

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL-AMENDED October 8, 2025

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on October 8, 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, Clarence Gibson and Jacob Clay. Staff attending: City Attorney Robert Cowherd, City Manager Jesse Wallis, City Clerk/Assistant City Manager (ACM) Lindsay Krumpelman, Wastewater Superintendent Justin Griffin, and Police Chief John Wright. Others present: Dennis Klusmeyer, Brandon Renaud, James “Boogie” Jenkins, David Clay, ~~Vern~~ Fern Duncan, and Donna Moore.

Mayor Shelly Milford led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Councilman Clay moved to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Councilman Gibson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilwoman Buck moved to approve the financials as presented. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESENTATION – DENNIS KLUSMEYER, MPUA:

Dennis Klusmeyer with MPUA stated City Manager Wallis reached out to him about the City’s electric rates. He stated the City is taking the right steps to go in the right direction. He stated the base rate is about asset management and protecting the approximate \$9 million asset value to the Electric Department. Dennis Klusmeyer stated the proposed \$15.00 increase to the base rate is a good first step to putting funds towards capital improvement projects on an annual basis. He stated the City will still be behind in a net position, with the target being to cover the annualized depreciation each year. Dennis Klusmeyer concluded stating, the next step is creating a Capital Improvement plan to get the projects in line for the electric department.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL, OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

City Clerk Update: City Clerk /ACM Krumpelman reported that four (4) of the five (5) Council members were able to attend the Missouri Municipal League (MML) Annual Conference in September and Mayor Milford was presented with her Certified Municipal Official designation during the conference. She stated she will be attending a City Clerk and Finance Officers Association – Central Division meeting next week. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman informed the Council the Financial Assistance Agreement for the MoDNR SRF grant portion of the Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) project was signed. She informed those present that there will be two (2) Town Halls on the Water and Wastewater System Bond question to be on the November 4th ballot. Those Town Halls will be on Tuesday, October 21st and Thursday, October 30th; both at 6:00 pm and at the Marceline R-V stage auditorium. City Clerk /ACM Krumpelman concluded her report stating the annual Downtown Marceline Trick or Treat event will be held on Saturday, November 1st this year due to football districts falling on Halloween.

City Manager Update: City Manager Wallis informed the Council that the responses for the AMI project are due on Friday, October 17, 2025. He stated the Chip and Seal project experienced an equipment breakdown, but is still expected to be completed today. City Manager Wallis stated there was a blink on Sunday and the Electric Department has determined it was on the Ameren side. He stated the Electric Department is preparing for Peanut Night. City Manager Wallis reported the LSLI project is getting closer to completion. City Manager Wallis informed the Council there is a leak on the raw water line near the water plant and they are working to find the location of the leak to make the repair. He reported on the Monday meeting with Senator Rusty Black and Representative Peggy McGaugh on a possible transient/guest tax for the City. He stated the earliest it could be on the ballot, if the legislation is approved, is possibly November 2026 or April 2027. City Manager Wallis concluded stating there is a

Historic Preservation presentation scheduled for tomorrow at 5:00 pm at Marceline City Hall. Councilman Clay inquired if there is a tree trimming plan in place to trim trees before winter. Mayor Milford responded there is a tree trimming plan.

Council Update: Councilman Carlson stated the recycle trailer was gone and there were recyclables stacked in its place. City Manager Wallis stated he would look into the issue. Councilman Gibson stated the MML Conference was good and was appreciative of the opportunity to attend. He inquired if the City has discussed the water rate with rural water (PWSD #3) recently. City Manager Wallis stated he will have to look at the calculation and agreement to see what can be adjusted. Councilwoman Buck stated she is happy with the way the City is going and believes it is in the right direction. Mayor Milford stated the information presented by Dennis Klusmeyer will be helpful in making the public understand the reasoning of the base increase for Electric.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Mayor Milford stated Don Reynolds has submitted his resignation and is recommending Dalton Fisher to be appointed to fill his unexpired term on the Marceline Industrial Development Authority (IDA) board. Mayor Milford appointed Dalton Fisher to the IDA board to fill the unexpired term effective November 1, 2025. The term ends on May 31, 2031.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Donna Moore inquired if the \$15.00 electric rate increase was a monthly increase which would be an additional \$180.00 per year. The Council responded that is correct. Donna Moore inquired as to why they are paying property taxes for their property at the airport to Brookfield when it is owned by both cities. City Attorney Cowherd stated property taxes should only be charged if the airport lies within the Brookfield city limits. Mayor Milford stated more research needs to be done to answer that question and asked Donna Moore to look into a little further such as where the statement is coming from.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Amend Chapter 375 – Bicycles, Motorized Bicycles and Other Vehicles (Including Scooters) – Bill No. 25-10-004: Mayor Milford stated this topic is the result of comments received about safety concerns of how these motorized vehicles are being used within city limits. She stated the Council had requested a bill be drafted to address those concerns. Mayor Milford stated the Police Department had provided information to both schools prior to the bill being drafted. Mayor Milford informed the assembly that it prohibits the use of motorized scooters, motorized skateboards and other motorized play vehicles from being used on city sidewalks, streets, and parks unless specified it is allowed. Donna Moore stated there are individuals that are unable to afford a car that utilize motorized scooters as a form of transportation to the food pantry. The Council discussed the topic and possibly adding exceptions to the bill for age and/or having a valid driver's license. Councilman Gibson stated he believes this is a parent issue not a Council issue to regulate them as the parents are the ones purchasing these types of vehicles for their children. Mayor Milford stated she sees it as a safety issue and Councilman Clay concurred stating he would like to see something in place. Councilman Carlson recommended getting public input on the bill before taking action. Police Chief Wright stated if the City has something in the code that allows us to do something, they can address the issues as they are observed. The Council discussed the topic. They requested provisions be added to the bill addressing an age requirement, no use after dark, and not allowing passengers. They provided a consensus that a news release/public notice be completed to solicit public input prior to their next meeting. Councilman Carlson moved to table the topic to the November 12th meeting. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 Annual Budget – Bill No. 35-2527: The Council discussed the current proposed electric base rate increase of \$15.00 based on the information Dennis Klusmeyer presented. They provided a consensus to leave the increase at \$15.00 and to do gradual increases moving forward. City Manager Wallis stated they will need to have a public hearing on the wastewater rate increase and will

include the water and electric increases as well. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 35-2527 to establish an operating budget for the City of Marceline for the 2025-2026 fiscal year commencing November 1, 2025, and ending October 31, 2026 be read twice by title only. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2527 twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 35-2527 be passed. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2527: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Mayor Milford – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Councilman Gibson – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2524.

Funding Agreements (Downtown Marceline / Marceline Industrial Authority) – Bill No. 35-2528 and Bill No. 35-2529: Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2528 to authorize the Mayor to sign a funding agreement with Downtown Marceline, Org. for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$25,000.00 be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2528 twice by title only. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2528 be passed. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2528: Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2525.

Councilman Clay moved that Bill No. 35-2529 to authorize the Mayor to sign a funding agreement with the Marceline IDA for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$35,000.00 be read twice by title only. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2529 twice by title only. Councilman Clay moved that Bill No. 35-2529 be passed. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2529: Councilman Clay – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2526.

Outdoor Warning Siren System Agreement – Bill No. 35-2530: Mayor Milford stated this project was awarded to Blue Valley Public Safety at the October meeting and this Bill is to approve the agreement. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman reported she has received a digital signature on the agreement from Blue Valley Public Safety. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2530 to authorize the Mayor to enter into a professional services agreement between the City and Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc for the purposes of the Outdoor Warning Siren System project be read twice by title only. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2530 twice by title only. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2530 be passed. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2530: Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Mayor Milford – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Councilwoman Buck – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2527.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for “Year-Round Pool” Signage: Donna Moore with the Friends of the Pool stated they are requesting that “Year-Round Pool” signs be installed at three (3) different intersections on the City’s street sign poles to assist patrons in locating the pool. They will also help people know the pool is year-round. Donna Moore stated the signs would be installed at the Y intersection, at the Hwy 5 and Gracia Ave intersection and on the pole at Kansas Ave and Gracia Ave where people coming from the bridge can see it. Donna Moore stated they are requesting the City pay half the costs and install the signs. The Council discussed the topic. Councilwoman Buck moved to allow four (4) signs to be installed at three (3) intersections with the City to install the signs and pay 50% of the cost. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Variance Request (Fence) – 213 S. Kansas: City Manager Wallis stated a request was received from Marcy Carriker Smothers to allow her to have a 36” fence at her property located at 213 S. Kansas. He stated the current allowable height is 30 inches. Mayor Milford stated the Planning Commission did recommend the approval of the variance. The Council discussed the topic. Councilwoman Buck moved to grant the variance request for a 36” fence at 213 S. Kansas. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Amend Section 600.020 – Liquor Manufactures, Wholesalers and Solicitors – Bill No. 25-10-005: Mayor Milford opened the topic stating this comes from the re-zone request for mead wine manufacturing. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated after that request was received it was determined the City did not currently have that class of liquor licensing in its code and this bill will add that class of licenses. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 25-10-005 to amend Section 600.020 of the City Code by adding a section on liquor manufacturers, wholesalers and solicitors be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 25-10-005 twice by title only. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 25-10-005 be passed. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 25-10-005 Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 25-10.04.

Mayor Milford requested a grace period be added to the effective date of Bill No. 25-10-004.

Declaration of Surplus – 2002 Chevrolet (Sewer) – Bill No. 35-2531: Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 35-2531 to declare the city-owned 2002 Chevrolet assigned to the Sewer Department as surplus property, authorizing the sale thereof, and authorizing the City Manager to sign the documents of sale be read twice by title only. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2531 twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 35-2531 be passed. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2531: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Mayor Milford – aye, and Councilman Carlson – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2528.

At 7:04 pm, Councilwoman Buck moved to adjourn to Executive session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Paragraph (2) Real Estate and Paragraph (12) Contractual. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye.

With no further business, Councilman Gibson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk / ACM Lindsay Krumpelman
Approved as Amended by Marceline City Council on November 12, 2025