

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL
August 14, 2024

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on August 14, 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, City Manager Jesse Wallis, City Clerk/Assistant City Manager Lindsay Krumpelman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mikeal Thompson, Street Superintendent Adam Lichtenberg, Pool Manager Gary Birdsong, Aquatics Director (PT) Carol Logue, Water Plant Operator Brad Engelhard, Water Plant Operator (PT) Matt Gibson, Officer Amy Dunlap, and Officer Christopher Murray. Others present: Dave Tavres, Richard Switzer, Vickie Fry Perry, John Siecinski, Gayle Siecinski, Elizabeth 'Liz' Cupp, Maxine Smith, Doretta Harrison, Blake Cagle, Cynthia Anderson, Lawanda Hull, Laurie Benjamin, Judy Black, Rea Troutman, Cindi Black Rodgers, LuAnne Fowlkes, Mary Beth Switzer, Kathy Stark, Georgia Smith, Lana Harrell, Dennis VanDyke, Donna Moore, John Moore, Tina Krumpelman, Rhea Krumpelman, Jessica Noker, Eric Stevens and Auditor John Gillum, CPA.

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 Shoemaker moved to approve the financials as presented. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESENTATION – FY 23-24 AUDIT: Auditor John Gillum, CPA presented the audit to the Council. He went over the changes in the City's net position. He stated the City's governmental activities increased the City of Marceline's net position by \$334,409 while the City's business-type activities decreased the City's net position by \$81,268. He went on to state the City's debt payments are current and reserves are funded. He noted that the governmental funds balances have a negative cash balance. The Council discussed the audit with Auditor Gillum. Auditor Gillum stated he appreciates that the City staff is always good to work with and quick to get the data requested. Councilman Baker moved to accept the audit 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 stated staff is preparing for the budget process. She stated the tax sale is on Monday, August 26, 2024 and there are three (3) Post-Third tax sale properties that sealed bids are being accepted for until 11:00 am on Friday, August 23, 2024. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman stated these properties will be discussed later in the meeting. She reported the public hearing for the setting the 2024 tax levy is scheduled for 1:00 pm on Monday, August 26, 2024 and a special meeting will need to be scheduled to set the levy following the public hearing. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman informed the Council the General Fund levy and Library Fund levy remain unchanged at \$0.5181 per \$100 assessed valuation and \$0.2492 per \$100 assessed valuation, respectively. She stated the Debt Service Fund levy decreased slightly from \$0.2798 to \$0.2579 per \$100 assessed valuation. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman concluded stating she is working on getting caught up on the City's current grants.

City Manager Update: City Manager Wallis stated the smoke testing that was delayed due to rain, is being rescheduled to September 23rd and September 24th. He informed the Council there was a water leak on Highway 5 that was repaired on Monday. City Manager Wallis stated he is trying to get out to meet everyone he can. He concluded, inquiring if the Council liked the format of his weekly reports. The Council responded with an affirmative consensus.

Council Update: Mayor Buck welcomed everyone in attendance.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Dave Tavres stated the Marketing Marceline Committee scheduled the Marketing Marceline presentation for August 26, 2024 at 5:15 pm at the Masonic Lodge.

Councilman Shoemaker stated that the Council will listen to public comment under Citizen's Participation, but once they move to the agenda topics, the conversation will be between the Committee and Council.

Maxine Smith stated she would like the Council to reconsider having their meetings on Wednesday nights since that is traditionally church night.

Cynthia Anderson inquired if there was a reserve built up for the pool from the tax. Councilman Shoemaker stated the pool sales tax is to fund the construction of the pool, but also to build a reserve to be used to fund the pool and major repairs once the pool is paid off.

Cynthia Anderson inquired if the pool could be drained since it was built as a year-round pool. Pool Manager Gary Birdsong stated it was designed like any other pool and there should not be an issue with winterizing the pool.

Eric Stevens stated he could save the City money on engineering services and provided an overview of his firm's experience.

Carol Klingsmith stated the City needs to market the pool better and possibly increase food options to increase concession sales.

Tina Krumpelman stated she works at Senate Bill 40 and was hoping they could use the pool more in the winter if it remains open. She feels the pool needs to be advertised more. Tina Krumpelman stated it can be used for physical therapy. She concluded stating she hopes the wonderful dome donation can be continually utilized.

Jessica Noker stated she lives in Brookfield and her kids come all the time and have taken swim lessons at the pool facility when offered. She stated she does not feel the pool was open as much as it needed to be.

Dennis VanDyke stated he understands the pool is struggling and needs support. He stated the marketing presentation is being presented before the end of the month and the pool will be part of it. He requested those strategies be given the opportunity to work before closing.

John and Donna Moore stated that they donated the dome to provide a City a resource, not a burden. Councilman Shoemaker stated the estimated expenses were not what it turned out to be. He stated he believes the public needs to know the true losses.

Cindi Black Rodgers stated the one thing Marceline does is support and help each other.

Cynthia Anderson stated she has an Air BnB and leaves a pool pass for her guests and they use it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Pool Revenue Committee Report: Mayor Buck opened the topic stating a five (5) person committee was established to provide a plan of how to raise \$75,000.00 in pool revenues annually. Committee member Donna Moore thanked the Council for letting them have the chance to do this. She stated the year-round pool cannot exist with just Marceline; it is an area asset. She stated two (2) things that could help would be partnering with the YMCA and that the school is very willing and excited to have swim lessons as part of their curriculum and other school districts could be offered water safety classes. Donna Moore stated the word needs to get out about the pool and they noticed there were no funds spent on advertising.

She stated the committee feels the pool needs to be open more hours and on holidays. Donna Moore provided additional ideas to increase participation at the pool including but not limited to a free night on Mondays for different communities – a Brookfield night one week and then a Salisbury night the next and so on, reach out to alumni for donations, work on promoting the pool, and expand services/programs offered. She expressed the Committee’s concern about the dome’s condition if it was stored over the winter months. City Manager Wallis stated the committee has good ideas. He stated for the school program, his understanding is it would be for second graders only and the max revenue would be \$3,000. He stated Carrollton, MO has a similar program with the YMCA and it took two (2) to three (3) years to be established and based on that program the City would only earn \$9,000 to \$12,000 in revenue once established. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman provided the City’s approximate losses for the last three winters which ranged from \$98,000 to \$121,000. Councilman Shoemaker and Councilman Baker spoke on looking at the big picture of the City and its need to make infrastructure upgrades in order to provide the basic functions to its citizens and those funds may be better served than on the pool. John Moore stated he and Donna Moore were willing to donate \$50,000 to the City to assist with the FY 24-25 winter expenses. Pool Manager Birdsong spoke on the struggles the pool has experienced concerning hiring staff for the winter season. He expanded when the pool was initially open for longer hours, patrons did not come. Pool Manager Birdsong informed the Council that there were 10 to 12 school districts who visited the pool this year and all those kids had to receive notes home to attend. He stated he felt the pool’s name is out there and the cost of the advertising would not generate enough of a return to offset the expense. Water Plant Operator Brad Engelhard and citizen Doretta Harrison spoke on the infrastructure needs of the city. The Council continued to discuss the topic.

Pool Dome Future: Mayor Buck opened the discussion concerning the future of the pool dome. City Manager Wallis stated it is very gracious that the Moores wanted to make such a donation. He stated the City needs to address its infrastructure which is what he was hired to do, and he cannot recommend the City continue to lose money on a winter pool season. Councilwoman Milford stated she does not want to see the pool close, but the City cannot continue to sink \$120,000 each winter. She stated the City was willing to accept a loss on the pool but just not this big of loss; the City is willing to accept a loss on the pool but just not this big of loss. She stated this may be the place the City starts to put more towards improving infrastructure. Councilman Shoemaker stated this has been a discussion item for the last year, and the City has to start somewhere to address infrastructure needs. Liz Cupp stated the City needs to look at other departments to see what can be done to put funds towards infrastructure needs, not just the pool. Mayor Buck stated if the City closes the pool for this winter season, it does not mean it will not be opened for a future winter season. The Council continued to discuss the topic. Councilman Baker moved with regret to close the pool for the winter season. Councilman Shoemaker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Shoemaker – aye, Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Mayor Buck – aye.

Councilman Baker moved for a 10-minute recess. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:56 pm. The meeting resumed from recess at 7:10 pm.

Lead Service Line Inventory RFP Responses Discussion and Approval: City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman stated that at the previous meeting the Council selected the second lowest bidder, Better By Design, as the successful bidder for the Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) In-Field Verification project as the Council felt they were the best bidder due to the decreased timeline to complete the project and the technology to be used to complete the project. She stated one of the grant programs, Missouri Department of Natural Resources Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (MoDNR DWSRF), funding the project requires the City to award the contract to the “lowest, responsive, and responsible” bidder and the specific reasons the City stated for selecting a bidder other than the lowest bidder did not adequately justify the decision to bypass the lowest bidder. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman stated if the Council wished to utilize the funds from MoDNR DWSRF the Council would need to accept the bid from the lowest bidder, Hydrovac of Missouri. After a

brief discussion, Councilman Baker moved to accept the lowest bidder from Hydrovac of Missouri to provide in-field verification services. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MoDNR ARPA & DWSRF Grants Authorized Representative – Res. Nos. 24-02 and 24-03: City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman stated with the hiring of Jesse Wallis, the City needs to update their authorized representative for the grant programs funding the Lead Service Line Inventory project. Councilwoman Milford moved that Resolution No. 24-02 and No. 24-03 be approved. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Shoemaker – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Mayor Buck – aye.

Moore Fans – Utility Easement – Bill No. 35-2423: City Manager Wallis stated Moore Fans has requested in lieu of installing a lift station for their plant expansion, the sewer line be installed inside a steel casing underneath the new building which would require a new easement. City Manager Wallis stated legal counsel has inserted language in the easement that if the sewer casing fails, the City engineer will decide how to make the repair. Water/Wastewater Superintendent Thompson informed the Council, the intent is that there would be access points on either side of the casement that in theory would allow them to pull the line from the casement. The Council discussed the topic. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2423 accepting a new city utility easement on property owned by One Moore, LLC be read twice by title only. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2423 twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2423 be passed. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2423: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Mayor Buck – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Councilman Shoemaker – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2422. Councilman Baker commented that he appreciated the communication from the City Manager every step of the way on this matter.

Allstate Agreement Amendment No. 5 – Bill No. 35-2424: City Attorney Cowherd stated this amends the master engineering agreement by approving a task order. The Council discussed the topic. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2424 authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 5 to an agreement for engineering services between the City and Allstate Consultants, LLC for the purpose of adding to the engineering services' scope of work be read twice by title only. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2424 twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2424 be passed. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2424: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, Councilman Shoemaker – aye, and Mayor Buck – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2423.

NEW BUSINESS:

Natural Gas Agreement Renewal (Pool) – Bill No. 35-2425: No action.

Post Third Tax Sale Properties – Special Tax Bills: City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman stated there are three (3) properties that are post-third tax sale properties, two (2) of which have special tax bills assessed by the City for demolition of properties. She stated the two (2) properties are 309 W Gracia (Rubey Ellen Pope) and 601 N Kanas (Wrenn Properties). She stated the 309 W Gracia property is a buildable lot. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman stated she needs to know what the minimum bid the Council is willing to accept for these properties and how the Council wants to handle the special tax bills. She stated in the past, the City has released them. City Attorney Cowherd stated the Council needs to decide whether or not the Council wishes to release those special tax bills. He recommends the Council not waive the whole special tax bill. City Attorney Cowherd recommended the minimum bid be for the taxes owed plus half the special tax bill and then release the remaining special tax bill. The Council discussed the topic including the possibility of the City purchasing the properties not sold and the associated process. Councilwoman Milford moved to accept

sealed bids for post-third tax sale properties for a minimum bid of the taxes/monies owed plus half the special tax bill, if applicable. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Engineering and Utility Rate Study Professional Services: Mayor Buck introduced the topic. City Manager Wallis stated he is looking for authorization from the Council to hire professional services for a utility rate study utilizing Carl Brown for water and wastewater and Allstate Consultants for engineering services. He stated he would be possibly looking for a separate firm for an electric utility rate study. The Council discussed the topic. Councilwoman Milford moved to allow the City Manager to hire Carl Brown for a utility rate study, Allstate Consultants as the engineering services, and flexibility for selecting a firm to provide electrical engineering and/or electric rate study. Councilman Shoemaker seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilman Shoemaker inquired if information would be provided to the public during the course of the study. City Manager Wallis stated it would be provided at the end of the study as a whole and will provide a forecast for the following few years.

Street Closure Request – Eagles #726 Picnic: Mayor Buck stated the Eagles are requesting a street closure for their picnic on Saturday, September 7th. She stated this is not an annual event, which is why it was brought to the Council. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Baker moved to approve the closure of West California from Chestnut to the Eagles #726 parking lot on Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Councilman Shoemaker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

With no further business, Councilman Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Baker – aye, Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, Councilman Shoemaker – aye, and Mayor Buck – aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman.
Approved by Marceline City Council on September 11, 2024