) have filed for the two (2) seats for the April 8th election – Brian Baker, Clarence Gibson and Jacob Clay. She concluded stating that Councilman Gibson took his oath of office at the Special Session held on December 26, 2024.

City Manager Update: City Manager Wallis informed the Council that he is approving the Emergency Purchase of a recloser needed for the Electric Plant Substation in the amount of \$31,000.00. He informed the Council that while Missouri Rural Water Association (MRWA) does offer the service to complete utility rate studies for water and wastewater, he still plans to utilize Carl Brown for those studies. He stated the MRWA study would be more basic and include all the information the City would require. City Manager Wallis went over the process to complete each utility rate study which includes completing five-year plans for each utility before their respective rate studies can begin which are to include an analysis of the entire system. He concluded by informing the Council he will be going to see our Representatives the following week.

Council Update: Councilman Baker stated he was thoroughly thankful for the City’s response to the recent weather event. He expressed his condolences to Councilman Carlson on the loss of his sister. Councilman Carlson thanked him and the other Council members. Councilman Gibson thanked the Council for giving him the chance to serve on the Council. Councilwoman Milford stated her appreciation of the City crews’ efforts with the recent weather event, stating she knows it took several hours to clear the streets.

Organizational Update: Downtown Marceline Executive Director (DM Ex Dir) Lindsey Ewigman reported Pink Friday was successful with many local businesses reporting that night was as busy, or busier, than Peanut Night. She reported on the Peanut Night activities. DM Ex Dir Ewigman stated they are sponsoring a Chili Cookoff on February 23rd from 11 am to 2 pm and that tickets will be \$10.00 each. She concluded by stating that they are planning a Restaurant Month to showcase local restaurants and advertising should begin around Valentine’s Day.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Recreation and Park Board: Mayor Buck stated three (3) applicants have applied for the two open seats on the Recreation and Park Board. She appointed Karie Mast and James Michael Tate.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Recreation and Parks Board Request – Playground Project: Mayor Buck introduced the topic stating the Recreation and Parks Board has previously requested to donate \$15,000.00 of their funds from recreation league proceeds toward the new playground project being led by ParksWork. City Clerk Krumpelman summarized the meetings between the City, legal counsel, ParksWork and the Recreation and Parks Board on how the project can move forward. She stated the Recreation and Parks Board can provide their \$15,000.00 for the project to City to be allocated towards the project and it would be held in the General Fund Reserve account until it is needed to fund the project. Councilwoman Milford moved to allow the Recreation and Park board to transfer \$15,000.00 to the City to be used towards the playground project. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Police Scholarship Budget Amendment – Bill No. 35-2501: Mayor Buck stated the City has entered into an agreement with Christopher Curtis Robertson to assist in paying his expenses to attend a qualified police academy. Once he successfully completes the academy, he is committed to be an officer with the City of Marceline for a period of three (3) years. This budget amendment reallocates \$11,700.00 from the Police Department’s Salaries and Wages to Contractual Expenses for those costs. The Council discussed the topic. Councilman Baker moved that Bill No. 35-2501 to amend the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget to reallocate funds in the Police Department in the General Fund in the amount of \$11,700.00, be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2501 twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2501 be passed. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2501: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, Mayor Buck – aye, and Councilman Gibson – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2501.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vacate Request – S. Cedar Street (400 Block of E. Curtis) – Bill No. 35-2502: Mayor Buck introduced the topic on the request to vacate S. Cedar Street in the 400 Block of E. Curtis. City Manager Wallis went over the request with the council. The Council discussed the topic. City Attorney Cowherd explained the request is to vacate a plated street that was not developed. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2502 to vacate a portion of Cedar Street between the east side of Lot 32 Blk 56 and the west side of Lot 17 Blk 55 located in Original Town Marceline, City of Marceline, Missouri; providing reservation for a utility easement and an effective date, be read twice by title only. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2502 twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2502 be passed. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2502: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Mayor Buck – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2502.

Rezone Request (R-1 to R-2) – West Maplewood Drive Lots 3 and 4 – Bill No. 35-2503: Mayor Buck introduced the topic on the rezone request from Brooke Lodder. Mayor Buck inquired if the purpose of the request is to build more units like they’ve done before. Brooke Lodder responded they are wanting to build three (3) duplexes with garages. City Manager Wallis explained because of the number of units they wish to build on one (1) lot, it needs to be re-zoned. Councilman Baker moved that Bill No. 35-2503 to rezone certain property from “R-1” General Low Density Residential District to “R-2” Multiple Dwelling Residential District, be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2502 twice by title only. Councilman Carlson stated he believes the duplexes would hurt the valuations of the single-family homes in the cul-de-sac. City

Attorney Cowherd informed the Council that ‘R-1’ permits one (1) and two (2) family dwellings so they could put a duplex on each lot, but they want to put three (3) duplexes on two (2) lots. Terry Siddens spoke about his concerns if the area was re-zoned, citing possible infrastructure issues and parking issues for that area. The Council discussed his concerns with staff and Brooke Lodder. City Attorney Robert Cowherd stated that based on what he is seeing this may not be a re-zone issue, but a variance issue based on how the lots are platted. The Council discussed the topic with City Attorney Cowherd stating he would do some research on the topic. Councilwoman Milford moved to table Bill No. 35-2503 until the February meeting. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Record Retention – Destruction of Records: City Clerk Krumpelman stated this is an annual request based on the State’s Retention Schedule. The Council briefly discussed the topic. Councilwoman Milford moved to approve the destruction of records on the list provided (attached). Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

March Council Meeting: City Clerk Krumpelman stated the next regular Council meeting falls during the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officer’s Association’s Spring Institute, which she is attending. She inquired if the Council would be agreeable to move the meeting date so she can be present for the conference and provided the dates the City Attorney is available to attend the meeting if it is moved. The Council discussed the topic. Councilwoman Milford moved to change the regular March meeting date to Thursday, March 13th at 5:30 pm. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 6:37 pm, Councilman Baker moved to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Paragraph (3) Personnel. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Baker – aye, Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Gibson, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Mayor Buck – aye.

With no further business, Councilwoman Milford moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman.
Approved by Marceline City Council on February 12, 2025