

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL  
**April 17, 2018**

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on April 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Tyson Brammer presiding. Council members present were: Jeri Holt, Sallie Buck, Natalie Wellman (arrived at 5:47 pm) and Liz Cupp. Staff attending: City Manager Richard Hoon, City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman, Street Superintendent Ed Ewigman, Electric Superintendent Dean Gauthier, Water / Wastewater Superintendent Roger Sullivan, Pool Manager Carol Logue, Police Chief Robert Donelson, Officer Rhonda Gulley, Officer Christopher Murray and Water/Sewer Distribution Christina Brashear. Others present: Bob Harbour, Pammie Burch, Auditor John Gillum, CPA, Denna Maag, Mary Beth Switzer, Richard Switzer, Linda Linebaugh, Riley Brashear, Sydney Brashear, Cathi Black, Marcous Black, Julie Sheerman, Cary Sayre, and Reporter Matt Ragsdale.

Mayor Tyson Brammer 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 Buck moved to approve the minutes. Councilman Holt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Holt moved to approve the financial reports. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote with Councilwoman Cupp voting against.

**PRESENTATION - FY 16-17 AUDIT:**

John Gillum, CPA presented the audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending on October 31, 2017. He reported the City's net-position increased from 2016 to 2017 and the big story of the year is the new swimming pool. He reported this is the third year with the LAGERS presentation and they feel Marceline is well off concerning retirement. John Gillum noted the negative fund balances and that getting the utility rates where they should be is a continuing process. He concluded stating the City's debt is current and the City Staff is helpful and cooperative.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL, OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

City Department Updates: Water/Wastewater Superintendent Roger Sullivan reported they are hauling sludge before the farmers begin planting and hauling hay. He reported the clarifier bids are out and they are working on a plan to replace valves on Main Street USA. Water/Wastewater Superintendent Sullivan concluded stating they are finalizing a plan to replace the water line on Fairview Drive.

Electric Superintendent Dean Gauthier reported his department had two meetings concerning a communication tower going up on Blair Road. He stated they also met with MoDNR to ensure their reports are accurate. Electric Superintendent Gauthier stated they are 90% done with the LED street lighting project and will be starting on the Substation grounding map soon.

Police Chief Bob Donelson informed the Council there were 52 students who graduated from the DARE program this year. He reported that all the computers are installed for NIBRS and they began data collection on April 1st and will continue to do so for three (3) months. Police Chief Donelson reported he is still waiting to hear on the outcome of another grant and that he was appointed the Homeland Security Regional Oversight Committee. He reported that his department is starting on nuisance clean-up again. He stated they will be doing active shooter training for the Bethany Baptist Church on April 28th. Police Chief Donelson stated he, Officer Rhonda Gulley, and Captain John Wright will be attending Child Abuse Training and Officer Jeffrey Gulley will be attending Field Officer Training. Police Chief Donelson stated he would be traveling to Alabama for Firearms Certification. He stated April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and they have a pinwheel garden in honor of that. He concluded stating Captain John Wright was selected to be security detail at the PGA tour in St. Louis, MO.

Street Superintendent Ed Ewigman reported the Disney sign is complete and thanked the Art Club for painting the train and Mickey Mouse and Gloria Gooch for the lettering and outline of the sign. He reported they assisted with putting in pipe for the Museum extension of the pair. He reported they worked on the dome building and the brick layers should be there this week. Street Superintendent Ewigman reported they added on to the sidewalk and fence to the pool building. He concluded stating they are starting mowing for the season.

Pool Manager Carol Logue stated they are continuing to do rentals and one of the rentals was for Brunswick After-Prom. She informed the assembly that they are continuing to do aquatic exercises during open swim on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Pool Manager Logue stated they hired Gary Birdsong as the new Assistant Pool Manager. She thanked Water/Wastewater Superintendent Sullivan for cleaning out the heater. She stated there is still a condensation problem in the concession stand. Pool Manager Logue informed the Council the pool will be closed for the dome take down beginning Mother's Day. She concluded stating Hurtt Fabricating made them back stroke poles.

City Clerk Update: City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman informed the Council she will speak on the Pool Project in Fayette on April 28th and the City Manager and Mayor may attend to assist in answering questions. She reported City Staff is in the midst of their first health and wellness challenge. She stated her quarterly reports are complete. City Clerk Krumpelman reported that the National Recreation and Park Association is giving away a \$20,000.00 park grant to a City who receives the most nominations in April and requested everyone to go to their website and nominate the City of Marceline to receive the grant.

City Manager Update: City Manager Richard Hoon thanked the Superintendents for what they do as without them the City would not be able to move forward. He reported that MoDNR will begin Phase 1 of the Brownfield process at the Chastain's building on Monday. City Manager Hoon stated there are lots of events coming up; the City Garage Sales on April 27th and 28th and Bulk Trash Pick-Up on May 1st. He stated Myrtle Crippin will be turning 105 years old on April 28th and Bristol Manor will be having an open house for her on April 27th. City Manager Hoon stated the Museum found a missing man hole while they were tearing up the road/abandoned railroad track for their land improvements. He reported Michael Olinger purchased the empty lot north of the theater and he plans to make it look similar to what is suggested in the Community Master Plan. City Manager Hoon reported that Bob Green has resigned from the Housing Authority Board.

Council Update: Mayor/Fire Chief Holt reported that Brian Mosier will be a trainee effective Wednesday on the Fire Department.

#### **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:**

Linda Linebaugh stated she was here to listen and she missed the last meeting due to having a cancer lesion removed and she gave thanks to God she does not have to have chemo or radiation. She concluded she is excited about the Brownfield process.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Pit Bull Ban Repeal- Bill No. 18-04.015: City Manager Hoon reported they received emails against repealing the ban, but none were from local individuals. After a brief discussion, Councilwoman Wellman moved that Bill #18-04.015 amending the municipal code to repeal the pit bull ban be read twice by title only. Councilman Holt seconded the motion. A voice vote carried the motion. City Clerk Krumpelman read Bill No. 18-04.015 twice by title only. Councilwoman Wellman moved that Bill No. 18-04.015 be approved. Councilman Holt seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Wellman – aye, Councilman Holt – aye, Mayor Brammer – aye, Councilwoman Cupp – aye and Councilwoman Buck – aye. This bill is assigned Ordinance Number 18-04.15.

Gym Membership Reimbursement- Bill No. 18-04.016 and Bill No. 18-04.017: City Manager Hoon reported this was discussed at the previous meeting. City Clerk Krumpelman explained the \$50.00 one-time gym membership

reimbursement policy. She stated if approved, the Council would need to approve a budget amendment to utilize \$1,650.00 from the Health Insurance account to expense the funds. Council inquired on the expected participation, City Clerk Krumpelman reported she expected a high level of participation. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill #18-04.016 approving the gym membership reimbursement policy be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. A voice vote carried the motion. City Clerk Krumpelman read Bill No. 18-04.016 twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 18-04.016 be approved. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilwoman Wellman – aye, Councilwoman Cupp – aye, Councilman Holt – aye and Mayor Brammer – aye. This bill is assigned Ordinance Number 18-04.16.

Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill #18-04.017 approving the gym membership reimbursement policy be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. A voice vote carried the motion. City Clerk Krumpelman read Bill No. 18-04.017 twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 18-04.017 be approved. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilwoman Wellman – aye, Mayor Brammer – aye, Councilwoman Cupp – aye and Councilman Holt – aye. This bill is assigned Ordinance Number 18-04.17.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Budget Amendment - Transfers- Bill No. 18-04.018: City Manager Hoon stated the budget amendment is to amend the FY 17-18 budget by removing the Right Of Way Easement expense and return to the fund transfer from the Electric Fund to the General Fund as directed by Council. Councilwoman Wellman moved that Bill #18-04.018 to amend the FY 17-18 budget be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. A voice vote carried the motion. City Clerk Krumpelman read Bill No. 18-04.018 twice by title only. Councilwoman Wellman moved that Bill No. 18-04.018 be approved. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Wellman – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilwoman Cupp – aye, Mayor Brammer – aye and Councilman Holt – aye. This bill is assigned Ordinance Number 18-04.18.

Electric Rate Discussion: Electric Consultant Bob Harbour did a presentation on the reduction of the retail electric rates and how that would affect the City's overall budget. He recommended the Council could lower the electric rates 3%-5% now. He stated the electric rate could be reduced more if the General Fund revenue increased and if the new wholesale power supply rate goes into effect in 2020 without a decrease in usage by the customers. He stated customer solar installation could decrease the reduction amount. Councilwoman Cupp explained how the City instilled the current rates. She stated they need to be lowered more than 3% to 5%. Council discussed the topic, with Councilwoman Buck stated she wants to lower the rates, but at a safe level for the City overall. The Council provided consensus for City Staff to work with Bob Harbour to bring back how a 5%, 10% and 15% reduction on the current budget would affect the Electric Fund and the City.

Street Project Bids and Asphalt Agreement - Bill No. 18-04.019: Street Superintendent Ed Ewigman went over the street program and bids received. He recommended the Council accept all the low bids except for the Chip and Seal. Street Superintendent Ewigman reported City Staff can do the work for approximately \$54,000.00 while contracting it out would cost \$73,000.00 to \$77,000.00 or they could add approximately 15 more blocks to the program for the same amount of contracting the chip and seal. The Council discussed the street program and the bids. Councilwoman Wellman moved to approve the low bidders in all categories except chip and seal. The low bidders are as follows: (1) Bituminous Pavement & Street Overlay (Asphalt) - Capital Paving & Construction: \$73.15/ton laid, \$100,513.00 base bid, \$17.69 per sq yd, (2) Chip & Seal - all bids rejected, (3) Concrete - Leo O'Laughlin (sole bidder): 4,000 PSI - \$116.37/yd, 5,000 PSI - \$122.27/yd, (4) Haydite Trucking - Leo O'Laughlin (sole bidder): \$53.75 per cubic yard, and (5) Oil - Vance Bros (sole bidder): CRSP - \$2.10/unit, RS-1HM -\$1.95/unit, RS1H - \$1.80/unit, Pump-\$65.00 (if requested), Hauling/Demurrage-\$70/hr after 1.5 hours. Councilman Holt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Councilwoman Wellman moved that Bill #18-04.019 to authorize an agreement between the City of Marceline and Capital Paving and Construction for Bituminous Pavement Street Overlay be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. A voice vote carried the motion. City Clerk Krumpelman read Bill No. 18-04.019 twice by title only. Councilwoman Wellman moved that Bill No. 18-04.019 be approved. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Wellman – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Holt – aye, Mayor Brammer – aye and Councilwoman Cupp– aye. This bill is assigned Ordinance Number 18-04.19.

Downtown Marceline: City Manager Hoon opened the discussion stating Downtown Marceline is requesting funding for an Executive Director position. Downtown Marceline President Julie Sheerman stated with the unveiling of the Community Master Plan, Missouri Main Street Connection announced they would contribute \$20,000.00 to fund an executive director for Downtown Marceline for a two-year period (\$10,000.00 each year), but Downtown Marceline and the City of Marceline would need to fund the remaining 2/3 of the amount needed. She stated they are now past the point that a volunteer can be the executive director and one is needed to move forward to the implementation phase of the Community Master Plan. She stated it is expected that after the two years of funding assistance, the executive director will become self-funded. The Council discussed the topic and provided a consensus for City Staff to come back in May with funding source options before Council makes a decision.

Ripley Park Fountain Discussion: City Manager Hoon stated the City budgeted \$20,000.00 to repair and replace the fountain, but with concepts in the Community Master Plan, a new Ripley Park plan needs to be completed before any major changes occur in the park. He stated after speaking with several interested parties he recommends turning the fountain into a flower planter for a temporary solution until a final plan is reached. The Council discussed the topic, with members of the Recreation and Park Board weighing in on the discussion. The Council provided consensus to move forward with the temporary flower planter idea.

WCC Train Day Street Closure Request: City Manager Hoon reported this request is for an annual event and the Walsworth Community Center has received the okay for the closure from the Post Office. Councilwoman Buck moved to do a partial closure of Ritchie Avenue from No Name Road to Main Street USA from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm on May 5, 2018 for the Annual Train Day. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Budget Amendment - Bonds - Bill No. 18-04.020: City Clerk Krumpelman explained that when the City officers arrest someone on a warrant from another jurisdiction and collects a cash bond, the Courts wants to receive that bond via check from the City. She stated in order to cleanly do that, she is requesting the Council amend the FY 17-18 budget by \$1,200.00 to create revenue and expense budget line items to act as a pass-through to record the receipt of the bonds and to expense the bonds to the correct agency. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill #18-04.020 to amend the budget to process bonds for outside law agencies be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. A voice vote carried the motion. City Clerk Krumpelman read Bill No. 18-04.020 twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 18-04.020 be approved. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilwoman Wellman – aye, Councilwoman Cupp – aye, Councilman Holt – aye and Mayor Brammer – aye. This bill is assigned Ordinance Number 18-04.20.

Budget Amendment - Pool Insurance - Bill No. 18-04.021: City Manager Hoon stated this budget amendment is to recognize the proceeds received from MOPERM for the vandalism incident at the pool. After a short discussion, Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill #18-04.021 to amend the budget by \$10,182.14 to recognize and expense insurance proceeds for the pool vandalism incident be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. A voice vote carried the motion. City Clerk Krumpelman read Bill No. 18-04.021 twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 18-04.021 be approved. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Wellman – aye, Councilwoman Buck

– aye, Mayor Brammer – aye, Councilman Holt – aye and Councilwoman Cupp – aye. This bill is assigned Ordinance Number 18-04.21.

Council discussed upcoming meeting appearances.

At 7:49 pm Councilwoman Buck moved to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Paragraph (12) Contracts. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion unanimously: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilwoman Wellman – aye, Mayor Brammer – aye, Councilwoman Cupp – aye, and Councilman Holt – aye.

Recorded by City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman  
Approved on May 15, 2018 by Marceline City Council.