

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL

March 13, 2025

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on March 13, 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, Electric Superintendent Charlie Harrington, Pool Manager Carol Logue, and Officer Christopher Murray. Others present: Michael Olinger, Lawanda Hull, John Siecinski, Gayle Siecinski, Skylar Bruner, Steven Carlson 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 Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilman Baker moved to approve the financials as presented. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mayor Buck inquired about the current expenses in the pool formula and asked if there were any repairs expected to be completed. City Clerk responded there are funds budgeted for repairs to the slide. Pool Manager Logue stated the diving board base needs attention as does the basketball goal.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL, OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

City Clerk Update: City Clerk/Assistant City Manager (ACM) Krumpelman stated she attended the MoCCFOA Spring Institute this week where she received her 500-hour certificate. She stated she attended sessions on bonding, budgeting, and clerk fundamentals. She stated they are continuing to work on Request for Proposals and the one for the street department metal roof project was released. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman concluded stating that they are advertising for the temporary summer positions.

City Manager Update: City Manager Jesse Wallis informed the Council that Carl Brown has withdrawn his proposal for the water / wastewater utility rate study. He stated they will begin the process of searching for another. He reported that he is in discussions with MPUA concerning the NW generation project and will provide updates to the Council as they move forward. City Manager Wallis stated he is working with the state for assistance in funding electrical infrastructure improvements. He reported there is a grid resilience grant that the City is preparing to apply for during the next cycle. City Manager Wallis stated Metallica "Marie" Moore will start with the Police Department next week and Marshall Meagher will be completed with his field training at the end of this week. City Manager Wallis stated they have advertised for the Sergeant positions but is not sure how he will proceed with those positions yet. He asked the Electric Superintendent to explain what their department is doing to help prevent outages. Electric Superintendent Charlie Harrington stated they have ordered coverups for the substations to try to prevent wildlife from accessing the substation. They are also starting to replace secondary wires.

Council Update: Councilman Milford asked for clarification on the rentals and toy items listed in the reports for the pool. Pool Manager Logue stated the rental category is for the \$5.00 rental of lounge chairs so people can reserve them. She stated there is no charge for the regular chairs. Councilwoman Milford inquired if customers are allowed to bring in their own lounge chairs. Pool Manager Logue responded no as there is not enough room. She stated the toys category is for items like goggles or arm floats that the pool keeps on hand for patrons to purchase. Councilman Carlson inquired on what type of shifts the police department is running now. City Manager Wallis responded they are on 12-hour shifts now. Councilman Gibson stated the weather was nice this week, but reminded everyone of the possible weather event the following day. Councilwoman Milford inquired if there was a way to inform the public of the positive moves the Electric Department is making in their department. City Manager Wallis responded they would work to share that information. Mayor Buck reported

she was asked to read at the Elementary School, but unfortunately school was cancelled the day she was scheduled to read.

PRESENTATION:

Marceline Community Sound Project: Michael Olinger, Downtown Marceline President, informed the Council that Downtown Marceline is working on apply for a grant through T-Mobile for a sound system for the downtown area and is asking for the City's support for the project. He stated the system would run from Santa Fe Ave to Gracia on 10 poles and be able to broadcast down to Main Street USA and into Ripley Park. He stated they would need AC power and would ask for the City's assistance for in-kind labor for the grant to mount the equipment, but full-deployment details will not be known until after the grant is awarded. Electric Superintendent Charlie Harrington stated that equipment would need to be mounted to the wooden poles and not the decorative light poles along Main Street USA. Michael Olinger explained the system and the other assistance they anticipate receiving if the grant is awarded. The Council discussed who would have ownership of the system and sound ordinances. Councilwoman Milford stated if the grant is awarded, a meeting between the City and Downtown Marceline will need to be held to work through the details, before deployment. Councilwoman Milford moved to authorize the City Manager to write a letter of support for the grant application. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Skylar Bruner stated she represents the Friends of the Pool Committee and reported they are happy with the results so far and went over those numbers with the Council. City Clerk Krumpelman informed her that at the pool donations for the winter season were applied to the total expenses, so the amount of donations utilized to-date did not match with the Friends of the Pool Committee's report. Councilwoman Milford inquired on the dome's condition. City Manager Wallis stated there are a few tears but is in fairly good shape.

Lindsey Ewigman presented a proposal for new planters for downtown area. She stated they would be done by Chuck Core, and they would like to attach them to the poles, but that is not a requirement. She stated they would not go beyond the brick design on the sidewalk, and they would keep the electrical boxes in mind. She stated they would face North to South and East to West. Council inquired who would do the maintenance on the planters. Lindsey Ewigman responded Downtown Marceline would be responsible for the maintenance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Pool Fees Schedule – Resolution 25-01: Mayor Buck opened the discussion stating she has concerns about the \$5.00 rental fee for lounge chairs. Skylar Bruner responded that once the reasoning behind the rental is explained, it seems patrons are accepting of it and the regular chairs are still available at no cost. Mayor Buck inquired about the removal of the senior citizen discount on the daily admissions. Pool Manager Logue stated they do not have many senior citizens utilizing the daily admissions discount, but they do purchase passes and that discount is still in effect. The Council discussed pass sales at the pool and briefly discussed whether to allow credit cards to be accepted. City Clerk Krumpelman expressed challenges with offering that convenience. John Siecinski expressed concern about the swimming lesson fees going up, but not the water aerobic class fees. Pool Manager Logue explained the fees for swimming lessons and water aerobic classes. Councilman Baker stated not all kids will take swim lessons and the fee is not out of line when compared to other kid activities. The Council continued to discuss the topic. Councilman Baker moved to approve Resolution 25-01 setting a new pool fee schedule. Councilwoman Milford seconded the topic. A voice vote carried the motion.

Utility Rate Study (Water & Sewer) – Bill No. 35-2505: No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recreation and Parks Board Request – Playground Project: City Clerk Krumpelman reported that following their recent Basketball tournament, the Recreation and Park Board would like to allocate \$5,000.00 from their

proceeds towards the playground project. She stated they indicated this would be their last contribution to the project. Councilwoman Milford moved to approve the transfer of \$5,000.00 from the Recreation and Park Board to be allocated to the playground project. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2024 Legislative Code Update – Bill No. 25-03-001: City Clerk Krumpelman reported that our codification vendor sends the City an annual legislative update for our code to reflect statute changes made by the Missouri state legislature during their most recent cycle. She stated that the new Section 210.845 includes provisions allowing municipalities to adopt certain restrictions regarding the discharge of firearms near occupied structures. City staff, with guidance from legal counsel, is recommending if the Council accepts and approves the legislative update, they approve Bill No. 25-03-002 to amend Section 210.845 Paragraph C (3). The Council discussed the topic. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 25-03-001 to accept the 2024 legislative update by enacting a new code of ordinances, be read twice by title only. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 25-03-001 twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 25-03-001 be passed. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 25-03-001: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, Councilman Gibson and Mayor Buck – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 25-03.01.

Amend Section 210.845 – Bill No. 25-03-002: Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 25-03-002 to amend Paragraph (C) Section 210.845 of Article VI of Chapter 210 of the Municipal Code relating to unlawful discharge of a firearm within a municipality and its exceptions be read twice by title only. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 25-03-002 twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford moved to amend the title of Bill No. 25-03-002 to remove the word “section” from the first line. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 25-03-002 be passed. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 25-03-002: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Carlson and Mayor Buck – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 25-03.02.

At 7:02 pm, Councilman Baker moved to adjourn to Executive session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Paragraph (1) Legal Action and Paragraph (12) Contractual. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Baker – aye, Councilwoman Milford – aye, Mayor Buck – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Councilman Gibson – aye.

Upon returning for Executive Session, City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman inquired if the Council would like her to adjust the pool donations being utilized for the winter season by the pool revenue received. After a brief discussion, Council provided a consensus to adjust the donations utilized by the revenue received. With no further business, Councilwoman Milford moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman.
Approved by Marceline City Council on April 9, 2025