

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL**  
**October 17, 2016**

The Marceline City Council met in special session on October 17, 2016 at 3:52 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Jeri Holt presiding. Council members present were: Sallie Buck, John Carver, Natalie Wellman, and Tyson Brammer. Staff attending: City Manager Robert V. "Bob" Green, City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman, Electric Superintendent Dean Gauthier, and Water/Wastewater Superintendent Kevin Wiggins. Street Superintendent Ed Ewigman and Police Chief Bob Donelson joined the meeting later. Others present: Cary Sayre and Bob Harbour.

Mayor Jeri Holt called the meeting to order at 3:52 pm.

Utility Rate Study Work Session: The Council looked at the overall page of the draft budget to get a picture of where the utility funds stand currently. The Council and staff discussed with consultants Cary Sayre and Bob Harbour the current rates that have not been updated since 2008, and what it would take to return the water and wastewater funds to the black based on the numbers presented. Different scenarios were discussed and sample bills were calculated as to how different rates would affect utility bills. The Council provided a consensus, for budgeting purposes, that the minimum increase to the utility rate would be twenty-five percent for water and seventy-five percent for wastewater, which at the time of discussion is half of what is projected for the funds to operate in the black. Bob Harbour went over the Electric rates showing the effect of decreasing the customer base rate by one dollar. He went over future projections showing an increase in cost of electric after the City's electric contract is expired. The Council will meet at a future date to continue the rate discussion.

Budget Work Session: Council and City Staff discussed the draft budget once the expected revenues for the utility funds were recalculated to include the minimum changes to the budget. Council and Staff worked through the budget and a list of potential cuts provided by City Staff to balance the budget overall, with the sum of all the revenues plus the expected reserves to being utilized is greater than the total budgeted expenses.

With no further business, Councilman Carver moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman.  
Approved on October 18, 2016 by Marceline City Council.