

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL
February 12, 2025

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on February 12, 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, and Clarence Gibson. Councilman Gary Carlson joined via phone. Staff attending: City Attorney Trent Miller, City Manager Jesse Wallis, City Clerk/Assistant City Manager (ACM) Lindsay Krumpelman and Pool Manager Carol Logue. Others present: Dave Tavres, Lawanda Hull, John Siecinski, Gayle Siecinski, Gary Birdsong, John Moore, Donna Moore, Richard Switzer, and Doretta Harrison.

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. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL, OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

City Clerk Update: City Clerk/Assistant City Manager (ACM) Krumpelman reported she submitted the quarterly reports, W-2s and 1099s by their deadlines in January. She informed the Council staff is currently working on Request for Proposals for a metal replacement roof for the street department, financial advisor services, and for an AMI system. She reported the MIRMA Annual Evaluation was completed in January, and they are switching from a payroll audit to the City submitting their quarterly 941 forms and annual W-3 submission. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman reminded those present that the March meeting was changed to Thursday, March 13th. She inquired if staff could decrease the number of paper copies of the municipal code the City maintains. She stated the code is online and available via the City's website. Currently the State requires three (3) copies to be maintained, but there is a Bill to decrease that number to one (1) if the code is available online. The Council provided a consensus to decrease the number of paper code books to a minimum of the number required by state statutes. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated she has been approached to apply for the Treasurer (volunteer) position of MoCCFOA and while she has not decided to apply yet, she inquired if the Council would support her application since it is a five-year commitment to join the officer team. The Council provided a consensus that they would support her, if she applied and was selected.

City Manager Update: City Manager Wallis stated the street crew did a great job of cleaning the streets after the most recent weather event. He stated he is working with Carl Brown on getting started on the utility rate study for the water and wastewater system. City Manager Wallis reported that MPUA will be sending a crew to review the City's electric system to see what they can assist with, and he will be meeting with them on February 18th. He concluded by stating that MPUA may be able to do a utility rate study for the electric system as well.

Council Update: Councilwoman Milford if the February 18th visit was on the rate study and inquired if MPUA was the group that was previously reported that could not do a comprehensive rate study. City Manger Wallis responded that was MRWA for the water and wastewater utility rate studies. Councilman Baker inquired about the DNR report and if everything was resolved. City Manager Wallis responded that was an inspection report and the City did not have to provide a response as all the findings were addressed quickly. Councilman Carlson if the Electric Department could include a running total of electrical outages for the year on their report. City Manger Wallis responded that could be done. Councilman Carlson inquired about the water loss report that is normally included with the department reports. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman responded she will forward it to the Council following the meeting. Mayor Buck stated she will be glad when winter is over.

Organizational Update – IDA: IDA Executive Director (IDA Ex. Dir.) Richard Switzer informed the Council that the process for the MoDNR Brownfield Evaluation of the Old Francis Hospital (aka Business Complex) was started in December 2024 and is a lengthy process. He reported on the Great Northwest Days event that was held on February 4th and 5th. He reported that pictures of the entry doors of the Marceline Carnegie Library and the interior doors of the United Methodist Church were submitted to the Welcome Home Doors project for Missouri Main Street Connection. IDA Ex. Dir. Switzer reported he attended the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission meeting on December 5th and the Linn County Commission meeting on December 10th. He informed the Council the IDA Board received education from Gilmore and Bell on financing. IDA Ex. Dir. Switzer concluded stating that Scott Sharp, Project Manager for MO Department of Economic Development will be coming to Marceline next week to tour a few of our manufacturing facilities.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Airport Board: Mayor Buck reappointed the sole applicant, Jeff Lichtenberg, to the Airport Board to serve a four (4) year term.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Donna Moore with the Friends of the Pool stated the new number with the new proposal is much more feasible and the pool committee should be able to meet that for next year. She provided information about where the patrons of the pool are traveling from, stating the majority are not Marceline residents. She stated while they have part of the money to keep the pool open next year, they do not know about the years following. She asked the Council to consider utilizing an additional \$35,000.00 from the sales tax reserves for next year's operation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Criteria for Continued Winter Operations for the Marceline Pool (FY 25-26): Mayor Buck introduced the topic. City Manager Wallis went over the formula. City Clerk Krumpelman explained that the number in the proposal is an example of how the formula would be calculated if it had been used to calculate the need for the FY 24-25 winter season and is not the amount needed for FY 25-26 season. Councilwoman Milford stated the City can only lose so much from the pool annually. The Council discussed the proposed formula and whether it needed to be changed to include more months for the winter calculation or if it needed to include the summer season. The Council reiterated the priority is to keep the pool open in the summer and to try to keep it open in the winter. Mayor Buck stated with the formula, the winter season would be decided on a year-to-year basis and allow the Friends of the Pool committee to determine if they can provide the needed funds to keep the pool open for the upcoming winter season. Councilwoman Milford moved to accept the formula as presented and for the winter season to be reviewed on an annual basis. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Mayor Buck – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye.

Rezone Request (R-1 to R-2) – West Maplewood Drive Lots 3 and 4 – Bill No. 35-2503 (Update): City Manager Wallis provided the update that following the last meeting, legal counsel determined the request is not a rezone issue, but a variance issue. City staff is reaching out to the applicant to determine how they would like to proceed. He concluded a variance will be needed if they decide to put up the third duplex.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pool Fees Review: City Manager Wallis opened the topic for discussion. Councilwoman Milford stated the classes were not listed. Pool Manager Logue stated the class price was not included on the previous rate schedule. They discussed different fees and/or passes such as an all-in-one, but staff stated it would be very difficult to know who had what on which pass, and the cost would not be feasible for their patrons. Pool

Manager Logue stated she would like to add one change to allow for a baby-sitter to be added to a family pass. Pool Manager Louge verbally provided a price comparison to Brookfield's facility. The Council discussed the topic. The Council provided a consensus to bring back a resolution with the new fee schedule with the additional change to be effective March 31, 2025.

Aviation Project Consultant Agreement – Bill No. 35-2504: Mayor Buck introduced the topic. City Manager Wallis stated this is the first step in applying for state and/or federal funds for designing an update to the airfield lighting at the North Central Regional Airport. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2504 to authorize the Mayor to execute an Aviation Project Consultant Agreement with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., acting as a Co-Sponsor of the North Central Regional Airport (NCMRA) Authority, be read twice by title only. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2504 twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2504 be passed. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2504: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Mayor Buck – aye, and Councilman Gibson – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2503.

At 6:34 pm, Councilman Baker moved to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Paragraph (1) Legal Action and Paragraph (12) Contractual and to include guest John Moore. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Baker – aye, Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Gibson, and Mayor Buck – aye.

Upon returning from Executive Session, with no further business, Councilwoman Milford moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, and Mayor Buck – aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman.
Approved by Marceline City Council on March 13, 2025