

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL
August 27, 2024

The Marceline City Council met in special session on August 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Public Safety Building, 123 E Santa Fe, Marceline, MO, Mayor Sallie Buck presiding. Council members present were Shelly Milford, Josh Shoemaker, Brian Baker, and Gary Carlson. Staff attending: City Manager Jesse Wallis, City Clerk/Assistant City Manager Lindsay Krumpelman, Pool Manager Gary Birdsong, and Aquatics Director (PT) Carol Logue, Water Plant Operator (PT) Matt Gibson, and Police Chief John Wright. Others present: Dave Tavres, Richard Switzer, John Siecinski, Gayle Siecinski, Elizabeth ‘Liz’ Cupp, Maxine Smith, Doretta Harrison, Blake Cagle, Lawanda Hull, Laurie Benjamin, Judy Black, Rea Troutman, LuAnne Fowlkes, Mary Beth Switzer, Kathy Stark, Georgia Smith, Jessica Noker, Aaron Ervie, Ellen Beaver, Mark Lynes, Joe Sportsman, Tracy Lane, Diane Smith, Vicky Bryant, Kara Robinson, Melinda Fessler, Brenan Fessler, Amanda Johnson, Katie Lauhoff, Isabel Lauhoff, Brittany Fisher, Skylar Bruner, Dave Ankeney, Chris Ankeney, Charity Banko, Lori Cavanah, Sharon Sportsman, Jill Gooch, Inez Gooch, Cindy Lindbloom, Krista Lofstrom, and John Moore (via phone 5:17-5:22pm).

Mayor Sallie Buck led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2024 Tax Levy – Bill No. 2426: City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman informed the Council the public hearing on the tax levy was held on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 1:00pm. She stated the only attendees were Utility Coordinator Dana Hamilton, Don Henke and herself. She reported that no public comments were received. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman informed the assembly that 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. Councilman Shoemaker moved that Bill No. 35-2426 setting the tax levy in the City of Marceline for 2024 be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2426 twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2426 be passed. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2426: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Shoemaker – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Mayor Buck – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2424.

Pool Dome Future / Donations: Mayor Buck opened the discussion. She stated on August 14th the Council voted to close the pool for the 24/25 winter season and since then donation offers totaling \$116,500 were received. She informed those assembled that in addition, the pool manager has resigned, the City is short of lifeguards as they were informed the pool would be closed for the winter season after September 1st and of the public donations, \$50,000 have considerations attached. Councilman Shoemaker stated he needed clarification on the considerations attached to the donation. Councilman Carlson stated at the August 14th meeting the committee had not met the target of \$75,000 but has since then with the additional donations and the Council needs to honor that. Councilwoman Milford stated while the donations are a blessing, she has concerns putting money towards this winter season without something sustainable to raise the funds to cover the \$100,000 plus loss each year. City Manager Wallis stated he would recommend putting the donations, if the donors were willing, towards the 25/26 season to give the City time to make a plan. Councilman Carlson stated maybe a 501(3)c committee could be formed similar to the airport board. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman stated that may affect the City’s tax-exempt status for the GO Bonds. Mayor Buck stated this decision is for the 24/25 winter season. Councilman Shoemaker stated he needed to know if the \$50,000 donation was tied to the \$75,000 or if the City is free to use it on winter expenses. Mayor Buck called John Moore at 5:17 pm. Councilman Shoemaker spoke

with John Moore on the phone until 5:22 pm. During the phone conversation, Councilwoman Milford stated if the City moves forward with putting up the dome without a staff, it could be a significant delay before the pool is able to be open to generate revenue, while still incurring heating costs. She stated she does not want to accept the generous donations and them not be used effectively. Following the phone conversation with John Moore, Councilman Shoemaker stated that the donation from John and Donna Moore is tied to the \$75,000 limit. Councilman Baker stated they all want to open the dome, but if the pool cannot be staffed quickly, the dome will sit empty. Mayor Buck stated if the City can postpone putting up the dome for a year, they can take time to hire a pool manager. She stated postponing this year does not mean it will not go up next year. Councilman Shoemaker stated that since the committee met, through donations, the \$75,000 threshold that was set by the Council. He stated he would support opening the pool. Council members discussed the sustainability of the pool with donations. Councilman Baker expressed if the dome goes back up it would have to be a one-year thing to be discussed again in April or May as there is no way this will be a continuous endeavor without a private/public partnership. Councilwoman Milford expressed concern over taking the new City Manager's focus away from what he was hired to do, address infrastructure, if the pool is opened for the winter without a clear plan. The Council discussed the topic. Councilman Shoemaker moved to open the pool for the FY 24/25 winter season. Councilman Carlson seconded the motion. Councilwoman Milford inquired about the development of a committee. City staff stated research would be needed concerning a committee. City Manager Wallis and City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman both spoke on delaying the winter season opening to FY25/26 if the donors agree, to allow the City more time to plan. The Council continued the discussion. Councilman Baker called for the question. Mayor Buck called for the roll call vote on the motion to open the pool for the FY 24/25 winter season. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Shoemaker – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Councilwoman Milford – aye, and Mayor Buck – nay.

Natural Gas Agreement Renewal (Pool) – Bill No. 35-2425: City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman stated this agreement allows for BlueMark to find the best rate for the natural gas used by the pool versus paying a set rate to Liberty Utilities. She stated from May 2022 to December 2023, the City saved over \$32,000 utilizing BlueMark's services. She confirmed the term of the agreement is one (1) year. The Council discussed the topic. Councilman Shoemaker moved that Bill No. 35-2425 authorizing the Mayor to renew the natural gas sales agreement between the City and Bluemark Energy, LLC for the large volume purchase of natural gas for the swimming pool be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2425 twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2425 be passed. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Shoemaker – aye, Mayor Buck – aye, and Councilman Carlson – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2425.

LSLI In-Field Verification Services Agreement – Bill No. 35-2427: City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman stated that at the previous meeting the Council selected Hydrovac of Missouri to provide in-field verification services for the Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) project. She informed the Council that both grant funding programs have approved the draft agreement. She stated that due to the delay in selecting the successful bidder, the timeline of the project may be pushed back. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2427 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City and Hydrovac of Missouri, LLC to provide in-field verification services for the lead service line inventory project be read twice by title only. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2427 twice by title only. Councilman Shoemaker moved that Bill No. 35-2427 be passed. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Shoemaker – aye, Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Mayor Buck – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2426.

With no further business, Councilman Shoemaker moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Shoemaker – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, Mayor Buck – aye, and Councilwoman Milford – aye. The meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman.

Approved by Marceline City Council on September 11, 2024