

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL  
October 16, 2018

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on October 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Tyson Brammer presiding. Council members present were: Jeri Holt, Sallie Buck, Natalie Wellman and Liz Cupp. Staff attending: City Attorney William Devoy, City Manager Richard Hoon, City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman, Street Superintendent Ed Ewigman, Electric Superintendent Dean Gauthier, Pool Manager Gary Birdsong, Police Chief Robert Donelson, and Officer Jim Carleton. Others Present: Joyce Robinson, Linda Linebaugh, and Doretta Harrison.

Mayor Tyson Brammer 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 Holt moved to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Holt moved to approve the financial reports. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote with Councilwoman Cupp voting against.

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

City Department Updates: Police Chief Bob Donelson reported things are going steady. He stated they are working with the Regional CIT Council and they reached a breakthrough today with Linn County health providers. He reported this indicates the CIT Council and the community are moving in the right direction.

Electric Superintendent Dean Gauthier reported they have completed almost all the trenching at the substation and the recloser is finally in. He reported they installed the heaters in the Fire Barn. Electric Superintendent Gauthier concluded stating they are working on winterizing vehicles and cutting brush / tree trimming. City Manager Hoon stated the Electric Department is also working on Christmas lights as well.

Street Superintendent Ed Ewigman stated the boat ramp project is complete. He reported the remaining funds from the project were used on the spillway while the water was still down. He would like to do another section that is not affected by the water level during the next fiscal year if funds allow. Street Superintendent Ewigman stated they are winterizing as well and will be installing storm drain drop boxes in front of the Eagles and the old car wash in the near future. He reported they are working on plans for California Avenue and will be pouring concrete on Main Street USA tomorrow.

Pool Manager Gary Birdsong informed the Council they have had two exercise sessions with Pioneer residents and the ADA lift was utilized today. He reported he is utilizing different avenues to encourage more citizen participation including doing radio interviews, newsletter posts on Facebook, and planning community events. He stated the first community event is set in November. Pool Manager Birdsong stated they are exploring doing a mural. He concluded stating they want more people to come and enjoy the pool.

City Manager Hoon reported that members of the water / wastewater departments are dealing with the fall out of all the rain received. He reported they are currently jetting a sewer, but comparatively the issues are minor to what they experienced in the past.

Councilwoman Buck inquired as to what type of mural would be done at the pool. Pool Manager Birdsong responded it would be scenic, possibly tropical. There was a brief discussion on the potential mural. Councilwoman Buck inquired if Street Superintendent Ewigman or Electric Superintendent Gauthier were aware of where the lights Rotary used for the train were kept. They responded they did not know.

City Clerk Update: City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman reported since the prior Council meeting she has focused on budget, the salary and wage schedule and the upcoming open enrollment period of the City employees.

City Manager Update: City Manager Richard Hoon informed the Council that the Eagles are interested in using the Business Complex as a Haunted House in the future. He stated he will be getting with MOPERM and legal counsel to discuss, but wanted the Council to be aware of the inquiry. City Manager Hoon stated he has been focused on the budget since the last meeting.

Council Update: none.

#### **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:**

Linda Linebaugh inquired if there was any new information on the business complex and City Manager Hoon responded there was not. She inquired if it would be safe for a haunted house. City Manager stated if it happens the haunted house would be confined to the first floor. Linda Linebaugh inquired if there was any information on the Chastain's building. City Manager Hoon responded it is in the second phase on the Brownfield process at the federal level. Linda Linebaugh concluded by asking if the City would be doing any tree trimming on Main Street USA. City Manager Hoon responded that it was scheduled for this fall.

Joyce Robinson inquired what area the sewer back-up was that the city employees are currently working on. City Manager Hoon responded that it was an overflow in an alley way near Howell. Joyce Robinson inquired as to what percent the commercial electric rate was going to be reduced by and City Manager Hoon responded that would be answered later on in the meeting.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Budget: City Manager Hoon stated the Council met last week to go over the budget and that he has made a few changes since that meeting, which includes utilizing reserves for DARE, updating the telecommunications cost, a change to the proposed to the Salary & Wage Scale, increasing Recreation and Park contractual expense and decreasing police capital expenditures. Councilwoman Cupp stated the overall issue is the General Fund is in the red which includes transferring from the electric fund. Councilwoman Buck inquired as to where Councilwoman Cupp would start. Councilwoman Cupp responded that the City has to start somewhere and the General Fund cannot be cut enough to dig itself out of the hole. City Manager Hoon stated the City needs to be able to increase the general fund revenues and that the City is looking at all avenues to do that, but the citizens may have to decide what services they can give up, if the issue is not rectified. Mayor Brammer stated the City is trying to address the issue the best way we can. The Council discussed the topic further. Councilman Holt stepped away from the meeting at 6:04 pm due to a call. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill #18-10.044 approving the presented budget and proposed salary and wage scale be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. A voice vote carried the motion. City Clerk Krumpelman read Bill No. 18-10.044 twice by title only. Councilman Holt returned to the meeting at 6:05 pm. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 18-10.044 be approved. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilwoman Wellman – aye, Councilwoman Cupp– nay, Councilman Holt – aye and Mayor Brammer – aye. This bill is assigned Ordinance Number 18-10.44.

Funding Agreements - DM (Bill No. 18-10.045) and IDA (Bill No. 18-10.046): City Manager Hoon stated that the funding agreements for Downtown Marceline and IDA are for the budgeted amounts of \$10,000.00 and \$38,000.00 respectively. He noted that there was a change to both agreements to remove a "City of Marceline" under 2A as the board directors are not representatives of the City of Marceline, but of their own respective boards. There was some discussion on the funding agreements. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill #18-10.045 approving the funding agreement with Downtown Marceline be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. A voice vote carried the motion. City Clerk Krumpelman read Bill No. 18-10.045 twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 18-10.045 be approved. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilwoman Wellman

– aye, Councilman Holt – aye, Mayor Brammer – aye and Councilwoman Cupp – aye. This bill is assigned Ordinance Number 18-10.45.

Councilwoman Wellman moved that Bill #18-10.046 approving the funding agreement with Marceline IDA be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. A voice vote carried the motion. City Clerk Krumpelman read Bill No. 18-10.046 twice by title only. Councilwoman Wellman moved that Bill No. 18-10.046 be approved. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Wellman – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Mayor Brammer – aye, Councilwoman Cupp – aye and Councilman Holt – aye. This bill is assigned Ordinance Number 18-10.46.

Commercial Electric Rate Reduction - Bill No. 18-10.047: City Manager Hoon reported as part of its review of the utility rates each year, the proposed budget was sent to Electric Consultant Bob Harbour to see if the electric rates could be reduced. City Manager informed the Council Bob Harbour recommended reducing the Commercial rate by 5% which would affect approximately 200 customers. There was discussion on the topic. Councilwoman Wellman moved that Bill #18-10.047 reducing the Commercial electric rate by 5% be read twice by title only. Councilman Holt seconded the motion. A voice vote carried the motion. City Clerk Krumpelman read Bill No. 18-10.047 twice by title only. Councilwoman Wellman moved that Bill No. 18-10.047 be approved. Councilman Holt seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Wellman – aye, Councilman Holt – aye, Mayor Brammer – aye, Councilwoman Cupp – aye and Councilwoman Buck – aye. This bill is assigned Ordinance Number 18-10.47.

City Attorney Agreement - Bill No. 18-10.048: City Manager Hoon stated this is a fresh agreement which includes the prior amendments made to the attorney's contract. Councilwoman Cupp inquired if the fee was increased. City Attorney William Devoy stated the fee did not change. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill #18-10.048 approving the agreement with Elson and Devoy, P.C. for legal services be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. A voice vote carried the motion. City Clerk Krumpelman read Bill No. 18-10.048 twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 18-10.048 be approved. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilwoman Wellman – aye, Councilwoman Cupp – aye, Councilman Holt – aye and Mayor Brammer – aye. This bill is assigned Ordinance Number 18-10.48.

Street Closure Request - Eagles Haunted House: City Manager Hoon reported this is an annual event and the request is made for the closure of North Chestnut Street from West Santa Fe Avenue to West California Avenue and West California Avenue from North Chestnut Street to the edge of their property line. There was discussion on the topic. Councilman Holt moved to approve the street closure of North Chestnut Street from West Santa Fe Avenue to West California Avenue and West California Avenue from North Chestnut Street to the edge of the Eagles' property line from 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm on Thursday, October 25, 2018 to Saturday, October 27, 2018. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 6:31 pm Councilwoman Buck moved to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Paragraph (12) Contracts. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion unanimously: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilwoman Wellman – aye, Councilman Holt – aye, Mayor Brammer – aye, and Councilwoman Cupp – aye.

Recorded by City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman  
Approved on November 20, 2018 by Marceline City Council.