

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL
June 19, 2024

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on June 19, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Marceline City Hall, Mayor Sallie Buck presiding. Council members present were Shelly Milford, Josh Shoemaker, Brian Baker, and Gary Carlson. Staff attending: City Attorney Robert Cowherd, Interim City Manager/City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman, Police Chief John Wright, Street Superintendent Adam Lichtenberg, Electric Superintendent Charlie Harrington, Pool Manager Gary Birdsong, Officer Amy Dunlap, and Officer Christopher Murray. Others present: Dave Tavres, Richard Switzer, Doretta Harrison, James “Boogie” Jenkins, Amanda Johnson, H.G. Hueffmeier, Cary Sayre and Todd Lowther.

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:

Councilman Baker moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Milford 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:

Organizational Updates – DM & IDA: *Downtown Marceline:* Downtown Marceline Executive Director (DM Ex. Dir.) Dave Tavres stated the first banner is up at community storage across from Ripley Park. He reported that the Marceline Marketing Committee are ready to present the results, but are waiting to see if a new City Manager is hired before re-scheduling the presentation so maybe a joint event of the marketing presentation and meeting the City Manager can be arranged. DM Ex. Dir. Tavres stated he has heard complaints about parking on Main Street USA, which is a good problem to have. He informed the Council the Spring Festival was successful and the Downtown Marceline’s car show had 46 participants. He reported the Patriotic Pie War is in process right now and the Wine & Art Stroll is scheduled for August 24th. DM Ex. Dir. Tavres concluded stating the ballroom has been rented by Diamond Athletics.

IDA: IDA Executive Director (IDA Ex. Dir.) Richard Switzer opened his report by informing the Council about the Mo Department of Economic Development (MoDED) visitors who toured CoffeeTree and Moore Fans. He stated there are plans in the works for state and federal officials to come visit Marceline as part of a rural outreach program. He informed the Council that CoffeeTree had a hiring event the prior week and hired five (5) of the six (6) applicants for the Marceline office. IDA Ex. Dir. Switzer stated five (5) façade grants were awarded and they have a November deadline. He reported that there is a new intern/apprenticeship program through MoDED and he is working with local industries to establish this year as a baseline year for the program and to see if Walsworth’s established program qualifies. IDA Ex. Dir. Switzer informed those present that he is finishing up a six-month leadership program tomorrow. Councilwoman Milford inquired if he had any updates on the employment level at Nature’s Grace. He responded the last he knew is that there were 46 employees. Councilman Carlson thanked him for his volunteer efforts in planting the flowers in Ripley Park and that they look good. IDA Ex. Dir. Switzer thanked him and said it was a group effort, between him, Mary Beth Switzer and Margaret Epperson.

Interim City Manager/City Clerk Update: Interim City Manager/City Clerk stated the Fourth of July celebration is Friday, June 28th to Thursday, July 4th and clean-up is scheduled for Monday, June 24th as set-up is expected to begin on Tuesday, June 25th. She informed the Council that there was a condensation issue from two (2) of the mini-split units, one (1) in the main building and the other in the men’s restroom in the new Ripley Park shelter house facility. Staff is exploring options to remedy the issue. She stated the Fire Department is going to run an additional electric line in the new facility for their new griddle. Street Superintendent Adam Lichtenberg stated QuesTec the subcontractor who did the mini-split install has determined the issue with mini-split in the main room is an install error and will be making the repair. QuesTec will be back to inspect the units in the restrooms. Interim City Manager/City Clerk Krumpelman

stated she is having an issue with the headers on the City's website and hopes to address it later in the week. She informed those present that Hwy 5 under the BNSF railroad bridge is still closed, but is expected to re-open on Friday following a guardrail installation. Interim City Manager/City Clerk Krumpelman stated the auditors began their on-site work today and will return tomorrow. She stated she is working with MO State Parks to prepare the close out documents which includes receiving the as-builts from the engineer/architect and issuing deed-restrictions for the two parks. She informed the Council the police department is down three positions and the City will need to have a discussion on options to recruit and retain officers which may include a salary and wage discussion. Interim City Manager/City Clerk stated the lights at the pickleball/basketball court are installed and operational and that swim lessons sign-ups are started and will begin on July 1st. She stated the turbidity meters were installed at the water plant today. She concluded reporting she is working on liquor license renewals as well.

Council Update: Councilman Carlson stated he saw there was a program on Walt Disney called "The Man from Marceline" on a Kansas City station recently. Many in the audience stated they had as well. Councilman Baker thanked the Electric Department on their marvelous job on the recent storm outage. He stated received a lot of compliments on Marceline from his out of town guests at his recent wedding. Councilwoman Milford stated she appreciated how quickly the Electric Department responded with the recent storm. Mayor Buck thanked the Council members for their time with the several meetings needed the last month.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Recreation and Park Board Proposal: Mayor Buck introduced the topic of replacing the current center field dugouts with bricked dugouts, stating this was discussed at the last meeting, but questions remained so it was continued to this meeting. Recreation and Park Board President Amanda Johnson stated there was a miscommunication on whose project this was as it came from the school with the Booster Club's donation of \$3,000.00 toward the brick work and the Recreation and Park Board approved to donate \$5,000.00 towards the project. She stated H.G. Hueffmeier is donating the labor for the brick work. She stated this project is months behind now and she tried to answer City staff's questions in a short period of time. She stated the one price for the concrete work she received in the last few days was \$12,700.00 for two concrete slab replacements and the footings and if only the footings were done it would be \$6,500.00. She stated funds are not secured for the concrete work. Board President Johnson explained the benefits of the dugout improvements are they help to prevent distractions, increases the size of the dugouts to accommodate growing ball teams and they look nicer. She stated there will be three to four ventilation cut-outs to address heat concerns. The proposed project and timeline of project including timing to do the project between the softball, baseball and recreation league seasons. H.G. Hueffmeier stated he would be able to donate his labor if the project needed to be delayed until the summer of 2025, but the price of brick may go up. The Council discussed the topic. A consensus was given that more information is needed before the Council can make a determination on the project and with H.G. Hueffmeier's commitment to the labor donation for next summer, it is in the best interest of all parties to wait until all information is known. Recreation and Park Board President Johnson informed the Council that the Board is trying to remove the recreation league out of the Tri-County league and just be a Marceline League so all the games would be played here four nights a week.

Ratify Confirmation of Power Purchase and Sale Transaction Agreement (NG) – Bill No. 35-2418: Mayor Buck explained the City Council had a short window (same day as price provided) to approve the power purchase and sale for a portion of Nature's Grace's electrical load during the months of June, July and August to limit the City's market risk. She stated the Council approved the proposal and Bill No. 35-2418 ratifies that decision. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2418 ratifying the Confirmation of the Power Purchase and Sale Agreement between NextEra Energy Marketing, LLC and the City of Marceline be read twice by title only. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilman

Shoemaker voting nay. Interim City Manager/City Clerk Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2418 twice by title only. Councilman Baker moved that Bill No. 35-2418 be passed. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2418: Councilman Baker – aye, Councilwoman Milford – aye, Mayor Buck – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Councilman Shoemaker – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2418. Councilman Shoemaker stated he voted nay due to the recommendation from the electric consultant to change the market. Councilwoman Milford stated the electric consultant said if it was his funds he would, but if it is the City's he would accept the offer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cemetery Lot Sales – Bill No. 24-06-008: Mayor Buck stated the Cemetery Board is recommending the charge for lot sales increase from \$150.00 to \$175.00 based on the cemetery fee comparison prepared by Cash Collections/Administrative Specialist Kasey Milliron at the request of the Cemetery Board. Street Superintendent Lichtenberg stated the City will also need to eventually look at the opening and closing fees as the City is one of the lowest in the areas for both cemetery lots and opening and closing fees. The Council discussed both cemetery lots sales and opening and closing fees. Councilman Shoemaker moved Bill No. 24-06-008 be amended to increase lot sales to \$300.00 and that grave opening and closing fees be increased to the following: (1) Grave opening/closing per lot - \$500.00, (2) Cremation opening/closing per cremation - \$300.00, (3) Weekend and holiday grave opening/closing per lot - \$700.00, and (4) Weekend and holiday cremation opening/closing per cremation - \$450.00 and for the amended Bill No. 24-06-008 be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The motion carried. Interim City Manager/City Clerk Krumpelman read Bill No. 24-06-008 twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 24-06-008 be passed. Councilman Shoemaker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 24-06-008: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Shoemaker – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Mayor Buck – aye, and Councilman Carlson – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 24-06.08. Councilman Carlson inquired on the effective date. Interim City Manager/City Clerk Krumpelman responded as of after it's passage, but would not affect transactions currently in process.

Generator Quotes Discussion: Mayor Buck introduced the topic stating with the expected retirement of two of the City's generators city staff was requested to look at options for replacements to decrease the City's capacity deficiency costs. Electric Superintendent Harrington went over the quotes received to date with the Council stating he asked for natural gas quotes so those generators could potentially still run in a natural disaster situation and the City is unable to receive diesel fuel. City Attorney Cowherd recommended the City check with the natural gas supplier on their line capacity. Electric Superintendent Harrington stated he has also requested quotes on EMDs which are the same engines used in trains so part availability should not be an issue, but will not receive those until next month. The Council discussed the options and requested city staff come back when more information is available on the different quotes along with options on how to finance the generators as one of the quotes received is over \$5 million.

Restrictions on Vicious Dogs Discussion: Interim City Manager/City Clerk Krumpelman explained at the last regular meeting a citizen expressed concern that the City's current ordinances only allow the police department to issue tickets for incidents involving vicious dogs and requested the City increase the police department's ability to respond to those incidents. She said City Attorney Cowherd has provided the City of Chillicothe's ordinance as an example. The Council discussed Chillicothe's ordinance and requested it be brought back as a bill with changes to reflect the City of Marceline's police department structure.

North Missouri Drug Task Force Memorandum Of Agreement – Bill No. 35-2419: Mayor Buck explained the City joined the North Missouri Drug Task Force in October 2023 mid-year and that agreement is up for renewal. Police Chief Wright spoke in favor of renewing the agreement and stated the fee can be paid in next fiscal year's budget. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2419 authorizing the City of Marceline Police Chief to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the North Missouri Drug Task Force be read twice by title only. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. Interim City

Manager/City Clerk Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2419 twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2419 be passed. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2419: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Shoemaker – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Mayor Buck – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2419.

At 7:01 pm, Councilman Baker moved to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Paragraph (3) Personnel and Paragraph (12) Contractual. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Baker – aye, Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, Mayor Buck – aye, and Councilman Shoemaker – aye.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 7:10 pm.

City Manager Employment Agreement – Bi11 No. 35-2420: Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2420 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between Jesse Wallis and the City of Marceline for the purpose of employing Jesse Wallis as City Manager be read twice by title only. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. Interim City Manager/City Clerk Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2420 twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2420 be passed. Councilman Shoemaker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2420: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Mayor Buck – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Councilman Shoemaker – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2420.

Bank Account Signatures: Mayor Buck stated with the hiring of a new City Manager, the bank account signatures need to be updated. Councilwoman Milford moved to change the authorized signers for the City of Marceline’s bank accounts to City Manager Jesse Wallis, Mayor Sallie Buck, City Clerk / Assistant City Manager Lindsay Krumpelman and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelly Milford for the City of Marceline bank accounts effective July 1, 2024. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilman Shoemaker opened a discussion of the Recreation and Park Board. The Council briefly discussed the board and its purpose.

The Council discussed having a session to set the Council’s priorities for the City to provide to the City Manager. They set a special session for Tuesday, June 25th at 2:00 pm.

With no further business, Councilman Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman.
Approved by Marceline City Council on July 17, 2024