

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL
September 11, 2024

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on September 11, 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, Pool Manager Gary Birdsong, Aquatics Director (PT) Carol Logue, Police Chief John Wright, Officer Amy Dunlap, and Officer Christopher Murray. Others present: Lawanda Hull, Rea Troutman, Donna Moore, Mark Lynes, and Reporter Robin Fry.

Mayor Sallie Buck led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of those lost on September 11, 2001. Mayor Buck 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. Councilman Carlson 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:

City Clerk Update: City Clerk/Assistant City Manager (ACM) Krumpelman stated staff is working on the budget process. She inquired on the availability of the Council for a budget work session. The Council set a budget work Session for Thursday, October 3rd at 4:00 pm. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman reported the selected verification contractor, Hydrovac, for the LSLI project has contract questions and staff will be meeting with them and Bartlett and West to discuss their questions. She informed those present that she, City Manager Wallis, Mayor Buck and Councilwoman Milford will be attending the Annual Missouri Municipal League (MML) Conference the following week.

City Manager Update: City Manager Wallis reported to the Council that a citizen has inquired if the Council would decrease the current utility bill late fee and provide for a grace period of late utility bill payments before the late fee was applied. After a brief discussion, the Council provided a consensus to leave the policy as is and not explore changes.

Council Update: Councilman Baker requested the special meeting for the budget work session be changed to 5:00 pm. The meeting time for the October 3rd special session was updated to 5:00 pm.

Councilman Carlson inquired if the Council was going to discuss changing their regular meeting date as requested by a citizen at the prior meeting. Mayor Buck stated it will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councilwoman Milford thanked City Manager Wallis for his efforts. She thanked the citizens for attending the meeting tonight, stating she appreciated them being here.

Mayor Buck welcomed everyone to the meeting.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Donna Moore thanked the Council for giving them a chance. She stated they are working on putting together a pool board. She stated they would do what a pool management company would do but for free. She suggested the City hire an Interim Manager for the pool until a manager could be hired so the pool could open sooner. Councilman Carlson stated spoke in favor of a pool board. Donna Moore stated it may be

another month before they would have a plan. Councilwoman Milford stated there is concern on whether a pool board could affect the pool's General Bond tax-exempt status.

Mark Lynes stated the City needs a licensing process for electricians and plumbers. City Manager Wallis stated the City would have to have funding to set up a licensing program. There was a brief discussion on code enforcement and how that is and can be handled in the City. Mark Lynes stated that there needs to be pedestrian safety flashing lights and traffic lights downtown. Councilwoman Milford stated those would need to be approved by MoDOT and when the City inquired previously, stop signs were not approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Post Third Tax Sale Properties – Special Tax Bills: City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman stated only one (1) of the three (3) properties that are post-third tax sale properties were sold. The two (2) remaining properties are the ones with 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 asked for direction of how the Council wanted to proceed. The Council discussed the two properties in question. City Attorney gave a brief overview of the process and costs to go from a Collector's Deed to a Quiet Title. The Council discussed the topic further. The Council provided a consensus to send letters to adjoining property owners soliciting bids to be reviewed at the October council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Amendment (Wastewater) – Bill No. 35-2428: City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman explained the Wastewater Department is requesting the Council approve a budget amendment to reallocate funds from the Repairs and Maintenance – Equipment budget line item to the Repairs and Maintenance – System budget line item in the amount of \$35,000.00 due to pump and lift station repairs required for the Wilson Street Lift Station. She stated there is currently \$55,032.00 remaining in the Repairs and Maintenance – Equipment budget line, while only \$5,257.00 in the Repairs and Maintenance – System budget line. After a brief discussion, Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2428 to amend the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget for the City of Marceline to reallocate funds in the Wastewater fund in the amount of \$35,000.00 be read twice by title only. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2428 twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2428 be passed. Councilman Shoemaker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2428: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Shoemaker – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Mayor Buck – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2427.

MIRMA Settlement Agreement and Budget Amendment – Bill No. 35-2429 and 35-2430: City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman explained that the City had an incident at the main substation caused by storm on May 7th that resulted in submitting an insurance claim to MIRMA. She stated Bill No. 35-2429 would accept a settlement agreement and Bill No. 35-2430 allocates those settlement funds to be received. After a brief discussion, Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2429 to authorize the execution of a settlement agreement and release between MIRMA and the City of Marceline for the loss or damage that occurred on or about May 07, 2024, be read twice by title only. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2429 twice by title only. Councilman Shoemaker moved that Bill No. 35-2429 be passed. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2429: Councilman Shoemaker – aye, Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Mayor Buck – aye, and Councilman Carlson – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2428.

Councilman Shoemaker moved that Bill No. 35-2430 to amend the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget for the City of Marceline to recognized \$29,061.00 to be received from an insurance settlement by increasing the Electric

Department Miscellaneous Income by \$29,061.00 and increasing the Electric Department Repairs and Maintenance – System expense line item by the same be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2430 twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2430 be passed. Councilman Carlson seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2430: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, Councilman Shoemaker – aye, Mayor Buck – aye, and Councilman Baker – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2429.

E. Ritchie Ave – Street Vacation Request – Bill No. 35-2431: Mayor Buck introduced the topic, stating the Bixenmans submitted a request to vacate a portion of E. Ritchie Avenue. City Manager Jesse Wallis stated that the requested area has not been in use as a road since prior to August 2003 and that a portion of the applicants’ driveway and garage are sitting on the platted road. He reported that this request went to planning and zoning and they recommend the Council approve the request. The Council discussed the topic. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2431 to vacate a portion of Ritchie Avenue lying between its intersection with the East Right of Way line of Spruce Street east to its intersection with the North Right of Way line of Lineville Avenue be read twice by title only. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2431 twice by title only. Councilwoman Milford moved that Bill No. 35-2431 be passed. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2431: Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Mayor Buck – aye, Councilman Shoemaker – aye, and Councilman Carlson – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2430.

At 6:17 pm, Councilman Baker moved to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Paragraph (12) Contractual and to include guest Police Chief John Wright. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Baker – aye, Councilwoman Milford – aye, Councilman Shoemaker – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Mayor Buck – aye.

With no further business, Councilman Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Milford seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman.
Approved by Marceline City Council on October 9, 2024