

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL April 9, 2025

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on April 9, 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, Wastewater Superintendent Justin Griffin, Street Superintendent Adam Lichtenberg, and Officer Christopher Murray. Others present: Jacob Clay, Lawanda Hull, John Siecinski, Gayle Siecinski, Jason Weydert, Richard Switzer, Lindsey Ewigman, James “Boogie” Jenkins, Cary Sayre 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 informed the Council that the Financial Advisor RFP was released and due Monday, May 12, 2025 and the Water/Wastewater Repair bids are due Friday, April 11, 2025. She stated the summer laborer positions are open and the City is accepting applications until May 2, 2025. City Clerk Krumpelman reported she advertised for the annual board openings which will be presented at the May meeting. She stated she will be attending an ARPA webinar before submitting the annual report. City Clerk Krumpelman informed the Council she was appointed as the Bylaws Committee Chair for Missouri City Clerk and Finance Officers Association. She went over the unofficial election results reporting the following votes were received: Clarence Gibson 62, Jacob Clay 70, and Brian Baker 52. She stated a special meeting will be needed to declare/certify the results and that Linn County should have their results ready by Friday afternoon. She concluded by providing the dates for the Elected Officials Training and the Annual Missouri Municipal League (MML) conference stating registration for the MML conference opens April 29th.

City Manager Update: City Manager Jesse Wallis stated he invited Cary Sayre with Allstate Consultants, LLC to present on the status of the wastewater facility project.

Council Update: Councilman Carlson stated he enjoyed working with Councilman Brian Baker. Councilman Gibson concurred with Councilman Carlson. Councilwoman Milford thanked Councilman Baker, stating it was a pleasure to serve with him. Councilwoman Milford congratulated Councilmen-elect Clarence Gibson and Jacob Clay on their election. Mayor Buck congratulated the two councilmen-elect. She stated she enjoyed working with this group of five (5) on the Council. Councilman Baker stated it was truly a pleasure to serve the last three (3) years and is happy he was able to serve with people of such high caliber. He stated he is proud that Jesse Wallis is our City Manager and of the caliber of City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman and the department heads. Councilman Baker stated he loves this community and believes the City as a whole is heading in the right direction.

City Manager Update Continued: Cary Sayre presented an informational presentation on the wastewater facility project. He stated the original plant was built in the late 1950s and was remodeled in 1990/1991. Wastewater Superintendent Griffin stated the City’s current permit expires in September 2026 and there will be limits that the current plant will not be able to meet and the City will be asking for an extension.

Organizational Updates – DM & IDA:

IDA – IDA Executive Director (IDA Ex. Dir) Richard Switzer stated they have received six (6) applications for this year's façade grants. He stated he attended the Northwest Round Table. IDA Ex. Dir Switzer provided an update on the brownfield application for the St. Francis Hospital/Business Complex stating the application is now assigned and he will be attending the Brownfield Symposium which is a three (3) day seminar in June. He reported that there were 25 people in the Leadership Northwest Group with representatives from 16 counties. IDA Ex. Dir. Switzer informed the council two homes are currently being rehabbed. City Manager stated that seven (7) of the 50 vacant homes in town were recently purchased. IDA Ex. Dir. Switzer reported that Linn County was included in the 25/26 labor study which looked at availability, skills, wages and benefits. He reported business development seminars to include financing, marketing and SBA loans are being considered. He informed the Council that Scott Sharp with Missouri Department of Economic Development did a Marceline visit that included tours of Hurtt Fab, CoffeeTree and Nature's Grace. IDA Ex. Dir Switzer concluded stating Nature's Grace is doing well and currently has 54 employees.

Downtown Marceline – Downtown Marceline Executive Director (DM Ex. Dir.) Lindsey Ewigman reported on the Culinary Tour, where each restaurants hosted a week. She stated they sold 100 passports and the feedback was positive. She provided an update on the upcoming Shop Hop and that 20 stores are participating. DM Ex. Dir Ewigman reported a Spring Clean-up is being organized with the high school for students to assist with cleaning up Main Street during the last week of school to try to show current students the value of work and community. She informed those present that May is Historic Preservation month and that they will be doing hot dog sales at the Coke Wall during the Spring Festival. DM Ex. Dir. Ewigman concluded, stating the new banners are installed at the y-intersection to direct people downtown.

PRESENTATION:

Employee Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance: The City's benefit insurance broker, Jason Weydert with Weydert Insurance, reported that the renewal of the city's health insurance plan came in at 11.9% which is a little higher than what the City has seen previously. He went over items of consideration which includes that MU Health and Anthem currently do not have an agreement making MU Health out-of-network. He stated when looking at a similar United Health Care plan the expense was approximately \$17,000.00 more a month than the current plan through the Chamber Federation. He recommended the Council renew the current plan. The Council discussed the topic. Councilwoman Milford moved to accept the renewal proposals for the city's employee health, vision and dental insurance plans. Councilman Carlson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Dave Tavres stated there is not a local outdoor shooting range and he believes the state has funds to allocate to establish one. He stated he was hoping the city would have an interest in filling that void. Councilwoman Milford expressed a concern of the liability of such an endeavor, but stated she appreciates how he thinks outside of the box.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Downtown Marceline Planter Request: Mayor Buck introduced the topic, stating Downtown Marceline is wanting to install new flower planters for the downtown area and Downtown Marceline has committed to maintaining them. City Manager Wallis stated the electric department does not want the planters to be permanently attached to the light poles in case they need to be replaced, or they need to access the wiring. He suggested that holes be drilled into the concrete similar to the flutter flags and something be added to the bottom of the planters so they can be inserted into the sidewalk. Councilwoman Milford expressed a concern on accessibility of the sidewalk with the planters. DM Ex. Dir Ewigman stated the planters would not go beyond

the brick. She stated that the plants in the planter were going to be more shrub-like than flowering and would be something that would work year-round. The Council discussed the topic. Councilman Baker moved to proceed with the planters. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ratify Electrical Capacity (ZRCs) Agreement – Bill No. 35-2506: City Manager Wallis introduced the topic stating that the capacity agreement needs to be ratified. Mayor Buck stated it provides coverage for every season. City Manager Wallis confirmed it was a hedge against the upcoming auction. Councilman Baker moved that Bill No. 25-2506 to ratify the full requirements agreement between Winfield Solar I, LLC and the City of Marceline regarding the sale/purchase of zonal resource credits (ZRCs), be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2506 twice by title only. Councilman Baker moved that Bill No. 35-2506 be passed. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2506: Councilman Baker – aye, Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, Councilman Gibson and Mayor Buck – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2504.

Councilwoman Milford inquired about the purchase for the school in the February 25th Recreation and Park Board minutes to be discussed. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated legal counsel advised the City could make a cooperative agreement to make the purchase in exchange of using the gym for the basketball rec league. City Attorney Cowherd said it would be a good value for the rec league to make the purchase for the use of the gyms. Mayor Buck inquired about the \$5,000.00 listed for the centerfield dugouts. Street Superintendent Lichtenberg stated that they are setting it aside in case the other organization gets funding together.

NEW BUSINESS:

Street Department Metal Roof Bids & Agreement – Bill No. 35-2507: City Manager Walls stated they received one bid, and they do not have workman's compensation insurance. He said that the bidder is stating they are a partnership and are not required to have worker's compensation coverage. City Attorney Cowherd stated if they are a partnership they will need to sign paperwork to that effect. He also stated their general liability aggregate is one (1) million instead of two (2) million. Street Superintendent Adam Lichtenberg went over the project scope and the bid with the Council. The Council discussed the topic. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2507 to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between Bullen and Son's and the City for the purposes of removing and replacing a metal roof for the street department be read twice by title only. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2507 twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2507 be approved with the reduction of the general liability aggregate to one (1) million dollars and not to require worker's compensation if they are a partnership and have no employees. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2507: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Mayor Buck – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2505.

Declaration of Surplus – Mueller Electric Meters – Bill No. 35-2508: Mayor Buck introduced the topic. City Manager Wallis stated the meters were given to us from another city and we have not used them. He stated they were recently contacted by another city that is interested in them, but they need to be declared as surplus first before it can be advertised that we are accepting bids for them. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2508 to declare identified city-owned equipment items as surplus property and to authorize the sale thereof and for the City Manager to sign the documents of sale be read twice by title only. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2508 twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2508 be passed. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill 35-2508: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman

Baker – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, and Mayor Buck – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2506.

At 6:57 pm, Councilman Baker moved to adjourn to Executive session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Paragraph (1) Legal Action, Paragraph (2) Real Estate, 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, the Council discussed a special meeting date to declare/certify the election results. The Council set a special meeting date for Friday, April 11th at 3:30 pm. With no further business, Councilman Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman.
Approved by Marceline City Council on May 14, 2025