

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL
April 19, 2016

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on April 19, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Jeri Holt presiding. Council members present were: Sallie Buck, John Carver, Natalie Wellman, and Tyson Brammer. Staff attending: City Attorney Jeff Elson, City Manager Robert V. Green, City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Kevin Wiggins, Police Chief Bob Donelson, Captain Kort Brashear, Electric Superintendent Dean Gauthier, Lineman Todd Field, and Street Superintendent Ed Ewigman. Also in attendance were: John Gillum, Bob Harbour, Terry Hammer, Mike Coleman, Larry J. Hart, Courtney Wegman, Vernon Robertson, Linda Linebaugh, Joyce Robinson, Reporter Tom Hauser, and Reporter Chris Houston.

Mayor Jeri Holt led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Holt.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES, AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Councilman Carver moved that the financials and minutes stand approved. Councilwoman Buck inquired about why the Pool Sales Tax would not start until October. City Clerk Krumpelman explained. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL, OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

City Department Updates: Street Superintendent Ed Ewigman reported the street department has graveled alleys in town, installed the new sign at the Library, and is always mowing. He reported in the parks, the demolition of the tot-lot is complete along with the majority of the amphitheater. Superintendent Ewigman stated that 18 stumps are grounded out, 60 loads of dirt were taken to fill in around the fence line at the ball fields and the ball field fence is complete. Bricks for the back-stop are available to purchase. He concluded by stating that they have done a test pour on the trail and they will be making a few tweaks to the process.

City Manager Green read a note from Elementary School Principal, Sarah Dunham, commending Police Chief Bob Donelson on the DARE program. He also noted that a citizen also contacted him directly about how well the Police Chief did with the DARE Graduation.

Police Chief Bob Donelson reported on the DARE graduation ceremony and that the upcoming calendar will feature the DARE graduating class. He reported that March was a busy month with training. New post certification requirements will come out in 2017 and his department is trying to meet those requirements early. Police Chief Donelson concluded that the floor renovation is complete and invited the Council to come tour the Public Safety Building to see the changes.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Kevin Wiggins reported that two weeks ago he switched from the New Reservoir to the Old Reservoir due to work being done for the Raw Water Grant. That work is expected to start this week. Superintendent Wiggins reported the City has received the Wastewater Draft Permit and it was sent back once. It was sent back again after a review. A financial questionnaire will be sent to DNR once completed. He informed the assembly that he is looking to do smoke testing beginning in May. He concluded by stating that there will be a meeting on Friday concerning auto-read meters. Councilwoman Natalie Wellman inquired about the hydrant on the corner of Kansas and Lake. Superintendent Wiggins responded that a new one has been ordered and another shut-down will be done when it comes in so it can be installed.

Electric Superintendent Dean Gauthier reported that they have been trimming trees in back yards during the dry spell. He reported the Electric Department has repaired the cuts made from the outage and that the Hwy 5 Welcome sign is now lit by solar LEDs. Superintendent Gauthier stated the meter change outs are almost complete and they have been working on the tornado siren by county line. He concluded by stating the Hurtt Fab and MFA change overs are almost complete. Mayor Holt inquired about the Prenger's project. Superintendent

Gauthier stated they are looking to do a pre-tap, where they isolate everything on the 13K and 29K lines to reduce the overall down time.

City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman reported she had submitted all the paperwork for the voter approved ½ cent Sales Tax for the pool and collection should begin in October. She informed the Council that the RFPs for Solid Waste Service with a Recycling Option have been sent out and they will see the responses at the next regular meeting. She concluded that she has registered for the Accounting Academy in May.

City Manager Robert V. Green reported that he and City Clerk Krumpelman will be attending the Governance Institute on Thursday this week and a Work Comp Annual Meeting the following week. He informed the Council the City is holding off on the RFPs for the Demolition of the Dilapidated Buildings until next month as more properties are being donated to the City. He went on to state that GIS training is scheduled for May 2nd. He concluded by stating that the sub-station project is in process.

Fire Chief/Mayor Jeri Holt reported that 3 people from the committee would be going out to do an inspection concerning the Fire Truck on May 15th and 16th and it is expected the Fire Truck will not be finished until a month later of the original timeline.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Linda Linebaugh stated she was impressed with Councilwoman Wellman's article in the paper. She inquired if the City could burn the cattails at the Country Club Lake to make the area more beautiful as she has heard that the City could from the Conservation Department. Superintendent Ewigman stated that the City is treating them a different way under the guidance of Greg Pitchford of the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Joyce Robinson wondered if the house on Chestnut and Booker was on the list to be demoed. City Manager Green responded that the City does not own the house so it is not, but it is on the list of dilapidated houses.

PRESENTATIONS:

Terry Hammer – 1931 Marceline License Plate: Terry Hammer provided a brief history on the type of license plate he was donating to the City of Marceline and that our ordinance was likely put into effect in the 1920s. He then presented the 1931 Marceline License Plate to the City. A picture was taken of the presentation at the end of open session.

Audit Report: Auditor John Gillum went over his audit report with the Council. He reported the big news is the GASB 68 requirement that focuses on retirement benefits, which LAGERS provided a lot of the information to him for and that the City's retirement is in pretty good shape. Mr. Gillum also reported that due to the Mack's Creek law there is a footnote concerning the percent of revenue received from court fines and fees. Marceline's percentage is 1.9% which is considerably lower than the 30% limit. The final note from Mr. Gillum was that he hopes the rate study would adjust the rates so each utility is funded independently. Mr. Gillum concluded his report with the City is in good shape overall with a good staff. He left the meeting at 6:11 pm.

Pool Project Financing: Larry J. Hart congratulated the City on passing the bond issue and the success of their unique financing with both the sales tax and bond issue. Larry J. Hart and Courtney Wegman went over their preliminary financial analysis of the sale of the general obligation bonds and the sales tax leasehold revenue bonds. They noted they could not be the underwriter of the bonds since they are the City's financial advisor. Larry J. Hart noted the timing of the construction and when funds will be needed for that will dictate when the bonds are sold.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Walsworth Humidifier – Water Meter: Vernon Robertson of Walsworth stated that in March 2003 half of the current humidifier system was installed at the plant and the second half was installed in 2012. He stated that Walsworth has been charged sewer for the water going through the humidifier even though it is not going down the drain. He is looking for a solution. Superintendent Wiggins suggested putting on a remote read meter before the humidifier so it can be accessed for the outside. Vernon Robertson stated he would like to not be charged for sewer from the water being used in the humidifier and then be reimbursed for prior years. There was discussion on the topic. City Attorney Jeff Elson noted that the ordinance for sewer is based on the water usage not what goes down the drain. There was more discussion on the topic. The Council gave consensus to put on a meter before the humidifier and then go from there.

Curb and Gutter: Street Superintendent Ed Ewigman reported the Curb and Gutter bids are for work to be performed in the 200 and 300 blocks of West Truman on the North Side of the Street. He reported that J.D. Bishop Construction, LLC was overall low bid. There was discussion on the topic. Councilman Brammer moved to approve the bid from J.D. Bishop Construction. Councilman Carver seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Brammer – yes, Councilman Carver – yes, Councilwoman Buck – yes, Councilwoman Wellman – yes, and Mayor Holt – yes.

Bituminous Pavement Street Overlay: Superintendent Ewigman stated that for the Street Program they may need to take out the Chip and Seal. The Overlay part of the Street Program will include the re-surfacing of two blocks and the cold-milling and overlay of five blocks. He reported that APAC-Missouri, Inc is the low bid and has done work for the City the last two years. Councilman Brammer moved to introduce Bill No. 16-04.018 for the first reading. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk Krumpelman read the bill by title only. Councilman Brammer moved that Bill No. 16-04.018 be read for a second and final time by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Buck. The motion carried. City Clerk Krumpelman read the bill a second time by title only. Councilman Brammer moved Bill No. 16-04.018 be approved. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Brammer – yes, Councilwoman Buck – yes, Councilwoman Wellman – yes, Councilman Carver – yes, and Mayor Holt – yes. This bill was assigned Ordinance Number 16-04.18.

Seat Belt and Child Safety Restraint System Code Update: City Attorney Jeff Elson reported that the Police Chief brought to his attention that our code is out of date from the State of Missouri. City Attorney Elson and Police Chief Donelson went of the changes. Councilman Carver moved to introduce Bill No. 16-04.019 for the first reading. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk Krumpelman read the bill by title only. Councilman Carver moved that Bill No. 16-04.019 be read for a second and final time by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wellman. The motion carried. City Attorney Jeff Elson read the bill a second time by title only. Councilman Carver moved Bill No. 16-04.019 be approved. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Carver – yes, Councilwoman Wellman – yes, Councilwoman Buck – yes, Mayor Holt – yes, and Councilman Brammer – yes. This bill was assigned Ordinance Number 16-04.19.

STAR Loan Application: City Manager Bob Green reported that the STAR Loan is to construct a new hanger and bathrooms at the NCMR Airport. Both Brookfield and Marceline have to sign. City Manager Green stated that this is the same type of loan that was used for the runway extension. Councilwoman Buck moved to introduce Bill No. 16-04.020 for the first reading. Councilman Brammer seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk Krumpelman read the bill by title only. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 16-04.020 be read for a second and final time by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brammer. The motion carried. City Clerk Krumpelman read the bill a second time by title only. Councilwoman Buck moved Bill No. 16-04.020 be approved. Councilman Brammer seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Buck – yes, Councilman Brammer – yes, Mayor Holt – yes, Councilwoman Wellman, and Councilman Carver – yes. This bill was assigned Ordinance Number 16-04.20.

Councilman Carver moved to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Paragraphs (2) Real Estate and (12) Contracts. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Carver – yes, Councilwoman Buck – yes, Mayor Holt – yes, Councilman Brammer – yes, and Councilwoman Wellman – yes.

Upon returning from executive session, with no further business, Councilman Carver moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Brammer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman.
Approved on May 17, 2016 by Marceline City Council.