

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL May 14, 2025

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on May 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Marceline City Hall, Mayor Shelly Milford presiding. Council members present were Sallie Buck, Gary Carlson, Clarence Gibson, and Jacob Clay. Staff attending: City Attorney Maggie McConville, City Manager Jesse Wallis, City Clerk/Assistant City Manager (ACM) Lindsay Krumpelman, Wastewater Superintendent Justin Griffin, and Water Plant Operator Brad Engelhard. Others present: Mary Hill, John Siecinski, Gayle Siecinski, James “Boogie” Jenkins, Doretta Harrison, and Dave Tavres.

Mayor Shelly Milford 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:

Councilman Carlson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilwoman Buck 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 informed the Council that the auditors conducted their on-site work the previous week. She reported the FY 23-24 financials were submitted to the state auditor’s office and the semi-annual financials were posted and advertised. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman reported that the ARPA and quarterly reports were also completed. She stated a \$2,500 bid for the surplus meters was received from the City of Beloit, Kansas. She stated liquor license renewal notices will be sent out the following day. She reported the Fire Department has set the 4th of July Celebration from June 28th to July 4th. City Clerk Krumpelman/ACM Krumpelman stated she will be leaving for the IIMC conference on Friday and would return on Thursday, May 22nd.

City Manager Update: City Manager Jesse Wallis stated the lights on the North water tower would be repaired on Friday. He reported that the flag at Highway 5 and Highway 36 junction was replaced today. City Manager Wallis informed the Council that the Fire Department reported that the lights on the communications tower is creating interference on their radios. He reported the D-23 event is being held this weekend. City Manager Wallis informed the Council the City has received a request from the Mayor of Rothville inquiring if we could contract with them to spray for mosquitos. He stated they are reviewing if the City can assist. He stated he will be attending the Main Street Summit on Wednesday and Thursday. He concluded stating that Officer Marshall Meagher and Police Chief John Wright are looking into contracting for mental health services to assist with calls when needed with a practitioner out of Salisbury. Council members suggested they look into the Pershing and Compass organizations as well.

Council Update: Mayor Milford presented Councilwoman Buck with a plaque in appreciation for her service to the City as Mayor. Councilman Carlson stated he has seen a big turn around in the Electric Department right when the City needed it. Mayor Milford stated all the departments are doing a fantastic job with what they have. Councilman Gibson concurred, stating all departments are doing a good job.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Recreation and Park Board: Mayor Milford stated she would like to reappoint Kirsten Ewigman and appoint Kayla Wright to serve three (3) year terms on the Recreation and Park Board. She appointed Paige Dorrell to fill the unexpired term of two (2) years.

Library Board: Mayor Milford appointed Margaret Epperson to a three (3) year term on the Library Board and reappointed Jessica Bishop and Nancy Schreiner to (3) year terms on the Library Board.

IDA: Mayor Milford reappointed Tom Oldham, Sarah Dunham, and Don Reynolds to serve six (6) year terms on the IDA Board.

Planning Commission: Mayor Milford reappointed Ben Heins and appointed Nathan Cook and Levi Kelly to the four (4) year terms on the Planning Commission. Brian Baker was appointed to fill the unexpired term of one (1) year term.

Housing Authority: N. Faye Leppin was reappointed to serve a four (4) year term on the Housing Authority Board by Mayor Milford.

Cemetery Board: Mayor Milford reappointed Tom Oldham and appointed Nancy Anne Peterson to three (3) year terms on the Cemetery Board.

Enhanced Enterprise Zone: Richard Switzer and Cindy Cupp was reappointed to serve a five (5) year term on the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board by the Mayor.

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC): Mayor Milford reappointed Kaye Malins to serve another three (3) year term on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Councilwoman Buck moved to accept the Mayor's appointments. Councilman Carlson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Mary Hill informed the Council that the house on Kansas Avenue across from the Seven Day Adventist Church was remodeled which includes significant work to the basement foundation. She stated she hoped the City would send Maddox construction a thank you. Mary Hill stated the alley in between her house and the newly remodeled house was cleaned up a well, but there are seven (7) or eight (8) trees there. She inquired about who is responsible for them. Mayor Milford thanked her for her comments and the City Manager will have to review the tree issue and follow-up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ratification of Legal Services Agreement – Bill No. 35-2511: Mayor Milford introduced the topic.

Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 35-2511 to ratify agreements for legal services between the City of Marceline and Healy Law Offices, LLC regarding recovery of losses at MISO Capacity Auction for 2024-2025, be read twice by title only. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2511 twice by title only. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2511 be passed. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2511: Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Carlson and Mayor Milford – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2509.

Allstate Consultants, LLC Agreement – Amendment No. 1 – Bill No. 35-2512: City Manager Wallis explained that this agreement will allow for Carl Brown to complete the water/wastewater utility rate study as a subcontractor to Allstate Consultants. The Council discussed the topic. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 25-3512 to authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the agreement for Engineering Services between Allstate Consultants, LLC and the City, be read twice by title only. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2512 twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 35-2512 be passed. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2512: Councilwoman Buck – aye,

Councilman Gibson – aye, Mayor Milford – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Councilman Clay – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2510.

NEW BUSINESS:

Employee Life Insurance Policy: City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated during the open enrollment period, the City's insurance broker, Weydert Insurance, suggested that since Anthem BCBS sold the life insurance portion of their policy to a third party, The Standard, the service for that policy has suffered. She stated that they informed her that The Standard is not response to their inquiries. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated Weydert Insurance quoted the City's life insurance policy through New York Life Insurance as Jason Weydert is an established agent. She stated the proposal is slightly less than the renewal through The Standard. The Council discussed the topic. Councilwoman Buck moved to accept the proposal from New York Life concerning the City's life insurance policy. Councilman Clay seconded the motion.

Rotary Request – Bench by Pickleball Court: City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman informed the Council the Marceline Rotary Club is requesting to purchase and install a bench at the pickleball court if their grant application is approved. She stated she attended the recent Recreation and Parks Board to make the request and they provided their recommendation to proceed. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated the City's Street and Recreation/Parks Departments are in favor of the project and suggested the City pour a concrete pad that joins the pickleball court for the bench to be installed on. City Clerk Krumpelman stated with the majority of the Council being Rotarians, it is recommended they give the City Manager the authority to make the decision on the project and accepting the donation of the bench. The Council discussed the topic briefly. Councilman Gibson moved for the City Manager to make the decision concerning the Rotary project. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman inquired if the Council would be interested in discussing a gift/donation ordinance. The Council provided a consensus to bring one back for discussion.

At 6:09 pm, Councilwoman Buck moved to adjourn to Executive session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Paragraph (3) Personnel and Paragraph (12) Contractual. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye.

Upon returning for Executive Session, Councilwoman Buck inquired on the progress of the AMI project. City Manager Wallis stated the RFP is in progress and they are working on getting a meter count. With no further business, Councilwoman Buck moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman.
Approved by Marceline City Council on June 11, 2025