

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL September 10, 2025

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on September 10, 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, and Jacob Clay. Councilman Clarence Gibson was absent. Staff attending: City Attorney Robert Cowherd, City Manager Jesse Wallis, City Clerk/Assistant City Manager (ACM) Lindsay Krumpelman, Street Superintendent Adam Lichtenberg, Wastewater Superintendent Justin Griffin, Police Chief John Wright, and Police Officer Christopher Murray. Others present: Amanda Johnson, Amanda Engelhard John Siecinski, Don Paahler, Jordan Best, Kelsey Best, James “Boogie” Jenkins, Doretta Harrison, Lawanda Hull, 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:**

Councilwoman Buck moved to approve the August 13, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Councilman Carlson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilwoman Buck moved to approve special session minutes from August 25, 2025 as presented. Councilman Carlson seconded the motion. Councilwoman Buck moved to approve the financials as presented. Councilman Carlson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **REPORTS OF COUNCIL, OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

City Clerk Update: City Clerk/Assistant City Manager (ACM) Krumpelman reported she has focused on budget preparation for the last several weeks. She stated there were nine (9) properties sold at the tax sale, one (1) third sale, five (5) second sale, and three (3) first sale. She concluded, stating that the election bond documents were delivered to the Linn County and Chariton County Clerks on August 26, 2025.

City Manager Update: City Manager Wallis informed the Council that the fast forward project for data collection on the electrical system is complete and he should receive a full report within thirty days. He stated he will be meeting with Senator Rusty Black and Representative Peggy McGaugh on October 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss how Marceline can get a transient/bed tax to create funding for tourism which would also create a Tourism Commission. He invited Council members to attend if they were interested. City Manager Wallis reported there will also be a Historic Preservation Commission meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2025. Mayor Milford inquired about who was responsible for cleaning the bathrooms at the ballfields. Street Superintendent Lichtenberg stated the City is and that he believes during the ball season additional parties are supposed to assist in clean-up but he will verify that. Mayor Milford informed Street Superintendent Lichtenberg that one of the doors does not have a lock. He responded one was ordered.

Council Update: Councilwoman Buck stated she is looking forward to the Annual Missouri Municipal League Conference. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman informed the Council that Don Reynolds has submitted his resignation effective October 31, 2025. Mayor Milford commented that Josh Hawkins was at the Recreation and Park Board meeting in their minutes, but not listed as an attendee. Councilman Carlson inquired why the Ripley Park Pond is low. Street Superintendent Lichtenberg stated the drain upright is cracked and they are working on a resolution.

### **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:**

Mayor Milford thanked those present for attending the meeting.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Special Use Permit Request – Vacant Lot at Eunis Street & North Missouri Avenue: City Manager Wallis reported to the Council he and a member for the Fire Department reviewed the lot based on the provided plan per Council request. He stated they believe there is room for what the applicants would like to do while leaving space for fire truck access. The Council discussed the topic. Councilwoman Buck moved to approve the Special Use Permit for the vacant lot at Eunis Street and North Missouri Avenue. Councilman Carlson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Street Vacate Request – Hamilton Street: City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman informed the Council that city staff has verified the street was previously vacated in 2002.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Recreation and Park Board Request: City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman informed the Council that the Recreation and Park Board are requesting to transfer \$20,000 to be used towards improvements to the East Ballfield. Street Superintendent Lichtenberg stated city staff has wanted to make improvements to the East Ballfield for several years and they would love to see improvements. Recreation and Park Board President Amanda Johnson stated the East Ballfield is used more than any other field and they want to work with the City on this project. The Council discussed the topic. Councilwoman Buck moved to approve the transfer of \$20,000 from the Recreation and Park Board to be used towards the East Ballfield. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mayor Milford inquired about the lighting around the trail and requested the cost of replacing the lights be researched.

Outdoor Warning Siren System Proposals - Award: City Manager Wallis presented the outdoor warning siren systems proposals to the Council. He stated the proposals were reviewed by staff including Police Chief Wright, Fire Chief Chrisman, Wastewater Superintendent Justin Griffin and himself and they are recommending the Council select the proposal from Blue Valley Public Safety. The Council discussed the proposals and staff's recommendation. Councilwoman Buck moved to approve the proposal from Blue Valley Public Safety in the amount of \$92,901.35. Councilman Carlson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motorized Vehicles – Scooters and Bicycles Discussion: Mayor Milford stated she requested this item be put on the agenda for discussion of the City's options. She stated she has received several comments on increased safety concerns with the increase of electric scooters being used by kids in town. Police Chief Wright stated the City has an ordinance but it pertains to electrical bicycles. He stated that he has delivered flyers to the school and his goal is not to penalize those utilizing the scooters, but keep them and others safe. City Attorney Robert Cowherd stated the City of Carrollton has an ordinance that addresses scooters. The Council discussed the topic. Mayor Milford stated the Council's goal is to keep residents safe and asked that an ordinance be prepared for the next regular council meeting.

Budget Session(s) and Town Hall(s): City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman requested the Council set one (1) to two (2) dates for a budget work session. The Council provided a consensus to schedule the budget work session for Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm. The Council discussed possible dates for Town Hall(s) to provide information and answer questions on the November 4<sup>th</sup> ballot issue for the water and sewer system bond question. The Council provided the dates of October 21<sup>st</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> depending on which dates work best for McLiney and Company (financial advisors) and Allstate Consultants, LLC (engineer).

At 6:30 pm, Councilwoman Buck moved to adjourn to Executive session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Paragraph (2) Real Estate and Paragraph (12) Contractual. Councilman Carlson seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye.

With no further business, Councilwoman Buck moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to adjourn: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman.

Approved by Marceline City Council on October 8, 2025