

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL October 01, 2025

The Marceline City Council met in special session on October 01, 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 Manager Jesse Wallis, City Clerk/Assistant City Manager (ACM) Lindsay Krumpelman, Street Superintendent Adam Lichtenberg, Water Superintendent Mikeal Thompson, Wastewater Superintendent Justin Griffin, Police Chief John Wright, Fire Chief Brian Chrisman, Electric Superintendent Charlie Harrington, and Pool Manager Carol Logue. Others Present: Dave Tavres, Amanda Johnson, Recreation and Parks Board President, Amanda Engelhard, Recreation and Park Board Treasurer, Richard Switzer, IDA Ex. Director, Lindsey Ewigman, Downtown Marceline Ex. Director, and Downtown Marceline Board member Chris Ankeney.

Mayor 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.

Sewer Department Vehicle Purchase: Wastewater Superintendent Griffin informed the Council that the current 2002 sewer department truck is in horrible shape and they are having constant issues. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated they would like utilize funds allocated under the Capital Expenditures item that is not going to be utilized at this point in the fiscal year. She stated the Joe Machens has the state contract and has a vehicle on the lot currently while the lead time for a vehicle from Smith Motors is three months and is only approximately \$500 less than the state contract price. The Council discussed the topic. Councilman Gibson moved to approve the purchase of the vehicle from Joe Machens in the amount of \$49,302 under the state contract. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FY 25-26 Budget Work Session: City Manager Jesse Wallis opened the budget work session by inviting representatives from IDA, Downtown Marceline, the Recreation and Parks Board, and ParksWork to speak on their requests. IDA Executive Director Richard Switzer spoke to the Council about their request and their use of the funds. Councilwoman Milford inquired if they have another funding than the City of Marceline. IDA Executive Director Switzer responded not at this time. Downtown Marceline Executive Director Lindsay Ewigman went over their request with the Council and what they are currently working on to improve downtown. DM Board Member Chirs Ankeny went over the planned improvements for their two building on Main Street USA. Recreation and Parks Board President Amanda Johnson spoke on the three (3) requests including (1) East Ballfield fencing, (2) poles for backstop netting on the East Ballfield, and (3) a merry-go-round in Ripley Park. Street Superintendent Lichtenberg spoke on the needed improvements to the East Ballfield including estimated costs and timeline if the funds were allocated. Jerret Fisher with ParksWork provided an update on the playground project. He requested the Council allocate an additional \$10,000.00 to the project to help reach their goal.

City Manager Wallis went through the utility funds with the Council showing what capital improvement projects had to be cut and which were kept utilizing reserve funds. He explained he is recommending a rate increase in water and wastewater and an increase in the base rate for the electric fund. The Council and city staff discussed the utility funds' proposed budgets. City Manager went through the General Fund with the Council. He stated the three (3) new tornado sirens and a specialized washer and dryer for the Fire Department's bunker gear were earmarked to be purchased utilizing the funds received from the Public Safety sales tax. The Council elected to utilize Public Safety sales tax funds for pagers and SCBA airpaks as well. The Council discussed the requests from received from the Recreation and Park Board and ParksWork along with the East Ballfield project. The Council discussed the remaining General Fund Department budgets including the funding requests from Downtown Marceline and the IDA.

City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman presented a recommendation to the Council to transfer \$750,000 to Electric Reserves and \$100,000 to Wastewater reserves, based on the pooled cash fund balances following the FY 23-24 audit that was presented in August and an evaluation of the City's monthly expenses in the last year. She stated

the funds would be able to be utilized toward capital improvement projects once the system(s) are evaluated or for a major repair. She stated there are funds remaining from the NG utility project and those funds can be transferred towards reserves as well or towards the principal of the lease purchase. The Council discussed the topic. Councilman Gibson moved to transfer \$750,000 to electric fund reserves and \$100,000 to wastewater fund reserves. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilman Gibson moved to transfer the remaining funds from the NG project into electric fund reserves. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

City Manager Wallis, city staff and the Council discussed the budget and the utility rate increases in water and wastewater and the base rate increase in electric. City Manager Wallis stated the water/wastewater utility rate study is in progress. He pointed out a public hearing will need to be held for a wastewater rate increase. After discussion, the Council provided guidance to add in a 5% rate increase for the water and wastewater funds and increase the electric base rate by \$15.00.

With no further business, Councilman Gibson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman.
Approved by Marceline City Council on October 8, 2025